

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 4, 2015

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 as presented.
Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Steve Roetcisoender, Principal, Wilder Elementary School, introduced the Wilder choir who performed. He related that Wilder Elementary opened in the fall of 1989. He highlighted their mission statement. Students are responsible for their own learning and behavior. He expressed his praise for the support provided by the Wilder PTSA through field trips, community events and activities, environmental programs such as salmon study program, enrichment activities such as math Olympiad, choir, guitar, karate, Spanish, yoga, etc. He highlighted the many before- and after-school offerings available to students such as Chess for Life, keyboarding, jump rope, play productions, etc. In addition, the student council works hard to give back to the community. For example, they participate in the pantry program by filling 40 backpacks every week, conduct food drives, hold fundraisers, support birthday parties for homeless shelters, etc.

HOST SCHOOL

Steve Roetcisoender continued and highlighted how teachers assess data and use this information to drive instructional strategies and improve student performance.

He noted that seven years ago, Wilder was comprised of 20% minority students and now they are at 40%. They are a very diverse school and learn about families all around the world. He showed a video of Wilder.

Kristin Adams gave accolades to the Transition Academy and the services it provides to students. It opened its doors in 2004 with 12 students and three staff members; today, it services 30 students with 10 staff members. The Academy prepares 18-21 year old students with developmental disabilities for life after school. They help to provide them with the skills and abilities to become independent young adults that work and play in the community. She shared her son's experiences while attending the Transition Academy. He graduated from Redmond High School and is a prep-chef in the Microsoft catering kitchens.

RECOGNITION

She related that an employment counselor works with each new graduate; last year, 100% of their graduates were working in paying jobs. The Academy has earned many awards from local and national organizations; this model is being replicated in other school districts. She thanked the district for their continued support and the dedicated staff who work tirelessly on behalf of these students.

A 5-minute break was taken. The meeting was recessed at 7:40 and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

BREAK

Several parents and Eastlake wrestlers addressed the board regarding the hiring of a wrestling coach for the upcoming school year. They expressed their support for the current wrestling coach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Harmon expressed her concern regarding coordination of programming of electives.

Corky Trewin addressed the board regarding the importance of hiring and retaining qualified teachers. He suggested that parents with expertise could help in the vetting process. Schools need to follow established protocols and asked that the district's hiring policies and procedures be reviewed.

Albernaz Marcelo related his concerns regarding overcrowding on school buses.

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Nancy Bernard moved to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

The following April 2015 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF
VOUCHERS

General Fund

348454-348696 \$6,205,076.55

Payroll

2372-2378 \$3,202.08

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit \$ 856,998.31

Acquisition Card 933,417.43

Deferred Comp 80,423.00

Department of Revenue 20,209.00

Dept. of Retirement Systems 1,448,587.14

Dept. of Retirement Systems 715,421.37

Flex Spending 47,499.72

Payroll Direct Deposit 8,932,240.26

Payroll Tax Withdrawal 3,233,194.54

Sodexo 65,060.75

TSA Envoy 269,814.24

VEBA 0.00

Vision/(NBN) 42,023.95

Key Bank Processing Fees \$ 3,401.02

\$6,208,278.63

Capital Projects

35439-35460 \$497,643.18

ASB

58531-58642 \$63,837.16

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

2087-2108 \$4,228.00

Approves minutes of the April 20 board meeting and study
session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approves May 4, 2015 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN
RESOURCES REPORT

Authorizes the superintendent to enter into Interdistrict Cooperation agreements with Bellevue and Northshore school districts for the Indian Education program for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

INTERDISTRICT
COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT FOR
AMERICAN INDIAN AND
ALASKA NATIVE K-12
STUDENTS, 2015-2016

Authorizes the superintendent to enter into an interlocal agreement with Lake Washington Institute of Technology for the purposes of providing services to students through the Lake Washington Technical Academy program through 2020.

INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATIVE
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
FOR VOCATIONAL-
TECHNICAL AND BASIC
EDUCATION,
LAKE WASHINGTON
TECHNICAL COLLEGE,
2015-2020

Approves the monitoring report for EL-12, Asset Protection, as presented.

APPROVAL OF
MONITORING REPORT
EL-12, ASSET
PROTECTION

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -
Acceptance from Juanita Schools Foundation to Juanita Elementary in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase netbooks.

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Robert Frost PTSA to Frost Elementary in the amount of \$2,795.92 to support field trips (\$1,250.00), and provide compensation for before-school sports program (\$1,545.92).

Acceptance from Juanita Elementary PTSA to Juanita Elementary in the amount of \$10,000.00 to purchase netbooks.

Acceptance from Finn Hill Middle School PTSA to Finn Hill Middle in the amount of \$2,200.00 to support field trips.

Acceptance from Inglewood Middle School PTSA to Inglewood Middle in the amount of \$1,200.00 to purchase novels for 6th grade.

Acceptance from Tesla STEM PTSA to Tesla STEM High School in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support Imagine Tomorrow competition.

TOTAL \$ 31,195.92

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

MONITOR BOARD POLICY

Traci Pierce presented EL-7, Academic Program, and highlighted those areas that were in partial compliance. She responded to board members questions.

EL-7, ACADEMIC
PROGRAM

Dr. Pierce related that she attended the Washington Achievement Awards. This year, 24 of our schools earned 41 recognitions in the categories of high progress, reading and math growth, English Language acquisition, and extended graduation rates. There were 12 schools who earned awards for overall excellence.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT -

Dr. Pierce noted that May has been designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week, National School Nutrition Employee, and National School Nurse day. There will be many activities recognizing these employees.

She continued and pointed out that one of our district's strategic goals is to recruit, hire, and retain highly effective personnel. The district's Human Resources Department attends many state recruitment fairs and works directly with universities and teacher preparation programs. At all of these recruiting events, a team of building principals, administrators, and specialists work to recruit, screen, and interview candidates; often, they will extend job offers on-site to outstanding candidates. At the Tacoma Career Fair, the team greeted over 300 candidates, conducted 15 interviews, and hired 5 teachers. At the district's Job Fair held on Saturday, March 28, a team of 47 building and district administrators and 4 specialists greeted over 150 teaching candidates, conducted 60 interviews, and hired 31 teachers.

Siri Bliesner provided an update on federal and state legislative activities. At the federal level, both the Senate and the House are considering bills reauthorizing ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act). At the state level, the Washington State Legislature did adjourn and a special session called in order to pass a budget. The main issue is the education budget which will satisfy the Supreme Court that that they will amply fund basic education in accordance with the state constitution.

BOARD COMMENT

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The House and the Senate will continue to negotiate the budget until an agreement has been reached. Compensation and levy reform are two of the biggest issues that are being discussed and negotiated.

Chris Carlson noted that the school districts are required to have a budget in place by August. It is difficult to hire staff without knowing what the budget looks like, especially with major shifts in the approach of how education is funded. Jackie Pendergrass agreed that this could be problematic especially if there is increased staffing for class size reductions. It will be hard to find enough qualified teachers.

Jackie Pendergrass conveyed that Barbara Martin had been elected to serve as the new Washington State PTSA President.

Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Carlson .

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary