

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
December 5, 2011

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

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

Excused: Chris Carlson

Present: Superintendent Chip Kimball.

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

Motion carried.

Ravi Shahani was recognized for his service to the district. He served two terms in office, 8 years. The board thanked him and expressed their appreciation for his contributions. Jackie Pendergrass thanked his family for their support.

Ravi thanked the board and the community for allowing him to represent them. He learned a great deal; "it has been a fabulous journey."

Mary Wilber, Eastside Native American Education Program Coordinator, conveyed that there are 240 students representing 85 different tribes in the Lake Washington, Northshore, and Bellevue school districts. She explained how they work to build relationships and partnerships to develop cultural competency, support students. They are striving to create leaders, both within and outside school. She showed a video depicting many of the activities and culminated the presentation with a drum performance by the students.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

RAVI SHAHANI,  
DIRECTOR, LAKE  
WASHINGTON SCHOOL  
BOARD

HOST SCHOOL

MARY WILBER, EASTSIDE  
NATIVE AMERICAN  
EDUCATION PROGRAM

Principal Jane Todd, Principal, Redmond High School, recognized students who were named National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars.

**National Merit Commended Scholars:**

Rohit Arabind, Landon Bennett, Simon Borumand, Brianna Dankberg, Sarah Du, Max Gardafee, Elisa Helm, Rachel Horne, Erika Kent, Andrey Levanidov, Alex Lin, Dante Mclennan, Alexander Mundell, Keira O'Hearn, Taylor Rau, Daniel Rouhana, Ryan Wallis, Kendall Wiggins, Milo Wilkes, Emma Wright, Noah Wylie, Adam Young, Andy Yu, Annie Yu, and Elizabeth Zorn.

**National Merit Semi-Finalists**

Maya Balakrishnan, Tara Balakrishnan, Rebecca Ballantyne, Michael Gilroy, Benjamin Keller, Sammamish; Jihoon Lee, Nolan Miller, Ananya Murali, Preetum Nakkiran, Kevin Parker, Dhaaruni Sreenivas, Sophia Xu, Miriam Zeitz, Edward Zhang.

The meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Several parents and students spoke regarding changes in the middle school softball program and the addendum with the City of Sammamish regarding use of school facilities and the construction of a multi-purpose field at Eastlake High School.

Chip Kimball reviewed the scope of the construction project and provided a diagram of the proposed field and how it would be placed on the existing field. Options were explored to utilize the Inglewood site. He reviewed the rationale for not utilizing this site.

Tymon Berger, an attorney representing Berschauer Philips Construction Co., did not feel it was appropriate to award the contract to Absher Construction Company for the STEM School as their bid was not responsive. Chip Kimball indicated that the district did a legal review of the issues that have been raised. The district's attorney indicated that the bid is responsive.

Susan Wilkins questioned awarding the STEM school because an appeal has been made to King County. The school may be limited to only rural students. She suggested that the board wait until the appeal is resolved.

RECOGNITION  
NATIONAL MERIT  
SEMIFINALISTS &  
COMMENDED SCHOLARS

REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL

BREAK

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Yoder suggested the district explore renting space for the STEM school.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

Doug Eglington referred to the addendum with the City of Sammamish and indicated that the district will maintain transparency and the future uses of Inglewood will be taken into consideration as the needs of the school district and community change.

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BREAK

The following November 2011 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF  
VOUCHERS

General Fund

3364445-336784 \$4,680,651.14

Payroll

2022-2031 \$9,232.33

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit	\$ 673,794.94
Acquisition Card	2,201,544.96
Deferred Comp	70,848.00
Department of Revenue	17,139.57
Dept. of Retirement Systems	1,175,399.86
Dept. of Retirement Systems	747,866.46
Flex Spending	46,748.45
Long Term Disability	3,667.87
Payroll Direct Deposit	9,228,314.18
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	3,255,067.95
School Employees Credit Union	143,770.19
Sodexo	51,056.92
TSA Envoy	233,880.69
VEBA	17,927.73
Vision/(NBN)	\$49,299.25
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	\$17,916,327.02

Capital Projects

31122-31259 \$12,290,079.19

ASB

52686-52827 \$118,776.80

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

1174-1189 \$1,889.00

Approves minutes of the November 7 regular board meeting; November 7 work session; November 14 and 21 special board meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approves December 5, 2011 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Approves the addendum to the existing Joint Use Agreement with the City of Sammamish that authorizes the development, maintenance, scheduling, and operations of a second synthetic field at Eastlake High School.

ADDENDUM - JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SAMMAMISH - DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE, SCHEDULING, AND OPERATIONS OF RECREATION FACILITIES

Awards the bid and authorizes the superintendent to enter into a contract with Absher Construction Company for the construction of Secondary STEM School in the amount of \$24,080,000, plus sales tax.

AWARD OF BID SECONDARY STEM SCHOOL

Adopts Resolution No. 2115 approving the educational specifications for the replacement of the International Community School and the Community Elementary School.

EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS APPROVAL INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Adopts Resolution No. 2116 authorizing the District to file an action in King County Superior Court to condemn an access easement over the Thompson Property to benefit the Bus Barn Property

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY - SITE 99 RESOLUTION NO. 2116

LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
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Approves Change Order No. 8 to Allied Construction Associates, Inc. for modernization work at the John Muir Elementary School in the amount of \$121,187, increasing the contract amount to \$19,228,667.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 8  
JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
MODERNIZATION

Approves Change Order No. 2 to Spee West Construction Inc. for work at the Carl Sandburg Elementary School Modernization in the amount of \$8,639, increasing the contract amount to \$20,732,436.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2  
CARL SANDBURG  
ELEMENTARY  
MODERNIZATION

Approves Change Order No. 8 to Allied Construction Associates, Inc. for modernization work at the John Muir Elementary School in the amount of \$121,187, increasing the contract amount to \$19,228,667.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2  
REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL  
ADDITION

Approves Change Order No. 2 to Pellco Construction Inc. for work at the Redmond High School Addition in the amount of \$7,605, increasing the contract amount to \$9,742,612.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2  
REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL  
ADDITION

Approves Change Order No. 15 to Babbit Neuman Construction Company for modernization work at the Finn Hill Junior High School in the amount of \$78,810.00 respectively increasing the contract amount to \$ 31,545,147.01.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 15  
FINN HILL JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MODERNIZATION

Approves change order No. 42 to Lydig Construction Inc. for work at the Lake Washington High School Modernization in the amount of \$256,126, increasing the contract amount to \$60,198,610.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 42  
LAKE WASHINGTON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
MODERNIZATION

Approves the following instructional materials for use in the Lake Washington schools -

INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS ADOPTION

Title: Reading Mastery Signature Series  
Author: Siegfried Engelmann and Elaine C. Bruner  
Publisher: SRA/McGraw-Hill  
Copyright: 2008  
Price: Level K = \$34,000: Level 1 = \$33,000: Level 2 = \$31,000  
Total = \$31,000  
School Requesting: Special Services  
Classification: Elementary Special Education, Grades K-3

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Title: The Energy Bus  
Author: Jon Gordon  
Publisher: John Wiley and Sons  
Copyright: 2007  
No. of Copies: 35  
Price: \$13.00  
School Requesting :Inglewood Junior High  
Classification: 7, 8, 9 Leadership Class

Title: Delta Science Readers  
Author: Delta Education Authority  
Publisher: Delta  
Copyright: 2004  
No. of Copies: 8 of each title  
Price: NA  
School Requesting: Samantha Smith  
Classification: Quest First/Second Grades

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from A. G. Bell PTSA to Bell Elementary in the amount of \$11,100.00 to provide support to the library (\$2,500), field trips (\$5,500), classroom grants (\$2,100) and summer reading program (\$1,000).

Acceptance from Rachel Carson PTSA to Carson Elementary in the amount of \$19,190.00 to provide teacher stipends for: elementary student council (\$990), intramurals program (\$1,980), website (\$1,980), Explorations in Math (\$1,980), choir/ music enrichment program (\$2,260); purchase leveled reading books (\$1,500); and support learning enrichment/field trips (\$4,500), Oregon Trail Adventure (\$1,000); copier use (\$1,000), Rachel's Challenge Assembly (\$2,000).

Acceptance from Emily Dickinson PTSA to Dickinson Elementary in the amount of \$13,160.00 to provide teacher stipends for: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Education (\$1,990), math club (\$6,930), choir (\$2,260), ASB (\$1,980).

Acceptance from Environmental and Adventure School PTO to EAS in the amount of \$1,360.70 to provide teacher stipend for outdoor education.

Acceptance from Albert Einstein PTSA to Einstein Elementary in the amount of \$3,488.05 to provide teacher stipend for music (\$2,260), purchase portable radios (\$208.05), and Nature Vision program (\$1,020).

Acceptance from Ben Franklin PTSA to Franklin Elementary in the amount of 12,030.00 to provide teacher stipends for: choir, green team, outdoor education, leadership, intramurals, intermediate, and primary intervention, and Kids First News.

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Acceptance from International Community School PTSA to ICS in the amount of \$6,025.00 to support four teachers attending National Conference of Teachers of English (NCTE) Conference.

Acceptance from Peter Kirk PTSA to Kirk Elementary in the amount of \$13,078.00 to provide teacher stipends for: chorus, Explorations in Math, Homework Club, Math is Cool, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Outdoor Education, and student council.

Acceptance from Horace Mann PTSA to Mann Elementary in the amount of \$6,217.38 to purchase computer equipment.(\$3,301.98); special needs equipment (\$1,715.40), books (\$1,200).

Acceptance from Margaret Mead PTSA to Mead Elementary in the amount of \$6,617.45 to purchase classroom software.

Acceptance from Ben Rush PTSA to Rush Elementary in the amount of \$16,135.48 to support field trips (\$5,000) and Young Author's Day (\$2,500); and purchase science curriculum (\$7,635.48) and Accucut System (\$1,000).

Acceptance from Carl Sandburg PTSA to Sandburg Elementary in the amount of \$3,954.73 to provide teacher stipends for: spirit squad (\$845.31), homework club (\$1,414.42), and music (\$1,695).

Acceptance from Samantha Smith PTSA to Smith Elementary in the amount of \$4,728.00 to provide stipends for primary choir, secondary choir and World Rhythms (\$2,260) and fall ball games (\$1,980) and purchase Accelerated Reader and Math materials (\$488).

Acceptance from Renaissance School PTSA to Renaissance in the amount of \$16,500.00 to purchase art supplies (\$1,500) and support outdoor education program (\$15,000).

Acceptance from Eastlake High School PTSA to Eastlake High School in the amount of \$22,990.00 to purchase: banner (\$650), Microframework Gadgeteer Project (\$4,525), copies of Kaffir Boy (\$1,901), science molecular modeling kits (\$410), electronic balance (\$427), sideline flags (\$1,000), a collection of non-fiction library books (\$950), micro pipettes (\$960), psychology student textbooks (\$3,052), sensory/adaptation tools (\$915), safety fence topper and privacy slats (\$5,000), and stipend for drug alcohol counselor (\$3,200)

Acceptance from Redmond High School PTSA to Redmond High in the amount of \$11,882.50 to purchase boom box (\$50), toner cartridge (\$130), volleyball net (\$200), ELL library books (\$250), tool sets for computer science and engineering (\$487), digital camera accessories (\$881), 20 iPod Touch (\$5,016.25) and sync case (\$1,313.95), and classroom set of graphing calculators (\$3,064.37).

**TOTAL \$162,239.91**

Traci Pierce, Deputy Superintendent, presented ER- 2, Interdisciplinary Content Knowledge, and ER-3, Interdisciplinary Skills and Attributes, for the senior high. She responded to board members questions.

The meeting was recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Chip Kimball distributed information on the possible impacts of the Governor's budget to Lake Washington School District. The Puget Sound area superintendents have conveyed to the legislature that if they must make cuts, they need to make them equitable.

Chip Kimball provided an update on middle schools sports and the criteria used to eliminate programs such as student participation rate, impacts on the ASB budgets, and availability of community programs. He noted that there are programs which are stronger at some schools than others making it difficult to have an intramural program. Finn Hill, Kamiakin, Kirkland, and Rose Hill have struggled to keep their softball program viable while Inglewood offers a robust softball program. He pointed out that an adjustment has been made to the length of the season - seven weeks instead of six.

Nancy Bernard asked for information on the boys' and girls' wrestling program.

Doug Eglington indicated that the regular legislative session will start in January. He noted that the legislative representatives on neighboring school boards meet regularly with Eastside elected representatives.

Jackie Pendergrass provided an update on the superintendent search. She read a statement from Chris Carlson regarding the declaration of a preferred superintendent candidate. In his statement, he noted that the district has major initiatives on the

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

ER-2, INTERDISCIPLINARY  
CONTENT KNOWLEDGE  
AND  
ER-3, INTERDISCIPLINARY  
SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES -  
SENIOR HIGH

BREAK

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FOLLOW-UP

SUPERINTENDENT  
SEARCH



horizon which supports looking at internal candidate. The board has identified a highly qualified internal candidate which will help the momentum continue.

Nancy Bernard moved to designate Dr. Traci Pierce as the board's preferred superintendent candidate. Motion was seconded by Doug Eglington.

The board shared their perspectives. Jackie Pendergrass conveyed that Dr. Pierce is very well respected and has the ability to lead the district in light of the many initiatives that are taking place. She has served many positions throughout the district.

Doug Eglington assured the community that the board has done its due diligence and reviewed the qualifications of the superintendent and matched it with the direction the district is heading. The board has provided an opportunity for the community to provide input and guidance on the superintendent search. The board has interviewed Dr. Pierce. In his interactions with her over the years, he has watched Dr. Pierce exhibit exceptional leadership qualities throughout the various positions she has held. The board has weighed the pros and cons of conducting a national search.

Ravi Shahani noted that this is one of the most important decisions that a board can make – selection of a superintendent. Dr. Pierce is a strong candidate and she has undergone an intensive interview. She has worked with many people in the district and they all respect her. She is a strong candidate and has risen quickly through the organization. The district cannot afford to slow the momentum on the initiatives.

Jackie Pendergrass related that the board members have personally spent time talking to members of the community and staff. They have all expressed the need to move forward. If the board were to hire an external candidate, the learning curve would be huge from June to August because of the initiatives. Community members and staff are looking for stability.

Jackie Pendergrass related that the mayors of the neighboring cities have offered to host “meet and greet” sessions for staff and community with Dr. Traci Pierce, the board’s preferred superintendent candidate.

Motion carried.

Dr. Traci Pierce thanked the board for their support. She reviewed her background. She has worked 17 years as a teacher, principal, and served in various positions at the central office. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work and learn from Dr. Kimball over the years. She is very committed to the mission and vision of the district and looked forward to meeting with community and staff.

Ravi Shahani moved to adjourn. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

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Jackie Pendergrass, President

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Chip Kimball, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary