

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 4, 2013

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, Chris Carlson, and Siri Bliesner.

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Traci Pierce.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Joe Joss, Kamiakin Middle School Principal, noted that they held a grand red ribbon opening at Kamiakin as they changed from a junior high to a middle school. They have three houses with a different elective model for grade 6. He reviewed how students use an achievement guide to plan and track progress; parents sign these guides. He highlighted the electives and described Kamiakin's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) and how data helps to guide them. He thanked Juanita High School for supporting many activities at their school such as putting up college banners throughout the school, posting college pictures of former students, etc. He shared the addition of 6th grade elementary teachers have brought a level of excitement and enthusiasm which has been felt by both students and the staff.

HOST SCHOOL

Jackie Pendergrass read a proclamation proclaiming the week of March 11-15, 2013 as classified school employee appreciation week. Dr. Pierce conveyed that each and every day these staff members assist in the smooth operations of our schools.

RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATIONS -
CLASSIFIED SCHOOL
EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION
WEEK, MARCH 11-15, 2013

Jodie Lindstead, PTSA Vice President of Programs, related that their mission is to support and guide the 41 PTSA units. She described some of the activities supported through Lake Washington PTSA Council such as emergency preparedness, special needs committee, scholarships, student and parent advocacy, etc.

LAKE WASHINGTON PTSA
COUNCIL - WASHINGTON
STATE PTSA REFLECTIONS
COMPETITION

The PTSA Reflections Competition has been ongoing for over 40 years and is available to all K-12 students. She invited several children who participated to come forward: Jeesang Lee, Rose Hill Middle School, Award of Merit - Literature; Cate Smith, Mead Elementary Award of Excellence - Literature; Josh Benbo, Twain Elementary, Award of Excellence - Literature; Anvit Anand, Einstein Elementary, Award of Excellence - Music Composition; and Audrey Walker, Award of Excellence - Film.

Cate Smith read her poem entitled, "What Magic Truly Is..."

Dr. Pierce related that Representative Hunter requested student art work to display in his office in Olympia. She thanked the PTSA Reflections members for their assistance in selecting and framing various art projects to fulfill .

Jonathan Milstein, Lakeview Elementary, expressed his concerns with the lottery system used to admit students to all-day kindergarten. He feels this leads to a lot of parent frustration and is not a good way to introduce parents to the Lake Washington School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul DeVries, Lakeview parent, expressed his concern with the book, The 7 Habits of Happy Kids. He was concerned with the training and experience of the author and wondered why students should be graded on these core values. He felt that the IMC process was flawed and he did not support the outcome of the reconsideration process.

Stephen Petti, Quest Parent, requested that the district allow Quest students a variance to Redmond High School rather than Eastlake High School (EHS) since EHS has not had adequate time to prepare the rigorous programs he feels that these Quest students require.

Dr. Pierce responded to Mr. Milstein and noted that the Washington State Legislature only funds a ½ day kindergarten program. Schools are allowed to provide one section of all-day kindergarten (ADK) and offer additional sections if they have space available and sufficient student enrollment. A lottery is conducted if more than 22 students are enrolled. Those students

who don't get into ADK are placed on a waiting list. The Directors of School Support will work with the principal to assess if there is space available. Lakeview and Dickinson elementary schools were authorized last week to open another section of ADK at their school site; families are being notified. Currently, there are 1,025 enrolled in ADK and 203 students on the wait list. The district looks at long-term enrollment projects and growth data. She noted that the legislature may elect to fund ADK. In the district's work on enrollment and bond planning, the assumption is that the districts will receive funding for ADK and that space will be needed to offer ADK at all elementary schools. Dr. Pierce pointed out that the district would like to be able to provide additional sections of ADK but must ensure that there is classroom space for grades 1-5.

Chris Carlson asked if self-contained classrooms can be moved to help balance enrollment. Traci Pierce related that moving these students/programs year after year could be detrimental. Jackie Pendergrass asked about portables. Dr. Pierce reviewed the costs associated with portables and other safety-related issues.

Dr. Pierce conveyed that a team will be gathering data and reviewing the Quest situation. They will be communicating with parents by March 15.

Chris Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Doug Eglington.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

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The following February 2013 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF
 VOUCHERS

General Fund
 341329-341560 \$6,318,133.19

Payroll
 2141-2156 \$32,866.89

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit	\$ 820,864.78
Acquisition Card	1,195,026.60
Deferred Comp	68,512.00
Department of Revenue	7,195.57
Dept. of Retirement Systems	1,017,843.40
Dept. of Retirement Systems	630,811.38
Flex Spending	55,504.18
Long Term Disability	3,215.51
Payroll Direct Deposit	7,856,745.97
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	2,877,522.72
School Employees Credit Union	146,209.14
Sodexo	51,056.92
TSA Envoy	248,620.33
VEBA	0.00
Vision/Northwest Benefit Network	44,901.55
Key Bank Processing Fees	\$ 128.36
	<u>\$15,024,158.41</u>

Capital Projects
 33275-33391 \$12,242,616.38

ASB
 54930-55072 \$83,279.46

Transportation Vehicle Fund
 \$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund
 1497-1523 \$2,529.87

Approves minutes of the February 11, 2013 work session and board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approves March 4, 2013 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN
 RESOURCES REPORT

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RESOURCES REPORT

Approves the Trades Bargaining 2012 – 2015 Collective Bargaining agreement.

TRADES BARGAINING
COUNCIL
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT, 2012-2015

Approves Change Order No. 8 to Absher Construction Company for the Rose Hill Middle School replacement project in the amount of \$215,191.00, increasing the contract amount to \$41,110,442.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 8
ROSE HILL MIDDLE
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

Approves Change Order No. 20 to Babbit Neuman Construction Company for the Finn Hill Junior High School replacement project in the amount of (\$561,754), decreasing the contract amount to \$ 31,339,719.01.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 20
FINN HILL JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

Approves Change Order No. 9 to Mortenson Construction for the Benjamin Rush Elementary School replacement project in the amount of \$18,676.00, increasing the contract amount to \$24,146,531.00.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 9
BENJAMIN RUSH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REPLACEMENT

Approves Change Order No. 8 to Absher Construction Company for the new Secondary STEM School in the amount of \$43,109.00, increasing the contract amount to \$23,911,082.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 8
NEW SECONDARY STEM
SCHOOL

APPROVAL OF
MONITORING REPORTS

Approves the monitoring report for EL-2, Emergency CEO Succession, as presented at the February 11, 2013 board meeting.

EL-2, EMERGENCY CEO
SUCCESSION

Approves the monitoring report for EL-4, Annual Report to the Public, as presented at the February 11, 2013 board meeting.

EL-4, ANNUAL REPORT TO
THE PUBLIC

Approves the monitoring report for EL-7, Instructional Program, as presented at the February 11, 2013 board meeting

EL-7, INSTRUCTIONAL
PROGRAM

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

INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS ADOPTION

Title: Stem Fuse Game Design
Author: StemFuse
Publisher: StemFuse
Copyright:
No. of Copies: 1
Price: \$499.00
School Requesting: STEM School
Classification: Grades 9-12

Title: The Arrival
Author: Shaun Tan
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine
Copyright: 2006
No. of Copies: 90
Price: \$12.00 per book
School Requesting: ICS
Classification: 6th Grade

Title: The 7 Habits of Happy Kids
Author: Sean Covey
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Copyright: 2008
No. of Copies: 26 (one per classroom)
Price: \$19.99 per book
School Requesting: Lakeview Elementary School
Classification: Grades K-5

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Blackwell Elementary PTSA to Blackwell Elementary in the amount of \$10,500.00 to purchase supplies for leadership team (\$2,000.00), classroom scholarships (\$500.00), student academics (\$3,800.00), library improvement (\$500.00), experiential learning (\$1,500.00), teachers (\$1,700.00), and specialists (\$500.00).

Acceptance from Carson Elementary School PTSA to Carson Elementary in the amount of \$3,980.00 to support 5th grade outdoor education (\$2,000.00) and provide stipend for intramurals (\$1,980.00).

Acceptance from Emily Dickinson PTSA to Dickinson Elementary in the amount of \$1,500.00 to support school assembly.

Acceptance from Eastlake Baseball Boosters Club to Eastlake High School in the amount of \$3,550.00 to provide coaching stipend.

Acceptance from Ben Franklin PTSA to Franklin Elementary in the amount of \$4,366.09 to support Continuous Improvement Plan (\$3,600.00) and purchase Special Education supplies, recess equipment (\$434.25), and safety patrol equipment (\$331.84).

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Acceptance from Robert Frost PTSA to Frost Elementary in the amount of \$5,447.00 to provide compensation for Student Council/ ASB advisors (\$4,000.00) and intramural coach (\$1,447.00).

Acceptance from Inglewood Middle School PTSA to Inglewood Middle School in the amount of \$1,355.06 to provide updated CPR materials.

Acceptance from Kirkland Middle School PTSA to Kirkland Middle School in the amount of \$1,400.00 to support field trips.

Acceptance from Northstar Community JH AD to Northstar Middle School in the amount of \$12,319.74 to purchase printers (\$2,319.74) and classroom supplies (\$10,000.00).

Acceptance from Rosa Parks PTSA to Rosa Parks Elementary in the amount of \$8,052.00 to provide stipends for after-school drama club.

Acceptance from Sandburg Elementary PTSA to Sandburg Elementary in the amount of \$1,969.56 to support field trips (\$932.91), and provide compensation for after-school math enrichment (\$829.89) and homework club (\$206.76).

TOTAL \$54,439.45

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Traci Pierce conveyed that the Washington State School Boards Association (WSSDA) is endeavoring to have school boards across the State to adopt a resolution urging the Washington State Legislature to address K-12 Funding. The Supreme Court decision identified recently enacted laws which, if fully funded, would remedy many deficiencies in the K-12 funding system. The Supreme Court retained jurisdiction to evaluate the Legislature's progress in meeting its constitutional obligation to provide "adequate" funding and to eliminate the state's reliance on local property taxes to support basic education.

WASHINGTON STATE
LEGISLATURE URGED TO
ADDRESS K-12 FUNDING
RESOLUTION NO. 2142

Doug Eglington, Legislative Representative, has requested the Board consider approval of the attached resolution drafted by WSSDA. If it is approved by the Board, copies of this resolution would be forwarded to our elected representatives. The board discussed Resolution No. 2142.

Doug Eglington moved to approve Resolution No. 2142 urging the Washington State Legislature to address K-12 Funding. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

Motion carried.

Traci Pierce reported that IIAA-R, Procedure for the Adoption and Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, Section X, Challenged Materials Procedures, establishes the procedures for all instructional materials placed in question by an individual, group, or organization.

Concerns were expressed by several Lakeview parents regarding the Leader in Me program. Parents were notified on December 14 that a Reconsideration Committee would be convened within 15 school days of the receipt of the formal complaint. The chair of the Reconsideration Committee convened a public hearing on January 9, 2013. Given the nature of the Lakeview Parent Group's concerns regarding the original IMC process, the Reconsideration Committee was tasked to conduct a full re-review of all Leader in Me materials. As such, all Leader in Me materials were provided to panelists with instructions regarding how to use the Instructional Materials Committee (IMC) Reviewer input form. The Reconsideration Committee reconvened on January 16, 2013 to discuss the complaint and to make a decision. On January 22, the superintendent received a final report from the Reconsideration Committee Chair, Linda Stevens. The panel recommended approval of all of the following Leader in Me curriculum materials in an unanimous vote.

Within 10 working days from receipt of the Reconsideration's final report, the superintendent informed the complainant and the school of the committee's decision. On Friday, February 8, the complainants requested a Board review as allowed under the policy. The purpose of the Board of Directors' review shall be to determine whether the Reconsideration Committee has followed the proper process.

Dr. Pierce reviewed a document which listed the steps in Section X, Challenged Materials Procedures, and the actions taken throughout the process. As called for in the policy, the board, upon request, is charged with reviewing the process used by the Reconsideration Committee to ensure its adherence to policy. If the appropriate processes have been followed by the Reconsideration Committee, the decision of the committee shall

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MATERIALS AND
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stand. If it is deemed that the appropriate process was not followed by the Reconsideration committee, the Board of Directors shall determine the outcome of the challenge.

Doug Eglington moves that the board reviews the process used under the Challenged Materials Procedures as outlined in Section X of IIAA, Procedure for the Adoption and Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, and determines that the Reconsideration Committee has followed the proper process. The superintendent shall convey the findings of the Board to the concerned parties. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

Jackie Pendergrass noted that this issue has raised several concerns from parents about what is happening at Lakeview and the program being used, but that is a separate issue from the topic under consideration. The board must review whether the Reconsideration Committee followed the proper processes. Nancy Bernard noted that concerns were raised regarding that the Chair of the Reconsideration Committee would be the Administrator of Curriculum who also happened to be a member of the original committee. Dr. Pierce noted that procedures call for this person to serve in that role. The person's role had changed and Linda Stevens' current title required her to be chair. Linda Stevens was not serving as a member of the Reconsideration Committee but rather as a facilitator; she did not vote on the materials. Another issue raised was doing a full review of the materials rather than just a sample of the materials. Dr. Pierce confirmed that the Reconsideration Committee did a complete review of all of the materials. Chris Carlson believed that the Reconsideration Committee followed the process as outlined. However, he did not believe that the materials were appropriate for 5th grade use. He also expressed concern with implementation of the materials. Siri Bliesner agreed that some policy issues need to be addressed. Dr. Pierce agreed that staff will work closely with Lakeview regarding the implementation of the materials. In addition, work will begin to review IMC policies. Jackie Pendergrass expressed concern regarding how families might "opt out" if they desire. Chris Carlson requested a list of the social skills programs. If it is infused in the school culture, perhaps it needs more review since it changes that way that we

educate students. Nancy Bernard noted that character education is important but it means different things to different people. Character education should be a districtwide conversation. Traci Pierce conveyed that teachers utilize professional judgment as they use materials appropriately for their class. A social skills program is not on the districtwide curriculum cycle. Siri Bliesner agreed that the Reconsideration Committee followed the process and implementation of the materials should be addressed. Jackie Pendergrass encouraged open communication with staff and parents. Chris Carlson concurred.

Motion carried.

Doug Eglington provided an update on this year's legislative session and the bills being considered. The legislative continues to grapple with the McCleary decision. He noted that the State Supreme Court rejected the 2/3 vote required for implementation of new taxes. He noted that federal sequestration may require a 5% cut overall in IDEA funding.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Doug Eglington.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary