

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
February 27, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Jackie Pendergrass, Doug Eglington, Nancy Bernard, and Siri Bliesner.

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Chip Kimball.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chip Kimball indicated that the District Textbook Adoption for Health & Fitness, Music and Visual Arts would be removed for consideration at tonight's board meeting. The materials need to be placed on public viewing prior to the board taking action.

Doug Eglington moved to amend the motion to approve the agenda with the removal of District Textbook Adoption for Health & Fitness, Music and Visual Arts. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION

Kelly Trace, Co-Chairman, 2012 PTSA Council Reflections Committee, related that this year's Reflection theme "Diversity means..." Over 420 students participated in this year's competition. "A reception was held to recognize the winners who will now be showcased at the State PTA Convention in May. The following students presented their art selections:

2012 PTSA REFLECTIONS

Award of Excellence in Intermediate Literature

Belle Pan, Grade 3, Alcott Elementary

Outstanding Interpretation in Senior Literature-

Teodora Costea, International Community School

Outstanding Interpretation in Middle/Junior Music-

Anna Thompson, Redmond HS

Award of Merit in Middle/Senior Music -

Nicholas Roels, Evergreen JH

Anna Thompson then performed the song that she auditioned for "America Got Talent."

Jackie Pendergrass expressed the board's appreciation to the PTSA for their continued support of the arts and thanked the students for participating.

Jackie Pendergrass read the proclamation declaring February 1-29, 2012 as Career and Technical Education Month. Traci Pierce, Deputy Superintendent, thanked Dan Phelan and Rita Smith who work in conjunction with our teachers to create connections and content knowledge for our students. The Career and Technical Education program and staff plays an integral role in helping prepare student to post-secondary education.

PROCLAMATION -  
CAREER & TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION MONTH,  
FEBRUARY 1-29, 2012

Jackie Pendergrass read the proclamation declaring March 12-16, 2012 as Classified Public School Employee Week. Janene Fogard, Deputy Superintendent, related that this group of dedicated and caring staff play an integral role in the operations of our schools each and every day. Scope of these accomplishments include such things as supervising recess, recruiting and hiring staff, maintaining and cleaning 3.5 million sq. ft. of facilities, protecting and caring for \$490 million in facilities, providing educational assistance to students, supporting teachers, overseeing completion of \$73 million in capital facilities projects, managing a food service program where over 2.3 million lunches are served, and transporting our students safely over 1.5 million miles, etc. The employees serve critical functions which are essential to provide quality learning environment for our students.

PROCLAMATION -  
CLASSIFIED PUBLIC  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEE  
WEEK, MARCH 12-16, 2012

Several parents expressed concern with the recent changes at the State Board of Education regarding Physical Education and Occupational Education credits. They expressed concern that there is not a clear process of how physical educational credits can be waived by "good cause" and which classes can be counted for occupational credit. Dr. Kimball asked Dr. Pierce to provide an update. Dr. Pierce noted that the district is grappling with the PE waivers and other options in order to be in compliance with State law. She is working with high school principals to ensure that there is consistency between schools. The RCW does allow for the ability to provide "equivalency credit" wherein students would demonstrate proficiency and knowledge; OSPI is not providing guidance on how to manage

PUBLIC COMMENT

this. The district is working to adopt a process to clearly communicate to counselors and parents. All inconsistencies will be addressed for the incoming 2015-16 students - incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. The process/policy will be completed by the fall. She noted that students cannot waive health and occupational education credits. Dr. Kimball related that the district is not changing its policy mid-stream for our current high school students.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Jackie Pendergrass, yes; Doug Eglington, yes; Nancy Bernard, yes; and Siri Bliesner.

Motion carried.

The following January 2012 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF  
 VOUCHERS

<u>General Fund</u>	
337153-337427	\$4,856,586.73
<u>Payroll</u>	
2038-2044	\$6,576.54
Accounts Payable Direct Deposit	\$ 17,845.15
Acquisition Card	921,672.09
Deferred Comp	71,657.00
Department of Revenue	15,063.03
Dept. of Retirement Systems	970,301.48
Dept. of Retirement Systems	613,560.78
Flex Spending	46,481.79
Long Term Disability	3,548.98
Payroll Direct Deposit	7,369,569.91
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	2,442,936.91
School Employees Credit Union	142,803.19
Sodexo	51,056.92
TSA Envoy	233,133.24
VEBA	17,163.58
Vision/ (NBN)	<u>\$49,315.63</u>
	\$12,966,109.70
<u>Capital Projects</u>	
31393-31506	\$9,411,731.04

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ASB

53026-53123 \$118,177.57

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

1214-1223 \$609.70

Approves minutes of the January 28, 2012 work session and January 30 board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approves February 27, 2012 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Authorizes the superintendent to enter into a contract with Absher Construction Company for the replacement of the Rose Hill Junior High in the amount of \$40,793,000, plus sales tax.

AWARD OF CONTRACT ROSE HILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

Adopts Resolution No. 2120 certifying that the project to replace Rose Hill Junior High School will be completed according to the purposes for which the state construction funding assistance is being provided.

INTENT TO COMPLETE ROSE HILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2120

Approves Change Order No. 9 to Allied Construction Associates, Inc. for work at the John Muir Elementary School in the amount of \$53,176, increasing the contract amount to \$19,281,843.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 9 JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

Approves change order No. 45 to Lydig Construction Inc. for work at the Lake Washington High School Modernization project in the amount of \$58,026, increasing the contract amount to \$60,318,148.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 45 LAKE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

Approves Change Order No. 2 to Bayley Construction Company for work at the Eastlake High School additions project in a credit amount of \$3,543.00, decreasing the contract amount to \$10,658,415.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS

Approves Change Order No. 5 to SpeeWest Construction Inc. for work at the Carl Sandburg Elementary School in the amount of \$23,091, increasing the contract amount to \$20,781,961.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 CARL SANDBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

Approves Resolution No. 2121 authorizing the District to establish criteria for determining the lowest responsive and

AUTHORIZATION FOR CAPITAL

responsible bidder on District capital construction projects.

CONSTRUCTION BIDDER  
CRITERIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2121

Approval of the following instructional materials for use in the  
Lake Washington schools -

INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS ADOPTION

Title: The Earth System  
Author: Lee Krump, Kasting, Crane  
Publisher: Prentice Hall  
Copyright: 2010  
No. of Copies: 35  
Price: Free - This textbook is part of a grant (NASA) from the  
University of Washington this will allow the UW  
Atmospheric Science 211 to be taught at RHS.  
School Requesting: Redmond High School  
Classification: AP Environmental Science, Grades 10-12

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Juanita Rebels Booster Club to Juanita High  
School in the amount of \$5,212.39 to purchase field audio sound  
system.

Acceptance from Elizabeth Blackwell PTSA to Blackwell  
Elementary School in the amount of \$28,400.00 to support  
Building Leadership Team program for teachers and staff  
(\$5,000), library improvements (\$2,000); staff development  
(\$400); and field trips, classroom support and curricular aids for  
reading, writing, and math (\$21,000).

Acceptance from Ben Rush PTSA to Rush Elementary School in  
the amount of \$5,641.68 to provide stipend for choir (\$2,260) and  
math enrichment (\$3,381.68).

Acceptance from Lowe's Charitable and Educational  
Foundation to Keller Elementary School in the amount of  
\$5,000 for Funds from "Toolbox for Education" to purchase  
playground equipment.

Acceptance from Juanita High School PTSA to Juanita High  
School in the amount of \$12,000.00 to purchase electronic  
readerboard.

Acceptance from Intellectual Ventures to Eastlake High School in the amount of \$3,000.00 to support expenses for Robotics Team.

Acceptance from Eastlake Women's Basketball to Eastlake High School in the amount of \$2,636.10 to support basketball stipend.

Acceptance from Samantha Smith Elementary PTSA to Smith Elementary in the amount of \$4,240.00 to provide stipends for primary and secondary choir and PE after school program (winter session).

Acceptance from Rose Hill Jr. High PTSA to Rose Hill Junior in the amount of \$4,059.45 to provide stipends for afterschool lego club and intramurals program.

Acceptance from Scholarship America :Unsung Heroes Awards Program to Evergreen Jr. High in the amount of \$2,000.00 to provide technical support for picture book project.

**TOTAL \$72,189.62**

*This item was removed from the agenda.*

Chip Kimball presented EL-2, Emergency CEO Succession, for first reading. He responded to board members questions.

Chip Kimball presented EL-4, Annual Report of the Public, for first reading. He responded to board members questions.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

DISTRICT TEXTBOOK  
ADOPTION - HEALTH &  
FITNESS, MUSIC, AND  
VISUAL ARTS

MONITOR BOARD POLICY

EL-2, EMERGENCY CEO  
SUCCESSION,  
FIRST READING

EL-4, ANNUAL REPORT TO  
THE PUBLIC,  
FIRST READING

Jackie Pendergrass related that the Board of Directors has been engaged in the process to replace Dr. Chip Kimball since he announced on September 14, 2011 that he would be resigning as Superintendent, effective June 30, 2012.

SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH

Jackie Pendergrass reviewed the superintendent search process. At the November 7 board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Lake Washington School District reviewed responses to a survey of parents, staff, and community members regarding the qualities of the next superintendent. The board discussed the survey results and standard practices in K-12 education superintendent searches. Following that discussion, the board concluded that it would begin its search by reviewing whether there is one or more qualified and interested internal candidate(s). The Board weighed the relative values of seeking an internal candidate or initiating a national search.

At its December 5 meeting, the Board unanimously voted to put forward Dr. Traci Pierce, the district's Deputy Superintendent, Instructional Services, as its preferred candidate for Superintendent. The board has introduced Dr. Pierce to the community through a series of public events and asked for input on her candidacy which was reviewed by the board.

Doug Eglington moved the candidacy of Dr. Traci Pierce as the Superintendent of the Lake Washington School District, effective July 1, 2012. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

ELECTION OF DR. TRACI  
PIERCE,  
SUPERINTENDENT

Doug Eglington stressed the need for continuity at this time, advocating for a qualified internal candidate. He noted the district cannot afford the time it would take for a new superintendent to become familiar with our culture and district. He didn't want to lose momentum. This will provide a seamless transition between the current superintendent and the next superintendent.

Nancy Bernard agreed with the need for continuity because of the many initiatives ongoing. Dr. Pierce will be in a position to keep us on the same trajectory and move us even beyond. She conveyed that Dr. Pierce has the trust and respect of her colleagues.

Siri Bliesner noted that the hiring of a superintendent is one of the key decisions that the board makes on behalf of the community. Over the last few months, through conversations and feedback, it is clear that Dr. Pierce has a strong passion and the necessary skills and attributes to become our next superintendent. She was pleased to hear Dr. Pierce describe her leadership style as one of inclusion and collaboration. She recognizes the importance of public and transparent processes that engage the public early on. She, too, wants to support Dr. Pierce in this process.

Jackie Pendergrass noted that in attending the public events while introducing Dr. Pierce, she was impressed with her intelligence, caring, charisma, willingness to listen, and the image she portrays for the school district.

The following roll call vote was taken: Chris Carlson, yes; Nancy Bernard, yes; Doug Eglington, yes, Siri Bliesner, yes; and Jackie Pendergrass, yes.

Motion carried.

Dr. Pierce thanked the board for their kind words and their confidence. She noted her commitment to the district's mission and vision, to serving ethically, honestly and collaboratively for the betterment of the community and our students, parents, and staff. She looked forward to a smooth transition and ensuring continuity.

Dr. Kimball expressed that leaving the district after 16 years was bittersweet. He thanked the board and staff for their support. He pledged to work with Dr. Pierce to ensure a smooth transition.

Chip Kimball presented EL-7, Instructional Program, for first reading and highlighted those areas that were in partial compliance. He responded to board members questions.

MONITOR BOARD POLICY

EL-7, INSTRUCTIONAL  
PROGRAM,  
FIRST READING



Chip Kimball provided an update on the legislative budget. The budget was recently released by the House. He noted that there is a proposal to roll-back the local levy authority by 4% starting in 2013-14 which equates to \$7.5 million; this would be devastating. Tomorrow, he and his other superintendent colleagues will be drafting of letter stating their outrage.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

He related that he has been serving on the King County Siting Task Force. There has been discussion to change policy in regards to building school sites in rural areas. A committee was formed to develop recommendations to the Task Force. One of the key criteria is how far the property is located from the urban growth boundary and the location of sewer to the sites. There are 18-properties owned by school districts which are being considered, four of those are owned by Lake Washington. The district has identified uses for two of those properties. The committee will submit a report to the task force at the end of March and then it will be reviewed and submitted to the King County Executive.

Doug Eglington noted that the cut-off for passage of bills has passed in this legislative session, unless it is related to the budget, then it can move forward. He noted that there are discussions related to bills that can impact school boards.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Doug Eglington offered his condolences to the family of Stan Chapin, the School Resource Officer at Eastlake High School, who passed away this week. He will be missed by the community and students.

BOARD COMMENT

Doug Eglington cited a charter school in Florida that is being taken over by the Church of Scientology. School districts in California are fighting over access of school facilities by charter schools. Chris Carlson noted that charter schools are not legal in the State of Washington. Chip Kimball felt that all schools need to be under the authority of the local school board. He pointed out that education in this State is underfunded.

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Siri Bliesner asked about the appeal on the STEM school.  
Dr. Kimball related that the hearing is underway and will continue this week. The district is seeking a conditional use permit from King County which is required prior to getting the building permit. Chris Carlson conveyed that parents are concerned if the school will be built by September.

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Doug Eglinton.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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Jackie Pendergrass, President

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Chip Kimball, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary