

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
October 11, 2010

The board meeting was called to order by  
President Jackie Pendergrass at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Jackie Pendergrass, Ravi  
Shahani, Doug Eglington, Nancy Bernard, and  
Chris Carlson.

Present: Superintendent Chip Kimball.

Nancy Bernard moved to approve the agenda.  
Seconded by Doug Eglington.

Motion carried.

Cindy Duenas, Environmental Adventure School  
Principal, related that this is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of  
operation for Environmental Adventure School  
which serve 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students. She introduced  
Eileen McMackin, lead teacher, and Brian Healy,  
math teacher. They shared their mission and  
vision. Their vision emphasizes a high academic  
achievement, strong sense of community, and  
commitments to stewardship and challenge and  
support for all learners. They highlighted their  
WASL assessments and explained how their  
Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) supports  
their goals. Curriculum and instruction is  
organized thematically with an environmental  
focus around concepts and ideas that engage  
students in investigation, discovery, problem-  
solving, and decision-making related to real-life  
issues and events.

Principal Cindy Duenas, Principal, International  
Community School and Principal Gary Moed,  
Principal, Juanita High School, recognized  
students who were named National Merit  
Semifinalists and Commended Scholars.

**National Merit Commended Scholars:**

ICS -

Erika Bykov, Alice Change, Marie Higinbotham,  
Chus-Hsuan Kuo, Matthew Olson, Nick Rayl,  
Jefferson Yu, and Kevin Zhang.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA

HOST SCHOOL

RECOGNITION

INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
AND JUANITA HIGH  
SCHOOL, NATIONAL  
MERIT SEMIFINALISTS,  
COMMENDED  
SCHOLARSHIP

Juanita High School -

Bonnie Gilbery, Samuel Jaeckel, Claudia Lin, Anastassia Mullen, Monique Slusher, Savannah Stell, Nathasha Szilagyi, Rebecca Taylor, and Dawn Wyruchowski.

**National Merit Semi-Finalists**

ICS -

Erin Anton, Ian Backstrom, Dorris Hwang, Sana Nagar, Julia Saxby, and Cameron Boucaud.

Juanita High School -

Alexander Burt, Joseph Kichline, James Piper, Dorothy Tsai, and Anna Veltkamp.

**Achievement Scholarship**

ICS -

Cameron Boucaud.

Paula Ferguson, Orchestra Booster, and Kim Merkley, District Music Coordinator, Orchestra Boosters, presented the district with a certificate for a Guinness World Record for the largest string ensemble consisting of 392 players on violin, viola, cello, and bass as part of String Jam '10 at Juanita High School on April 10, 2010. The band was comprised of students and community members.

GUINNESS WORLD  
RECORD - LARGEST  
STRING QUARTET

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Michael congratulated Mr. Anderson, Principal, Bell Elementary for his "being caught" program - recognizing students for doing something outstanding. He also thanked district staff for obtaining public input on possible levy measures. He solicited support from the district to work with the City of Kirkland to get sidewalks installed on Juanita Dr. in order to provide students with greater safety.

Cheryl Lewis, PTSA President, related that the Legislative Assembly for the Washington State PTSA set their priorities for the 2011-12 legislative session:

- Follow-up on education reform efforts
- Math and science education
- Literacy instruction
- Teacher “reduction in force” policies
- Fund education first
- New model for teacher compensation

At the National Level, PTA is working with congress on No Child Left Behind and IDEA legislation.

She announced that Shelley Kloba receive the Washington State Outstanding Advocate Award this year. Jackie Pendergrass recognized her involvement in our community.

Heather Gillette, Washington State PTSA Board of Directors, Region 2, conveyed that they are actively involved in training and supporting members of the local units and seeking partnerships with other organizations. She pointed out that 1/3 of state membership of the PTSA members in the State reside within Region 2 , 10% in Lake Washington School District. Washington State PTSA has offered a new membership option - Friends of the PTSA. The Washington PTA has joined the National PTSA to support and take leadership advocating for strong national common core standards. Through a grant, training is being offered to members of the common core standards and to strengthen advocacy.

Bob Yoeder hoped with all the competition for tax dollars that people are paying attention to the various proposals from the City of Redmond, and Evergreen Hospital. He referred to the transportation issue raised by Susan Wilcox and supported providing transportation to Mann Elementary by the bus which transports Einstein students. He thanked Jackie Pendergrass and Doug Eglington for attending the public input sessions.

Jill Stoddard expressed her concern with the space issues at Rockwell Elementary. Rockwell went from 550 to 610 students this year. When she brought her house three years ago, they had 480 students. She suggested considering removing 6<sup>th</sup> graders out of Rockwell next year, and not offering all-day kindergarten. She encouraged that parents are informed quickly as decisions on made whether to move programs and/or use portables. She asked that the board actively pursue solutions for next year as well and solicit input from families.

Nancy Bernard moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Doug Eglington.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jackie Pendergrass, yes; Doug Eglington, yes; Ravi Shahani, yes; Chris Carlson, yes; and Nancy Bernard, yes.

Motion carried.

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The following September 2010 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF  
VOUCHERS

General Fund

330581-330658 \$3,763,459.81

Payroll

1776-1805	\$33,024.06
Accounts Payable Direct Deposit	4,919.76
Acquisition Card	991,637.21
APP FUEL	27,134.94
Deferred Comp	73,511.00
Department of Revenue	27,732.54
Dept. of Retirement Systems	761,986.56
Dept. of Retirement Systems	610,918.75
Flex Spending	47,001.20
Long Term Disability	4,078.84
Payroll Direct Deposit	7,365,764.78
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	2,649,716.39
School Employees Credit Union	140,792.17
Sodexo	46,426.00
TSA Envoy	225,750.91
VEBA	4,138.19
VEBA	5,355.50
Vision/(NBN)	69,394.20
	<u>\$13,056,258.94</u>

Capital Projects

29464-29558 \$8,180,415.07

ASB

49771-49982 \$120,367.90

Transportation Vehicle Fund

44-45 \$422,686.01

Private Purpose Trust Fund

830-858 \$3,956.58

Approval of September 27, 2010 work session and regular board meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

Approval of October 12, 2009 Human Resources Report and salary schedules.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Approves the appointment of these members to the Instructional Materials Committee for the 2010-2011 school year as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMMITTEE, 2010-11 MEMBERSHIP

Adopts Resolution No. 2065 approving the surplus of Support Services equipment and vehicles as identified on the attached list.

SURPLUS OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES RESOLUTION NO. 2065

Adopts Resolution No. 2066, certifying acceptance of the 2010 OSPI Phase 2 Energy Efficiency Grant to the Lake Washington School District in the sum of \$420,000, District funding along with utility rebates will be used to accomplish the projects identified in the District grant submittal, and a performance based contract will be executed.

2010 OSPI PHASE 2 ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT RESOLUTION NO. 2066

Adopts Resolution No. 2067, certifying acceptance of the 2010 Department of Commerce (DOC) Phase 3 Energy Efficiency Grant to the Lake Washington School District in the sum of \$501,580; District funding along with utility rebates will be used to accomplish the projects identified in the District grant submittal, and a performance based contract will be executed.

2010 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PHASE 3 ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT RESOLUTION NO. 2067

Adopts Resolution No. 2068, certifying acceptance of the 2010 OSPI Phase 4 Energy Efficiency Grant to the Lake Washington School District in the sum of \$1,967,174, District funding along with utility rebates will be used to accomplish the projects identified in the District grant submittal, and a performance based contract will be executed.

2010 OSPI PHASE 4 ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT RESOLUTION NO. 2068

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Rose Parks PTSA to Rosa Parks Elementary in the amount of \$4,430.88 to paint portables.

Acceptance from Helen Keller PTSA to Keller Elementary in the amount of \$2000.00 to support physical education (\$500), counselors (\$500), reading specialists (\$500), and special education (\$500).

**TOTAL \$6,430.88**

NON-CONSENT  
AGENDA

Dr. Kimball presented information on the public input gathered regarding strategies to address overcrowding in our schools. There are 600 more students than last year. The district is projecting 500 more students per year for the next five years. As a result of the growth, the district needs to prepare room for those students. This will be partially addressed, primarily in the eastern portion of the district and Kirkland area, by moving to four year high schools. In February 2010, a \$256 bond measure was placed on the ballot; the bond failed - 56% "yes" votes were received but needed 60%.

LEVY AND BOND  
INPUT  
SUPERINTENDENT  
RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Kimball continued and conveyed that he wanted to involve the community in the strategies which could be used and the consequences of what could happen if nothing was done (i.e., eliminating all day kindergarten, transporting students greater distances, eliminating programs, and double shifting in high schools, etc.).

Dr. Kimball noted that we are in difficult economic times at the same time the district is facing growth issues.

He reviewed the items to be covered by the last bond measure (\$256 million) which failed. Staff needed to rethink the approach taken and to

understand what the voters wanted. A post election survey was conducted to determine the impetus of the vote. The primary reason was the dismal state of the economy. As staff contemplated what to do, the district solicited additional input from our community. A series of community meetings was held, over 300 people attended, and 800 people responded to an online survey. A phone survey was commissioned and additional input from community members was received. He shared the results of the input.

Based on the results of the input to deal with the immediate overcrowding, people requested that the district deal with this as fiscal conservatively as possible, limit the use of portables, and not to build mega high schools.

Dr. Kimball presented his recommendation for a ballot measure to be presented in February 2011 for a six-year levy of \$65.4 million for permanent classroom additions, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) school that will serve secondary students to help our high schools stay below 2,000. This proposal will provide families and students with choices and place the district in a strong position with State and National agendas on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. This proposed measure would be cost approximately \$155 per year for a \$500,000 home. He explained the advantages of a levy measure over a bond measure.

In regards to the modernization of Juanita High School, built in 1971, the inequity of our high schools is recognized. This is a priority of the district. However, it would cost approximately \$135-\$140 million and 69% of the parental input received stated that now was not the time. Juanita High School is scheduled to be included in a modernization measure to be proposed in 2014.



Jackie Pendergrass noted that a STEM school would help reduce students at the high schools and position the district to take advantage of possible grant funding opportunities. Ravi Shahani stressed the importance of moving in this direction but was concerned opening a new school while not modernizing Juanita High School. Dr. Kimball noted that the STEM school would cost approximately \$25 million and renovation of Juanita would be \$130-\$140 million.

Nancy Bernard indicated that there is strong community support to build permanent facilities rather than portables.

Doug Eglington moved to approve the superintendent's recommendation and direct him to prepare a resolution for a capital levy for presentation at the November 8 board meeting. Motion was seconded by Ravi Shahani.

Motion carried.

Chip Kimball related that a report will be provided in November or December on the construction projects which are in the pipeline.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Doug Eglington noted that WSSDA is again proposing to raise the dues again by \$17,000 due to employee costs. He recently attended the WSSDA legislative assembly. He provided an update on the WSSDA Legislative Priorities. The top three priorities are implementing education finance and addressing unfunded mandates and levy equalization. The State Board of Education is soliciting input via a survey on graduation requirements and encouraged everyone to respond. OSPI is holding public hearings around the State on common core standards.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ravi Shahani requested follow-up on the issues discussed on End Results 2 & 3, Primary. Chip Kimball indicated that follow-up on the discussion would be presented when ER-2 & 3, Intermediate is discussed.

BOARD FOLLOW-UP

Jackie Pendergrass related that she and district staff meet with the new Kirkland City Manager, Kurt Triplett, and his administrative staff to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern. Chip Kimball conveyed that the city manager has included funding for the School Resource Officer in his proposed budget.

BOARD MEMBER  
COMMENTS

The board convened into executive session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss personnel items and reconvened at 9:46 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn at 9:46 p.m. Seconded by Ravi Shahani.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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Jackie Pendergrass, President

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Chip Kimball, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary