

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
September 9, 2013

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, Doug Eglington, 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.

Peg Hunt, President, Lake Washington Schools Foundation, noted that the Foundation was founded in 1995 to help engage the community (businesses, parents, educators, community members, business leaders, etc.) to support education. The "Reaching for Success" grants funded for this year were:

RECOGNITION

- \$72,715 to support the LINKS mentoring program
- \$72,500 for STEM Signature programs in high schools around the district
- \$34,000 for high school programs to increase graduation rates (a grant provided by AT&T)
- \$22,000 for the Access program, which helps low income high school students pay for school-related expenses such as lab fees or AP tests (a partial grant by AT&T)

Looking towards the future, she related that the plan is to support two new district programs - support for new teachers by providing instructional focused workshops and expansion of a two-year world language programs at all high schools. She noted that the Foundation has been building capacity. They hired a new executive director, Kristina Williams; elected four new trustees, have 14 trustees and they would like to increase it to 20; and have a full-time development and operations manager.

She thanked everyone who supported them and helped to make this a strong and vibrant community.

Jackie Pendergrass thanked Peg Hunt and the Foundation for their continued support of district programs.

Directors of School Support - Ken Lyon, Eastlake Learning Community; Jon Holmen, Redmond Learning Community; David Larson, Lake Washington Learning Community; and Dale Cote, Juanita Learning Community, talked about the opening of school and highlighted their new administrative staff, provided information on enrollment, and reviewed each of their learning community goals.

HOST SCHOOL

Several members of the Lake Washington Education Support Professionals (LWESP) addressed the board concerning current negotiations, the need for a living wage, and lack of salary increases over the past six years while at the same time health care costs and other expenses have increased.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Happ expressed concerns regarding public comments process used by the board.

Steve Pollis, Eastlake High School Parent, related that there are many volunteers wanting to provide donations of labor and services and encouraged that the current processes be reviewed and streamlined as they have experienced obstacles in giving money and resources.

Dave McNeer, McAuliffe Elementary, pointed out that the elementary fields are in poor conditions and many community members would like to provide better playing conditions for students by providing labor, equipment, and money. They are trying to help but have faced obstacles in making donations or improvements. He, too, requested that the current processes be reviewed.

Dr. Pierce conveyed that the district is in the process of bargaining with LWESP and she acknowledged the comments that were received.

She noted that board does its business in public and time is set aside for public comment at the first board meeting of the month. Sometimes the agenda is adjusted to be able to respond to public comments/issues earlier on the agenda through superintendent reports.

She encouraged Steve Pollis and Dave McNeer to speak with Forrest Miller, Director of Support Services, to discuss their concerns. She reviewed the policy and process to accept

donations/community projects. She noted that sometimes there are constraints because of risk management and liability issues that must be address and, therefore, a project must be denied.

Nancy Bernard noted that it is important to look at the long-term consequences of the projects and many other issues that must be examined – equity, labor laws, risk management, liability, etc.

Siri Bliesner appreciated them bringing their concerns forward. The community has many resources and works hard to support our schools and students. Developing those partnerships are important. We can look at the policies in place to support these partnerships to utilize these resources. Jackie Pendergrass conveyed that the district would look and identify the obstacles and ensure, at a minimum, that the reasons are being communicated.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

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The following August 2013 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF
 VOUCHERS

General Fund

342978-343189 \$3,592,769.48

Payroll

2192-2206 \$14,372.15

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit	\$ 690,425.36
Acquisition Card	733,860.07
Deferred Comp	67,896.00
Department of Revenue	16,689.31
Dept. of Retirement Systems	1,064,334.86
Dept. of Retirement Systems	642,473.88
Flex Spending	53,532.86
Payroll Direct Deposit	7,980,315.94
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	2,985,672.95
School Employees Credit Union	146,238.20
Sodexo	52,022.78
TSA Envoy	262,461.62
VEBA	374,403.64
Vision/(NBN)	74,835.43
Key Bank Processing Fees	<u>675.35</u>
	\$15,145,838.25

Capital Projects

33971-34111 \$9,246,475.37

ASB

55812-55857 \$97,789.57

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

\$0.00

Approval of August 5 regular board meeting and work session minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of September 9, 2013 Human Resources.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN
 RESOURCES REPORT

Approves submittal of the 2013-14 renewal application for the State Transitional Bilingual Plan as presented.

FEDERAL AND STATE
REMEDATION
PROGRAMS
ANNUAL RENEWAL,
2013-14

Approves Change Order No. 15 to Allied Construction Associates, Inc. for the John Muir Elementary School in the amount of (\$26,424), decreasing the contract amount to \$20,419,118.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 15
JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT
PROJECT

Adopts Resolution No. 2165 to accept the work of Allied Construction Associates for the John Muir Elementary School replacement project.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE
JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT
PROJECT
RESOLUTION NO. 2165

Approves Change Order No. 10 to Allied Construction Associates, Inc. for the International Community School / Community Elementary School replacement project in the amount of \$39,758.68, increasing the contract amount to \$18,880,634.87.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 11
INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY SCHOOL /
COMMUNITY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Approves Change Order No. 14 to Absher Construction Company for the new Secondary STEM School in the amount of \$134,033, increasing the contract amount to \$24,527,398.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 14
NEW SECONDARY STEM
SCHOOL PROJECT
SCHOOL PROJECT

Approves Change Order No. 11 to Cornerstone General Contractors, Inc. for the Alexander Bell Elementary School replacement project in the amount of \$63,840, increasing the contract amount to \$19,721,100.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 11
ALEXANDER GRAHAM
BELL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL REPLACEMENT
PROJECT

Approves Change Order No. 15 to Mortenson Construction for work at the Benjamin Rush Elementary School replacement project in the amount of \$106,943, increasing the contract amount to \$24,488,764.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 15
BENJAMIN RUSH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
REPLACEMENT PROJECT

APPROVAL OF
MONITORING REPORTS

Approves the monitoring report for EL-9, District Staff, as presented at the August 5, 2013 board meeting.

EL-9, DISTRICT STAFF

Approves the monitoring report for EL-10, Budgeting/Financial Planning, as presented at the August 5, 2013 board meeting.

EL-10, BUDGETING/
FINANCIAL PLANNING

Approves the monitoring report for EL-11, Financial Administration, as presented at the August 5, 2013 board meeting.

EL-11, FINANCIAL
ADMINISTRATION

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Rachel Carson PTSA to Carson Elementary in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support outdoor education.

Acceptance from Rosa Parks PTSA to Rosa Parks Elementary in the amount of \$3,550.00 to support staff development.

Jackie Pendergrass thanked the PTSA, Lake Washington Schools Foundation, booster clubs, businesses, and others for their continued support provided to our schools and students.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Pierce conveyed that this is a follow-up from the August 5 board meeting wherein the board requested that the administration draft a resolution to state the Board's intent to enter into future pool partnerships.

INTENT TO ENTER INTO
FUTURE POOL
PARTNERSHIPS
RESOLUTION NO. 2166

She noted that at the August 5 board meeting, the board approved Resolution No. 2164, placing a bond measure on the February 2014 ballot. The measure includes funding for the modernization of Juanita High School, but does not include funding for replacement of the pool currently sited on the Juanita High School campus known as the Juanita Aquatic Center. At that meeting, the board requested a resolution be prepared to state the board's intent to repurpose a portion of unspent funds from the Phase 2 modernization program to fund a portion of potential pool partnership projects which will enable use by high school swim and dive teams for practice and competition.

Resolution No. 2166 has been prepared in response to the board's request.

Doug Eglington moved that the board approve Resolution No. 2166 stating its intent to authorize a portion of the unspent Phase 2 modernization funds for potential pool partnerships that would benefit Lake Washington School District athletes. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

Doug Eglington noted, given the concerns that pool facilities be available throughout the community, the board should help to lead this discussion and offer some resources toward solving pool facility needs in a number of geographic areas.

Nancy Bernard reflected that many of the pools do not have adequate facilities to address multi-uses. Juanita pool has many deficiencies; it is very old. Upgrading this pool is not an option.

Jackie Pendergrass expressed some concern that the swimming community who came to the board has not communicated with the city of Kirkland about the need for a pool.

Traci Pierce noted that when the resolution is approved by the board, it can be the vehicle to continue this dialogue with other groups.

Motion carried.

Dr. Pierce reported that preliminary enrollment as of September 9 was 25,922 students. That is 842 more students than last year's September count. The is 234 more than budgeted and does not include students at WaNIC, Running Start, or Emerson K-12. The projections for increased enrollment are proving accurate; the district is growing. The bond measure proposed for the February ballot is designed to accommodate long-term growth for the next eight years. Staff is working on plans to address the growth between now and when the buildings would be built, if the bond passes, to adequately house students.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

The board discussed issues that affect the district's ability to accommodate student growth. Chris Carlson noted that the

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enrollment increase is sufficient to add an elementary school per year; this year, we added 1.5 elementary schools in growth. Nancy Bernard related that the district uses portables for flexibility. Jackie Pendergrass noted that it is difficult to find parcels of property large enough to accommodate the placement of a new school. Other options may need to be explored such as using a large office building. Siri Bliesner suggested looking at what districts across the nation are doing with smaller parcels of properties and the types of standards of service provided. Nancy Bernard conveyed that parents want smaller schools.

Traci Pierce reviewed the new administrators joining the district; there were about 150 new teachers hired.

Doug Eglington reported the WSSDA Legislative Assembly will be meeting on September 20 and 21 at Sea Tac Marriot to lay out the program for the next legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The board convened into executive session to discuss property issues at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Carlson.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary