

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
April 21, 2014

The board meeting was called to order by President Jackie Pendergrass at 7:15 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 by Mark Stuart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Melissa Pointer, Principal, Einstein Elementary, related the school opened in 1997-98 and housed Redmond Elementary while their school was being modernized; Einstein opened in 1998-1999. They currently have 480 students with over 31 languages spoken. They have 49% of their students on free and reduced lunch, 30% English Language Learners, and 15% special education. They have 43 certificated teachers, 70% have master's degrees or higher, and 17 classified staff members. They offer many parent and student enrichment programs such as: Latino Parent Empowerment which is supported by grants through the Lake Washington Schools Foundation, Hopelink Parenting classes, and community strategic planning meetings, Lunch Buddies, tutoring at Avon Villa, pantry packs (25 families), and Operation School Bell (150 families).

HOST SCHOOL

Melissa Pointer continued and highlighted their academic achievement. They made gains in 8 of the 10 MSP assessments; 5<sup>th</sup> grade science MSP improved by 16%, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade math MSP increased by 9%, and 23% of the English Language Learners (ELL) exited the ELL program. They are excited about the Kindergarten Intensive Safety Net (KISN) program wherein at the beginning of the year 75% of the kindergarten students were well below benchmark and by mid-year, through great instruction and extended school day, 91% of the students were at benchmark. They have been able to achieve those results in a variety of forms: by extending the school day and school year by offering before-school safety net reading, before-school ELL in grades 3-5 and after-school safety net math in grades 4 and 5. Some students attend both before- and after-school programs. ELL kindergarten students come to school two weeks before the

start of school to get prepared for the school year. Einstein was the first school to provide Title 1 summer school and they continue to do so. They also offer push-in and pull-out safety net programs in reading, math, ELL, and SPED.

She pointed out that as a result of being an Emerging School, they submit a plan to the State. The Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) goals are derived from data team meetings. The Student Growth Goals are monitored by the data team which analyzes the data to see how students are performing and determine instructional strategies and outcomes.

Melissa Pointer shared academic enrichment opportunities offered at Einstein. The Green Teams offer recycling, composting, and habitat opportunities. The certified wildlife habitat provides an outdoor learning and teaching environment. The Principal Award Program is an opportunity for students to learn more about district's interdisciplinary skills and attributes. Each month, an attribute or skill is chosen and taught by all teachers which is shared with parents. Then students are nominated when they demonstrate that attribute or skill and one student from each classroom gets to celebrate with her. Additionally, they have a partnership with King County Library to provide students with dinner and a story while parents receive parent education. At Einstein, they provide many family events such as math, science, bingo, and extra-curricular activities such as coding, engineering, robotics, spelling, chess, running, cribbage, and Spanish.

Dr. Pierce thanked Melissa and her staff for creating a fun and educational environment for Einstein students. She noted that Melissa will be leaving the district and conveyed that she hoped that whoever follows in her footsteps will do so with as much care and passion.

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Chris Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded  
by Mark Stuart.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

The following March 2014 vouchers were approved:

VOUCHERS

General Fund

344874-345178 \$5,584,030.11

Payroll

2255-2272 \$1,401.74

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit \$ 608,183.14

Acquisition Card 1,318,491.10

Deferred Comp 71,225.00

Department of Revenue 6,227.97

Dept. of Retirement Systems 1,376,658.38

Dept. of Retirement Systems 670,151.76

Flex Spending 48,733.33

Payroll Direct Deposit 8,318,391.57

Payroll Tax Withdrawal 3,056,482.55

School Employees Credit Union 141,743.99

Sodexo 62,192.25

TSA Envoy 261,410.13

VEBA 0.00

Vision/Northwest Benefit Network 52,170.22

Key Bank Processing Fees \$ 1,068.91

\$15,993,130.30

Capital Projects

34731-34809 \$1,084,170.54

ASB

56772-57018 \$148,906.72

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

1775-1817 \$6,272.78

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Approval of March 17 and Mar. 21-23 work sessions and  
March 17 regular board meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of April 21, 2014 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN  
RESOURCES REPORT

Approves the submittal of a letter to the Office of the  
Superintendent of Public Instructions detailing the decision to  
close Evergreen Middle School, Dickinson Elementary, and  
Explorer Elementary due to the unforeseen loss of electrical  
power and to request OSPI to excuse the closure per  
WAC 329-129-150.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL  
CLOSURE -  
FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Approves the 2014-15 School Meal Program Prices as presented.

SCHOOL MEAL  
PROGRAM PRICES,  
2014-15

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

INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS ADOPTION

**Title:** Stellarium  
**Author:** Multiple Authors  
**Publisher:** Free Software Foundation  
**Copyright:** 2002  
**No. of Copies:** 65  
**Price:** \$0  
**School Requesting:** Lake Washington High School  
**Classification:** Grades 10-12

**Title:** The Practice of Statistics for AP, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition with e-book  
**Author:** Dan Yates, David S. Moore, Daren S. Starnes  
**Publisher:** Bedford, Freeman & Worth  
**Copyright:** 2012  
**No. of Copies:** 230  
**Price:** \$120.00 per book  
**School Requesting:** District Advanced Placement  
**Classification:** Grades 11-12

**Title:** The Poisonwood Bible  
**Author:** Barbara Kingsolver  
**Publisher:** Harper Collins  
**Copyright:** 1998  
**No. of Copies:** 60  
**Price:** \$12.13 per book  
**School Requesting:** Juanita High School for Cambridge Program  
**Classification:** Grade 12

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**Title:** Half of a Yellow Sun  
**Author:** Chimanda Ngozi Adichi  
**Publisher:** Anchor  
**Copyright:** 2006  
**No. of Copies:** 30  
**Price:** \$9.01 per book  
**School Requesting:** Juanita High School for Cambridge Program  
**Classification:** Grade 12

**Title:** The Dispossessed  
**Author:** Ursula Le Guin  
**Publisher:** Harper Collins  
**Copyright:** 1974  
**No. of Copies:** 32  
**Price:** \$15.99 per book  
**School Requesting:** Eastlake High School  
**Classification:** Grade 12

Adopts Resolution No. 2181 declaring the equipment and materials listed on the attached page as surplus to the needs of the district and authorizing the superintendent to proceed with the distribution, transfer, sale, or disposal of the items listed.

Adopts Resolution No. 2182 authorizing the designated district employees to sign all necessary documents relating to the state assistance program for the construction of school facilities.

Approves Change Order No. 23 to Babbit Neuman Construction Company for work at the Finn Hill Junior High School replacement project in the amount of \$41,062 increasing the contract amount to \$30,951,754.18

Approves the monitoring report for EL-3, Communication and Counsel to the Board, as presented.

SURPLUS OF  
EQUIPMENT AND  
MATERIALS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2181

AUTHORIZED  
SIGNATURES FOR  
SCHOOL  
CONSTRUCTION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2182

CHANGE ORDER NO. 23  
FINN HILL JUNIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT

APPROVAL OF  
MONITORING REPORT  
EL-3, COMMUNICATION  
AND COUNSEL TO THE  
BOARD

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Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Eastside Native American Education Committee to Lake Washington School District \$4,815.59 To support native education training.

Acceptance from Mariani Living Trust to Lake Washington High School \$5,000.00 to support drama.

Acceptance from Lake Washington PTSA Council to Lake Washington School District \$1,294.84 to purchase grids for reflections display.

Acceptance from Louisa May Alcott PTSA to Alcott Elementary in the amount of \$1,209.00 to purchase bench for playground.

Acceptance from Alexander Graham Bell PTSA to Bell Elementary in the amount of \$9,299.50 to purchase outdoor message center (\$2,882.00) and support field trips (\$6,417.50).

Acceptance from Benjamin Franklin PTSA to Franklin Elementary in the amount of \$7,290.49 to provide stipend for after-school unicycle class (\$1,062.00) and support school goals (\$6,228.49).

Acceptance from Horace Mann PTSA to Mann Elementary in the amount of \$1,596.00 to purchase Common Core Mentor texts.

Acceptance from Rosa Parks PTSA to Rosa Parks Elementary in the amount of \$6,150.00 to provide stipends for after-school drama club.

Acceptance from Samantha Smith PTSA to Smith Elementary in the amount of \$10,737.85 to purchase P.E. materials (\$3,062.80) and nonfiction books (\$945.71); provide stipend for choir (\$2,384.00); and support for music department (\$4,082.00) and general classroom supplies (\$263.34).

Acceptance from Laura Ingalls Wilder PTSA to Wilder Elementary in the amount of \$6,294.90 to support Math Olympiad (\$2,088.60) and Motor Skills (\$2,088.60); and purchase laminating machine (\$2,117.70).

Acceptance from Finn Hill Middle PTSA to Finn Hill Middle School in the amount of \$4,388.81 to support school goals (\$425.00) and the following departments: Art, Language Arts/Social Studies, Math, Music, P.E., and Special Education (\$2,893.81), purchase classroom microphones (\$550.00), and classroom/admin supplies (\$520.00).

Acceptance from Redmond Middle PTSA to Redmond Middle School in the amount of \$3,609.00 to purchase dry-erase boards (\$182.32), safety radios (\$679.68), and storage shed (\$2,747.00).

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Acceptance from Lake Washington High PTSA to Lake Washington High School in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase books for English department.

Acceptance from Redmond High PTSA to Redmond High School in the amount of \$7,686.60 to purchase biotechnology equipment for science and iPads and cases for the Transition Center.

**TOTAL \$74,372.58**

Heather Sinclair, Associate Superintendent, presented data and information on ER-2, Interdisciplinary Content Knowledge, and ER-3, Interdisciplinary Skills and Attributes, for the senior high level along with ER-1, Mission of Lake Washington School District. She responded to board members questions.

Dr. Pierce related that more Lake Washington School District schools than ever will receive the Washington Achievement Awards from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the State Board of Education (SBE) this year. OSPI has announced that 413 schools statewide, including 25 in LWSD, will be honored. The 25 LWSD schools will receive a total of 46 recognitions and will be recognized at a ceremony on April 24. Seventeen of the schools will be recognized for overall excellence; some of them will be honored in multiple categories. Four of these schools were recognized with overall excellence awards in both 2011 and 2012: Juanita, Mann, Rockwell, and Rosa Parks elementary schools. Wilder Elementary was recognized with this award in 2012. For the fourth year in a row, Juanita High School (Kirkland) will receive a Washington Achievement Award Special Recognition for its 5-Year Graduation Rate (also known as an extended graduation rate). She reviewed the other schools that will be recognized. Schools are selected for awards based on their statewide assessment data for the three previous years. This data is analyzed using the Achievement Index and methodology by both OSPI and the State Board of Education.

NON-CONSENT  
AGENDA

MONITOR BOARD  
POLICY

ER-2, INTERDISCIPLINARY  
CONTENT KNOWLEDGE, &  
ER-3, INTERDISCIPLINARY  
SKILLS - SENIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL  
ER-1, MISSION OF LAKE  
WASHINGTON SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

She highlighted that the Lake Washington School District has a strong history of providing excellence education to our students. Lake Washington School is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the State. Many people move to this area because of the quality of our schools. She urged everyone to vote in tomorrow's election.

Jackie Pendergrass pointed out that these schools deserve to be recognized because of all of the hard work that is being done by staff, parents, and students.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mark Stuart would like us to investigate how the special education programs can provide more inclusion for all students.

FUTURE AGENDA  
PROGRAMS

Jackie Pendergrass highlighted the activities and discussion of the extended work session recently held on March 21-23. The board will discuss changing "work sessions" to possibly "study sessions" or "planning sessions" to more accurately reflect the work of the board.

BOARD COMMENTS

The board convened into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chris Carlson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Jackie Pendergrass, President

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Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary