

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
September 21, 2016

The board meeting was called to order by President Jackie Pendergrass Bernard 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.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Minerva Butler, Lake Washington Schools Foundation, expressed her appreciation to the private foundations, businesses, district staff, and community members for the continued support the Foundation has received. The Lake Washington Schools Foundation has raised over \$2.0 million dollars since 2005 for district-wide programs that support academic excellence and success to ensure that all students in the Lake Washington School District are prepared for their futures – in school and in life. She announced the 2015-16 grant awards:

LAKE WASHINGTON
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

\$ 2,600	Get a Jump on Kindergarten
\$ 31,000	AVID, 6-8
\$ 20,000	Safe School Ambassadors, 9-12
\$ 18,000	New Teacher Support Program for 2 nd year Teachers
\$ 91,500	LINKS Mentoring and Tutoring Program
\$ 57,200	Reaching for Success grants
\$ 38,360	IXL Grants
\$ 19,096	Robotics Grants
\$ 15,000	InvestED
\$292,756	TOTAL

She highlighted that there will be two spring fundraising events this year; the annual luncheon to be held on April 20 and a breakfast, new this year, on April 27.

Jackie Pendergrass expressed her appreciation and thanked the Foundation for their continued support and conveyed how much she enjoyed watching their growth over the years.

Dawn McCutcheon, American Heart Association, shared the results of the partnership with the Lake Washington School District. She showed a video noting that children today have a life expectancy of five years less than their parents. The mission is to help educate students and the community on the benefits of building healthier lives. She highlighted the various programs which are used in schools such as Jump Rope for Heart, Play 60 Challenge, Color Run, etc. Many of the Lake Washington schools participate in these activities. She presented that Lake Washington School District an award for outstanding achievement their participation and the funds raised to support these community programs.

AMERICAN HEART
ASSOCIATION

Janene Fogard, Deputy Superintendent, noted that many educators work to support food literacy and to teach about good nutrition and to support students making healthier food choices.

FOOD LITERACY MONTH

She introduced Darrin Helfrecht, new Director of Food Services, who shared a brochure that was distributed at the beginning of the year on the national lunch program. The goals are to improve nutrition, increase access to school means, increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables, and reduce childhood obesity. He explained how they work with farms to purchase local products.

Sue Anne Sullivan, David Larson, Dale Cote, Matt Livingston, Directors of School Support, provided an opening school report. To support students and families affected by the recent boundary changes, schools held school tours and parents were invited to school activities prior to the transition to the new school. A jump start to kindergarten program was offered at Title I schools; 72 incoming kindergartens attend a two-week session in August. They highlighted the support that the directors provide to the building principals. They work closely with principals on the development of the Continuous Improvement Process (CIPs) and to guide Learning Enhancement and Academic Planning (LEAP) days held throughout the year to work collaboratively on common goals to enhance student learning. Each of them serve as a resource to parents, provide information on district policies and practices, and help to resolve concerns at the school level. They also work closely with schools to assist them to develop partnerships with the communities they serve.

OPENING SCHOOL
REPORT

Jackie Pendergrass related it was nice to meet the new administrators at a reception held earlier this evening.

Two students, Tzvetelina Dimitrova and Svetoslav Dimitrov, from Eastlake High School and ICS, indicated that they are serving as sustainability ambassadors and shared information on this program. They are working with schools and the cities to involve students to become passionate about sustainability and implement “green” school programs to help achieve maximum sustainability.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shama Farag, requested that the district consider changing the school calendar and have no school in consideration of Muslim religious festivals. A petition has been started and over 128 signatures have been obtained which share her concerns to honor the religious culture in the community.

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.

Approval of August 3 study session and board meeting and August 24 special board meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of September 21 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Approves submitting the 2015-16 renewal applications for the State Highly Capable Student Program, the Federal 5-Year Perkins Application Plan – District Package, the Federal 5-Year Perkins Application Plan – Skills Center Package, and State Transitional Bilingual Plan as presented.

FEDERAL AND STATE REMEDIATION PROGRAMS ANNUAL RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, 2015-16

Accepts the donations/grants as identified - Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Evergreen Middle in the amount of \$6,000.00 to purchase 2014 subscription for IXL math site license (\$3,000) and 2015 subscription for IXL math site license (\$3,000).

DONATIONS

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Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Inglewood Middle in the amount of \$3,867.24 to purchase 2015 subscription for IXL math site license (\$3,000) and monitors for TV production course (\$867.24).

Acceptance from Juanita Schools Foundation to Juanita Elementary in the amount of \$6,000.00 to support volunteer program.

Acceptance from Albert Einstein Elementary PTSA to Einstein Elementary in the amount of \$14,146.36 to provide stipends for choir (\$2,383.60), after school athletic program (\$6,265.80), and lunch buddy program (\$1,044.30); purchase art docent supplies (\$1,108.84); and support field trips (\$3,343.82).

Acceptance from Peter Kirk PTSA to Kirk Elementary in the amount of \$10,000.00 to purchase netbooks for students.

Acceptance from Inglewood Middle School PTSA to Inglewood Middle in the amount of \$9,077.20 to provide stipends for academic tutoring (\$4,177.20); support library (\$500); and purchase six outdoor garbage cans (\$3,000), picnic table (\$800), front door mat (\$200), and miscellaneous supplies (\$400).

Acceptance from Kirkland Middle School PTSA to Kirkland Middle in the amount of \$4,300.00 to provide stipends for after-school homework club (\$2,150.00) and lunch time student school work support (\$2,150).

Acceptance from Stella Schola PTO to Stella Middle in the amount of \$18,797.40 to provide stipends for Latin III and Latin IV (\$18,797.40)

Acceptance from Lake Washington Girls Soccer Booster Club to Lake Washington High School in the amount of \$4,248.00 to support field trips.

TOTAL- \$76,436.20

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Pierce related that in 2010, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA), and the State Board of Education (SBE) developed a policy regarding competency credits for world languages that allows students with proficiency in a language other than English to earn up to four world language credits. Over the past three years, students in LWSD have completed competency testing through the University of Washington Language Lab and neighboring

WORLD LANGUAGE
COMPETENCY TEST FEES

school districts. These students pay fees to these districts for the tests. In 2014-2015, these sites began to close their assessment sessions to out-of-district students due to their capacity constraints. As a result, many LWSD students who are registering to take a proficiency test are unable to find an open testing site. In an effort to provide LWSD an option to earn competency credit, we are planning to offer full scale world language assessment days during 2015-16.

Dr. Pierce indicated that the district would not charge a fee for the first world language competency test a student takes and would assess a fee of \$25-\$220 (depending on the language) for any subsequent test beginning in September 2015. She responded to board members' questions.

Chris Carlson moved that the board approve a fee of \$0 for the first world language competency test a student takes and a fee of \$25-\$220 (depending on the language) for any subsequent test beginning in September, 2015. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

Motion carried.

Dr. Pierce shared that this year the district is adopting a new theme or motto, "*Growing Together, Serving our Community.*" She highlighted how this new motto complements the district's mission, vision, values, and goals.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

She noted that the district is continually seeking ways to improve communications, engagement, participation and connection with parents and members of the community. A communication and engagement plan has been developed. She noted that the Special Services is beginning a program review of the special education. The district selected the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative to complete this review. An open forum will be held on October 20 for parents of students with disabilities.

Dr. Pierce conveyed that the Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force has developed a set of draft recommendations for the district's long-term approach to address growing enrollment and lack of classroom space within aging facilities. The Task Force is engaging in a series of efforts to gather feedback from the community on the draft recommendations through an

online open house and in community meetings held in each of the learning communities:

- September 16, Juanita Learning Community
- September 17, Lake Washington Learning Community
- September 28, Redmond Learning Community
- September 30, Eastlake Learning Community

In addition, on October 7 a Town Hall meeting will be held to provide an additional opportunity to provide input to the Task Force. The Task Force will then review the input to determine if revisions are needed and then share their final recommendations to the school board in November.

Siri Bliesner reported that she had attended the 2015 Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) legislative assembly. Over 40 legislative proposals were considered. She had the opportunity to hear from several legislators. She conveyed that the State is being fined \$100,000 a day for being in contempt with the Court's decision. There is discussion about a special legislative session to discuss key issues such as compensation and levy reform. She noted that at the federal level, the ESEA bill reauthorization has passed each chamber and is now in preconference.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The board will set up meetings with area legislators to discuss their legislative priorities and share their concerns. A draft of the board's legislative priorities will be submitted to the board for their consideration.

Siri Bliesner attended WSSDA Leadership workshop and heard from other school board members about the innovative schools established by OSPI two years ago; Tacoma and Highline school districts are participating.

BOARD MEMBER
COMMENTS

Siri Bliesner noted her term on the Eastside Human Services was completed. She agreed to serve another term.

The board asked Dr. Pierce to follow-up on the parent's concerns expressed earlier about curriculum and activities on religious holidays.

DEBRIEF

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Nancy Bernard moved to adjourn. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary