

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 3, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Jackie Pendergrass, Nancy Bernard, Chris Carlson, Siri Bliesner, and Mark Stuart.

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Traci Pierce.

Nancy Bernard moved to approve the agenda. Seconded Siri Bliesner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Sandy Dennehy, Principal, Keller Elementary School, related that Keller opened in 1969 and was modernized in 2012 for which it has received numerous accolades and awards for its modernization. There are 353 K-5 students, 20% of the student population is special education; 15%, English Language Learners; and 35% free and reduced lunch. There are 55 certificated and classified staff members. She thanked her PTSA for their strong partnership and continued support.

HOST SCHOOL

Staff met in August to craft their mission, vision, and value statement. Their mission is to collaborate with the community to empower students to reach rigorous, yet attainable, academic and social goals. They are committed to fostering student achievement through: Growth: Developing intellectual abilities and social skills; Respect: Treating others as you would like to be treated; Integrity: Striving to make the right choices; and Perseverance: Working hard and trying your best.

She reviewed the 2012-13 MSP results. Staff work to “unpack” the data and look at the baseline data. Every grade level creates goals in each content area, develop instructional strategies, and results indicators. They focus on the actions of the adults that will change student learning.

She highlighted the various enrichment and community support programs. A backpack program, which has been offered for the last six years, is currently providing food for the weekend for 18 families with 45 children. This program is funded by donations.

RECOGNITION

Leslie Adams, President, Assistance League of the Eastside, conveyed that they are a national philanthropic organization founded in 1892 with chapters in 26 states. The Eastside chapter stated as an auxiliary in 1989 and became the 98th chapter in 1997. The programs they provide are: Operation School Bell, Assault Survivor Kits, Assistant League Outreach, Starting Over Support, and Help4Homeless. Over 141 members donated 18,200 hours of service to the programs.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF
THE EASTSIDE

Carolyn Vache provided information on Operations School Bell. Last year, approximately 3,000 students in the Northshore, Bellevue, and Lake Washington school districts received clothing through Operation School Bell. This fall, 2,500 students went shopping at Fred Meyer, their partner, who welcomes them into their store to allow students to pick out their clothing they want. Of those, 1,518 students were from Lake Washington School District; 983 from elementary and 535 from middle school. Counselors help to identify the students.

Jackie Pendergrass read a proclamation proclaiming the week of March 10-15, 2014 as classified school employee appreciation week. She conveyed that each and every day these staff members assist in the smooth operations of our schools.

PROCLAMATION -
CLASSIFIED SCHOOL
EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION
WEEK, MARCH 10-14, 2014

A five minute break was taken. The meeting was recessed at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

BREAK

Several people spoke regarding the district's bond measure which did not pass in the February election. They shared their concerns with the board. Rick Whitney felt that the amount of the bond was too excessive and the increasing tax burden is unacceptable. Mike Nykeim, Chairman of the 1-2, not 3 Committee, conveyed that business owners worked against the bond because they were concerned about the actual school construction costs and the direction of replacing schools rather than remodeling them. He suggested convening a group together to develop a better, more affordable plan. Dave Griffin supported the first two ballot measures. He stated that buildings should not be the priority; schools should not just be torn down; we need to get full value out of those structures.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Steven Swedenburg referred to joint legislative audit. He believes that the evidence shows that building cost increases due to energy savings and environmental improvements are adding building cost to the building and the returns are not being justified.

Jeanne Large related that the City of Kirkland is offering a program to recycle Styrofoam. She thought that the district needed to educate the public on school funding/bonds.

Barbara Martin related that the PTSA Council is still trying to advocate for a simple majority for bond measures. She pointed out that the state is not fulfilling its obligation and local levies are being used to support basic education. She conveyed that Jane Dulski has been selected to serve as the Region 2 Director.

Jane Wither suggested not placing a bond issue on the April ballot, but to regroup and reframe the message and communicate to address a broader community for the November ballot.

Larry Happ indicated that it is important to get everyone out to vote. It is important to communicate and for everyone to share their ideas.

Nancy Bernard moved to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Chris Carlson

CONSENT AGENDA

Jackie Pendergrass, yes; Nancy Bernard, yes; Chris Carlson, yes; Siri Bliesner, yes; and Mark Stuart, yes.

Motion carried.

The following February 2014 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF
VOUCHERS

General Fund

344639-344873 \$4,966,158.28

Payroll

2258-2265 \$3,239.94

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit \$ 697,864.43

Acquisition Card 1,455,260.18

Deferred Comp 71,245.00

Department of Revenue 71,195.80

Dept. of Retirement Systems 1,381,853.38

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Dept. of Retirement Systems	671,786.53
Flex Spending	48,691.66
Payroll Direct Deposit	8,398,733.35
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	3,074,284.35
School Employees Credit Union	143,893.99
Sodexo	62,192.25
TSA Envoy	257,010.13
VEBA	37,903.05
Vision/Northwest Benefit Network	55,745.86
Key Bank Processing Fees	\$ 876.14
	\$16,428,536.10

Capital Projects

34650-34730 \$1,680,244.43

ASB

56636-56771 \$90,979.49

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

1747-1773 \$4,833.79

Approves minutes of the February 10 and 24, 2013 work sessions and February 10 board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approves March 3, 2014 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Approves the modifications to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Collective Bargaining agreement, 2012-16, as presented.

SERVICE EMPLOYEE'S INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, 2012-2016

MONITOR BOARD POLICY

Approves the monitoring report for EL-2, Emergency CEO Succession, as presented.

EL-2, EMERGENCY CEO SUCCESSION

Approves the monitoring report for EL-4, Annual Report and District Calendar, as presented.

EL-4, ANNUAL REPORT AND DISTRICT CALENDAR

Approves the monitoring report for EL-4, Annual Report and District Calendar, as presented.

EL-13, FACILITIES

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Approves Change Order No 19 to Absher Construction Company for work at the Rose Hill Middle School replacement project in the amount of \$231,682, increasing the contract amount to \$43,728,579.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 19
ROSE HILL MIDDLE
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT
PROJECT

Approves Change Order No. 18 to Cornerstone General Contractors, Inc. for work at the Alexander Bell Elementary School replacement project in the amount of \$122,046, increasing the contract amount to \$20,380,902.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 18
ALEXANDER GRAHAM
BELL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT
PROJECT

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

INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS ADOPTION

Title: Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
Author: Grace Lin
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers; Reprint Edition (April 2011)
Copyright: 2009
No. of Copies: 52
Price: \$7.99 per book
School Requesting: Samantha Smith
Classification: Grades 2/3 Quest

Title: The Road
Author: Cormac McCarthy
Publisher: Vintage International
Copyright: 2006
No. of Copies: 33
Price: \$9.43 per book
School Requesting: Juanita High School/Cambridge Program
Classification: Grades 11-12

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Lakeview Elementary in the amount of \$3,114.50 to provide stipends for Reaching for Success program.

Acceptance from Louisa May Alcott Elementary PTSA to Alcott Elementary in the amount of \$24,329.29 to purchase electric pencil sharpeners (\$1,547.63), curtain for gymnasium (\$7,076.00), additions to portable stage in gymnasium (\$7,353.00), and rock wall, including installation (\$8,352.66).

Acceptance from Rachel Carson PTSA to Carson Elementary in the amount of \$7,070.00 to provide stipends for choir/music (\$1,045.00), 5th grade outdoor education (\$2,090.00), and cup stacking program (\$1,045.00); and support science curriculum (\$2,890.00).

Acceptance from Albert Einstein PTSA to Einstein Elementary in the amount of \$4,026.00 to provide stipends for after school activities.

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Acceptance from Ben Franklin PTSA to Franklin Elementary in the amount of \$11,115.65 to purchase instructional materials: Second Step (\$338.36), IXL Learning (\$2,580.00), Dreambox Learning (\$4,314.00), Wonders reading program (\$670.32), recess equipment (\$740.85), Isokinetic balls (\$222.12), and support staff development (\$2,250.00).

Acceptance from Wilder Elementary PTSA to Wilder Elementary in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase electronic reader board.

Acceptance from Evergreen Middle School PTSA to Evergreen Middle School in the amount of \$2,150.00 to support emergency preparedness committee.

Acceptance from Rose Hill Middle School PTSA to Rose Hill Middle School in the amount of \$2,088.60 to provide stipend for Lego club.

Acceptance from Juanita High School PTSA to Juanita High School in the amount of \$4,975.99 to purchase portable PA system (\$875.99), and support the following departments: counseling (\$300.00), English (\$600.00), PE/Health (\$300.00), science (\$800.00), social studies (\$300.00), special education (\$400.00), and world languages (\$300.00), and anti-bullying training for staff and students (\$1,100.00).

Acceptance from Redmond High School PTSA to Redmond High School in the amount of \$15,739.03 to purchase laser cutter (\$4,368.55), HASPI lab kits (\$1,500.00), 3D printer (\$2,489.36), two-way radios (\$832.00), video cameras for library (\$316.12), chemistry hotplates (\$4,144.00), raised bed planters for Transition room gardening project (\$519.00); and textbooks for English (\$320.00), and to support "Street Law Program" (\$1,250.00).

TOTAL \$79,609.06

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Traci Pierce started with the superintendent report which contained two embedded presentations related to bond information. She referenced an e-mail sent to district staff and an e-newsletter through Connections sent to parents right after the results of the recent election. She shared that she was surprised the reporters picked it up ran it as a Guest editorial. The purpose of the communication was to share information that the levies passed at 65% approval and she wanted to thank staff and parents for their support. The bond received 57.78% approval, just shy of the 60% needed to pass. Both WSSDA and the board's legislative platform supports bond passage with a simple majority (50%). She noted in her communication with staff and parents that the board would begin working on the next steps. This communication was not meant to be an in-depth piece regarding the results of the bond.

Dr. Pierce reviewed the original process used to gather information from parents and the community to inform the Bond and Levy Advisory Committee. The next steps were to analyze why the bond didn't pass.

Janene Fogard, Deputy Superintendent, provided data and information to inform next steps with the bond not passing in the February 2014 election. She provided a comparison of passage rates and outcome influencers (data on the bond measure being on the back of ballot, opposition, and public perceptions).

Kathryn Reith, Director of Communications, reviewed the results of a statistically valid telephone survey of 400 residents. 74% gave the district a A/B grade for overall performance. The survey provided information on economic impact, perceptions of overcrowding, concerns about the bond measure along with a summary of key findings. She noted that the bond measure nearly passed despite some of the concerns identified.

Dr. Pierce reported that a work session was held on February 24 to discuss possible options and timelines. She pointed out that the district's needs have not changed. The district is faced with growing enrollment, the need for additional classrooms, and to modernize aging schools. The two main options discussed were to re-run the same measure again or to modify the timeline and strategy to accomplish these needs. The board asked for additional information to provide further analysis on the 2nd option.

Janene Fogard reviewed what the February 2014 bond measure would have provided (new schools for growth along with the replacement of aging schools). She reviewed the options discussed: Option 1: Re-run the same measure in April or Option 2: Modify the measure in April. Option 2 would focus on immediate needs (\$404 million) and defer longer term needs to 2018 (estimated total to be determined). She shared enrollment data, projections, and capacity for each of the learning communities. If the State provides funding for all day kindergarten or lower class sizes, additional classroom space would be needed.

SETTING OF BONDS
GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS
RESOLUTION
NO. 2177 OR 2178

Janene Fogard stated that Option 2 would include three new elementary schools, one middle school, an addition at Lake Washington High School, a new STEM-focused school on the Juanita High School campus, and modernization of Juanita High School. A 2018 bond measure would be planned to accommodate growth and to modernize aging schools: Kamiakin and Evergreen middle schools; Kirk, Rockwell, and Mead elementary schools; additions to Eastlake High School; and an international-focused high school on the east side of the district.

Dr. Pierce explained that there were some concerns regarding the addition at Lake Washington High School. Janene Fogard explained facility planning began prior to grade reconfiguration. Movement to four-year high schools reduced the need for additional elementary schools. The facility was designed with expansion in the future.

Dr. Pierce discussed the demand from parents for Choice Schools. In looking at enrollment data for secondary schools, 2,408 applications were received for 438 spots. Opening a STEM school on the west side of the district would expand access to students. STEM programs are being incorporated into all comprehensive high schools. The new STEM school can be situated on property currently owned by the district

Janene Fogard continued and noted that Juanita High School (JHS) was built in 1971. It is proposed to locate a STEM school on the JHS campus. She reviewed the results of the building analysis: current building has 26,000 fewer square foot, remodeling to the current educational specifications would be difficult, remodeling would require numerous moves resulting in greater costs and extended timeline; and restrict site improvements. Dr. Pierce noted that concerns have been expressed regarding modernization in lieu of new school.

Jackie Pendergrass shared some of the concerns regarding Juanita High School, both as parent and community member. Schools were not built to last 40-60 years at that time. Wear and tear on a public facility cannot be compared to a house. Health, safety, and educational standards are different. You reach a point where you can't fix it any more.

Nancy Bernard noted that the facility was built as an open concept which did not work. The heating and ventilation does not accommodate that redesign. Buildings were built less expensive; the State had a 20/30 years building program. The State uses as funding formula which does not reflect construction costs and districts must rely on passage of bonds from their communities. All schools must be built up to current building codes.

Dr. Pierce related that Option 2 would focus on immediate needs and defer longer -term needs to 2018.

Janene Fogard described the modernization program which began in 1998 to evaluate each school building every 30 to 40 years. It divided the district's schools into four 8-year phases. She reviewed the original modernization schedule.

She compared the costs of Option 1 and Option 2 and estimated tax rate per average assessed value.

Dr. Pierce reviewed the potential implications of not running another bond measure and what happens if the April measure fails.

Traci Pierce indicated that the board expressed a desire to have further discussion on the potential of re-running a measure at an upcoming election. The next available ballot is April 22, which has a March 7 deadline for notifying King County. Other options for re-running the measure this year would be in August or November.

The board discussed the pros and cons of each option and asked questions regarding enrollment, capacity, variances, cost of delaying the bond measure, new in lieu vs. modernization, interest rates, open and closed schools, portables, timing and submittal of the bond measure, etc.

Traci Pierce stressed that the district's need had not changed. The district can accomplish the same projects in the same timeline but can ask for the funding in two separate measures.

Chris Carlson noted that either way the district will be doing a districtwide reboundarying process in the future.

Jackie Pendergrass noted that many of our buildings are used by

the community which may need to be limited if this measure doesn't pass.

Nancy Bernard noted that there are legislative bills that would impact class space, e.g., providing all-day kindergarten for all students, reducing class size, change of delivery of instructional programs, etc.

Siri Bliesner commented that it was important to share information on the use of portables.

Nancy Bernard moved to approve a bond issue to be submitted this year. Seconded by Chris Carlson.

Motion carried.

The date for submittal of the bond was discussed: April, August, or November. The pros and cons were discussed. If the bond was submitted at a later date, a new resolution would be drafted.

Nancy Bernard moved to approve Resolution No. 2178, General Obligation Bond for the April 22, 2014 Election. Seconded by Chris Carlson.

In response to board members' questions, Janene Fogard noted that the proposal would reduce the district's reliance on portables at elementary by 56%, at middle school by 73%, and 100% at the high schools.

Mark Stuart expressed a desire to be able to provide a clear, short message on overcrowding that informs the electorate. He was concerned with the short timeline if it was submitted in April. Jackie Pendergrass and Nancy Bernard expressed concern with waiting. Traci Pierce ensured that a clear message, regardless of the timeline, would be done by the district.

Motion carried.

Jackie Pendergrass related that the district's information would be included in the King County Voters' Pamphlet. A notice will be posted on the web site soliciting people to write the con statement.

Traci Piece indicated that the next step will be to develop a plan and a communication timeline.

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A ten-minute break was taken. The meeting was recessed at 10:40 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

BREAK

Siri Bliesner noted that the House and Senate were still dealing with the funding of McCleary, trying to close tax loopholes, and negotiating a budget.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The State Board of Education will be meeting at the Puget Sound ESD on March 12, 5:15 p.m.; public comment can be provided.

Jackie Pendergrass convened that the PTSA Founder's Day luncheon was wonderful.

BOARD COMMENT

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Carlson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Nancy Bernard, Vice President

Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary