

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
January 11, 2016

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

Members present: Nancy Bernard, Siri Bliesner, Chris Carlson, Mark Stuart, and Eric Laliberte.

Present: Superintendent Traci Pierce.

Chris Carlson moved to approve the agenda as presented.  
Seconded by Eric Laliberte.

Motion carried.

Dr. Chris Bede, Principal, Eastlake High School, reported that Eastlake High School was the 2015 Washington Achievement Award and was presented this award four out of the last five years in the category of Overall Excellence. Eastlake High School opened in 1993-94. Currently, there are 1,650 students enrolled. Staff is committed to continuous improvement. He reviewed how they are using the data from the healthy youth survey to improve students' connection and engagement. They use the nine characteristics of high performing schools to ensure that students are engaged and to identify what helps to make students successful in the classroom. They have "wolf chats" for teachers to connect with students and for students to be more comfortable in reaching out to teachers; they meet twice a month. Students need to understand the relevance of their education and learning. He described how staff and students are working hard to create a thriving environment for students so that they enjoy coming to school. They have also begun the process to review and revise their mission and vision statement.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

HOST SCHOOL

EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL  
CHRIS BEDE, PRINCIPAL

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Siri Bliesner moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by  
Chris Carlson.

CONSENT AGENDA

Nancy Bernard, yes; Siri Bliesner, yes; Chris Carlson, yes; Mark  
Stuart, yes; and Eric Laliberte, yes.

Motion carried.

The following December 2015 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF  
VOUCHERS

General Fund

351101-351330 \$4,700,659.48

Payroll

2442-2451 \$6,645.23

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit \$ 1,233,763.46

Acquisition Card 973,609.38

Deferred Comp 82,231.00

Department of Revenue 13,882.41

Dept. of Retirement Systems 1,953,482.74

Dept. of Retirement Systems 738,822.11

Flex Spending 56,774.44

Payroll Direct Deposit 9,708,876.36

Payroll Tax Withdrawal 3,481,274.71

Sodexo 66,362.00

TSA Envoy 255,809.76

VEBA 1,787.29

Vision/(NBN) 67,400.93

Key Bank Processing Fees \$ 1,967.73

\$18,636,044.32

Capital Projects

35785-35821 \$1,114,753.89

ASB

59484-59589 \$69,735.19

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

2280-2302 \$3,270.38

Approves minutes of the December 7 regular board meeting  
and December 7 study session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approves January 11, 2016 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 the schools listed above on the dates listed above due to the unforeseen reasons above and request OSPI to excuse the closure per WAC 329-129-150..

EMERGENCY SCHOOL  
CLOSURE  
OFFICE OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Approves the Trades Bargaining Council Collective Bargaining agreement, 2015-18.

TRADES BARGAINING COUNCIL  
COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
AGREEMENT, 2015-18

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Lake Washington School District in the amount of \$30,500.00 to support the LINKS Mentoring and Tutoring program (\$30,500.00).

Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Inglewood Middle in the amount of \$1,084.49 to purchase desktop computer.

Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Rose Hill Elementary in the amount of \$5,104.34 to purchase IXL (online math program) license (\$2,190.00) and Accelerator Reader and Star Reading (online reading programs) (\$2,914.34).

Acceptance from Emily Dickinson PTSA to Dickinson Elementary in the amount of \$15,106.26 to purchase 25 netbooks and cart.

Acceptance from Ben Franklin PTSA to Franklin Elementary in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase instructional materials.

Acceptance from Peter Kirk PTSA to Kirk Elementary in the amount of \$1,100.00 to support academic enrichment.

Acceptance from Christa McAuliffe PTSA to McAuliffe Elementary in the amount of \$4,878.84 to purchase teacher professional development materials (\$920.00), stereo headphones (\$758.84), long-range two-way walkie talkies (\$1,200.00), new and replacement die cuts (\$1,500.00); and support professional development (\$500.00).

Acceptance from Rosa Parks PTSA to Rosa Parks Elementary in the amount of \$1,500.00 to support academic enrichment.

Acceptance from H.D. Thoreau Elementary PTSA to Thoreau Elementary in the amount of \$1,299.00 to provide stipend for choir.

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Acceptance from Environmental & Adventure School PTO to EAS in the amount of \$17,150.00 to support adventure education, Wednesday electives, community stewardship, and standard core curriculum programs.

Acceptance from Evergreen Middle School PTSA to Evergreen Middle in the amount of \$2,345.00 to provide stipend for after school math club.

Acceptance from Inglewood Middle School PTSA to Inglewood Middle in the amount of \$3,127.92 to purchase bulletin boards for artwork display (\$1,627.92), concert literature, and professional repair and cleaning of shared music/band instruments (\$1,500.00).

Acceptance from Renaissance School PTSA to Renaissance Middle in the amount of \$1,060.00 to support academic enrichment.

Acceptance from Taylor and Joann Smith to Rose Hill Middle in the amount of \$2,200.00 to purchase digital media equipment.

Acceptance from Eastlake Wolfpack Association to Eastlake High School in the amount of \$2,696.00 to support Robotics club.

**TOTAL \$94,151.85**

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Pierce related that this was a follow-up to the report presented to the board at the December 7 board meeting. This is a funding plan to implement the recommendations of the Long-Term Facility Planning Task Force with respect to the district's two main facilities challenges: 1) lack of classroom capacity and 2) aging facilities. The Task Force's overall recommendation is to build new schools. She shared a proposed bond measure to reduce overcrowding and enhance student learning environments.

PROPOSED BOND  
MEASURE  
TO REDUCE  
OVERCROWDING AND  
ENHANCE STUDENT  
LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENTS

Dr. Pierce reviewed enrollment. For the last seven years, the district has experienced enrollment growth equal to seven additional elementary schools; we have grown by 625 for the past five years. By 2029-30, the district is projected to reach 32,000 students; we would be the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> largest school district in the state. The district has a lack of classrooms and facilities that are aging and no longer meet current building specifications.

Once the Task Force completed its work, a Bond Advisory Committee was convened to provide feedback and advice on a draft short- and long-term funding strategy and project timing plan aligned with the Long Term Facilities Planning Task Force Recommendations. She described their guiding criteria - to align the financing plan with the Task Force recommendations, develop short- and long term plans, and address highest priorities in the April 2016 bond measure while maintaining the 2015 tax rate. This plan is comprehensive, responsible, cost conscious and a fiscally disciplined plan which addresses the district's short- and long-term needs.

Dr. Pierce reviewed the proposed short- and long-term financial plan which will be submitted to the community in a bond measure on April 26, 2016 and then submit a four-year bond starting in 2018, 2022, and 2026 that matches the submittal of the district's EP&O Levy.

The April 2016 Bond would include the following projects:

- Remodel or replace and enlarge Juanita High School
- Remodel or replace and enlarge Kirk Elementary
- One new RLC middle school
- Remodel or replace and enlarge Mead
- New RLC elementary - Redmond Ridge
- New RLC elementary - Pope property
- Old Redmond Schoolhouse refurbishment for ELC/RLC preschool
- Modular replacement of Explorer
- Site specific capital projects/contingency

These projects are estimated to be \$429 million. This would not be the amount of the bond measure to be forwarded to the community because the district is anticipating State Assistance (estimated to be \$21 million) and school impact fees (\$10 million). The April 2016 estimated bond measure would be \$398 million. This would maintain the current 2015 tax rate over the short- and long-term. She reviewed the 2018 and 2022 and 2026 projects. Prior to any subsequent bond measure, a Bond Advisory Committee would be reconvened.

Dr. Pierce related that the process began in 2014 with Long-Term Facilities Task Force working for nearly a year. Additional community input is being solicited on this draft plan. The board is scheduled to take action on the bond measure at the January 25 board meeting. Once board action has been taken, an informational campaign will begin. She shared the survey results - to date, 1,203 responded. She reviewed the survey results. The survey will remain open until January 15.

In addition, Dr. Pierce reviewed a comparison of construction costs per square foot of neighboring school district projects. She noted that the projects will differ among the projects depending on site work, project requirements, etc.

She highlighted the design process used to brainstorm design options for Juanita High School including renovation and/or replacement of the site, conditions, siting, project phasing and temporary housing impacts. They developed six approaches and narrowed it down to three options. Dr. Pierce related that the best option was to build a new three-story building on the existing footprint and maintain the fieldhouse and pool "as-is." She described that this option would lower impact on adjacent neighbors; temporary housing would house students during construction. Additional information on temporary housing will be gathered.

Dr. Pierce related that the April 2016 bond measure would be \$398,000,000 and this would maintain the 2015 tax rate. The final recommendation will be presented to the board at the January 25 board meeting.

Jon Holmen, Associate Superintendent of Student and School Support Services, presented ER- 2, Interdisciplinary Content Knowledge, and ER-3, Interdisciplinary Skills and Attributes, for the high school level. He responded to board members questions.

ER-2, INTERDISCIPLINARY  
CONTENT KNOWLEDGE &  
ER-3, INTERDISCIPLINARY  
SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTE  
HIGH SCHOOL

Traci Pierce noted that state lawmakers returned to Olympia to begin a 60-day legislative session, which began today and ends March 10. Education will be a key issue for this legislative session, given the \$100,000-a-day sanctions imposed by the state

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

Supreme Court since August over lawmakers' lack of progress on fixing the way the state pays for public education. A bipartisan work group released a bill Friday that sets up a task force to gather data on how each school district spends its local levy dollars and what are each district's need in terms of new classrooms and schools. It vows that by the end of the 2017 session, lawmakers will act to relieve districts of their reliance on local levies to pay salaries.

Washington is facing a statewide teacher shortage, compounded by the fact that districts across the state will need to hire more teachers in order to implement all-day kindergarten and reduced class size at grades K-3. Prior to the start of the session Gov. Jay Inslee unveiled a plan to give teachers a raise, including increasing the state's portion of a teacher's starting pay by nearly \$5,000 next fall to help retention rates across the state.

Dr. Pierce continued and discussed the levy cliff issue. Lawmakers have yet to resolve the state's unconstitutional reliance on local property tax levies to pay for teacher and other school employee salaries. The court has said those basic education costs are a state responsibility and shouldn't be paid through local school district levies.

Local school districts are worried that if the legislature does not take action this session, they are not going to have finished their next session by the time school districts need to start developing budgets for the following year. So districts will be planning for cuts in case this issue is not resolved.

Dr. Pierce related that school board members have been meeting with our legislators and shared the board's legislative priorities and concerns.

Siri Bliesner indicated that she prepared a summary of the key points discussed with our legislators. Information was shared on what items are covered with levy monies. School districts should have local control over how these monies are spent.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Siri Bliesner asked for additional information contained in the Healthy Youth Survey and how that information is being used by the district and the schools.

BOARD FOLLOW-UP

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Chris Carlson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Nancy Bernard, President

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Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary