

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
November 9, 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. Seconded Chris Carlson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Jamie Warner, Principal, Smith Elementary, conveyed that Samantha Smith Elementary was named after a person who acted a peace ambassador; this theme is, Peacebuilders, is woven throughout their school. They have 41 certificated and 15 classified staff members. They have 614 students. She reviewed the demographics of the student population. She explained the Continuous Improvement Program Plan which sets the goals that staff will focus on throughout the year. The leadership team monitors the goals. This year, the focus will be on providing differential learning in all content areas.

HOST SCHOOL

SAMANTHA SMITH
ELEMENTARY

She continued and highlighted the partnerships with the parents and community that help to support enrichment of school activities. She thanked that Lake Washington Schools Foundation for the grants that they provide and their continuous support.

Gary Moed, Principal, Juanita High School; and Jane Todd, Principal, Redmond High School, recognized students who were named National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars.

RECOGNITION

NATIONAL MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS &
COMMENDED SCHOLARS

National Merit Commended Scholars:

Juanita High School

Diego Alvarez, Hayden Anderson, Maxine Beeman, Kyler Jobe, Elizabeth Mckinnie, James Popolow

JUANITA HIGH SCHOOL

Redmond High School

Madeline Bennett, Ryan Bruntz, Han Yuan Chen, Sriveena Chittamuri, Jacob Davis, Adarsh Karnati, Cooper Kent, Florian Krupowicz, Edith Lennon-Jones, Rachel Napolitan, Claire Perry, Ethan Raffman, Lucas Reif, Travis Rice, Jodene Takahashi, Sukeerth Vegaraju, Eugenia Yatsenko, Rahul Zhade, Richard Zhang, Michael Zhao

REDMOND HIGH SCHOOL

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National Merit Semi-Finalists

Redmond High School

Phillip Dietz, Gil Guday, Jaenic Lee, Jessie Liu, Steven Liu, William Maes, Eugene Moon, Aditya Murali, Priya Nakkiran, Anuraag Polisetty, Dagny Safon, Mayukha Vadari, Kyungyoon Yoo, Chaeyoung Yoon, Aaron Zhang

The meeting was recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

BREAK

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

October 2015 Vouchers

APPROVAL OF
VOUCHERS

General Fund

350412-350708 \$6,098,081.15

Payroll

2422-2430 \$5,551.68

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit \$ 635,952.19

Acquisition Card 1,551,078.81

Deferred Comp 80,171.00

Department of Revenue 5,085.00

Dept. of Retirement Systems 1,989,173.60

Dept. of Retirement Systems 725,831.41

Flex Spending 24,242.12

Payroll Direct Deposit 9,758,222.34

Payroll Tax Withdrawal 3,578,222.34

Sodexo 65,060.75

TSA Envoy 252,659.26

VEBA 91,079.16

Vision/(NBN) 76,854.44

Key Bank Processing Fees \$ 21,423.71

\$18,855,693.00

Capital Projects

35694-35741 \$4,049,593.42

ASB

59148-59260 \$56,866.85

Transportation Vehicle Fund

\$0.00

Private Purpose Trust Fund

2217-2243

\$3,815.16

Approval of October 26, 2015 board meeting and study session minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 9, 2015 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN
RESOURCES REPORT

Adopts Resolution No. 2203 declaring the materials and equipment 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.

SURPLUS OF EQUIPMENT
AND BOOKS
RESOLUTION NO. 2203

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -
Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Juanita Elementary in the amount of \$2,190.00 to provide stipends for Reaching for Success program.

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Lake Washington Schools Foundation to Mann Elementary in the amount of \$2,400.00 to purchase Renaissance Learning (accelerated math and reading) subscription.

Acceptance from Elizabeth Blackwell PTSA to Blackwell Elementary in the amount of \$4,376.00 to provide stipends for running club (\$2,186.00) and basketball club (\$2,190.00).

Acceptance from Horace Mann Elementary PTSA to Mann Elementary in the amount of \$5,152.82 to purchase IXL (online math program) license renewal (\$2,700.00) and Renaissance Learning (accelerated math and reading) subscription (\$2,452.82).

Acceptance from Margaret Mead Elementary PTSA to Mead Elementary in the amount of \$12,931.92 to purchase subscription renewals for Renaissance Learning (accelerated math and reading) (\$4,354.27), reading program (\$1,055.15), IXL (online math program) (\$1,500.00), and Dreambox Learning (math enrichment) (\$3,832.50); and provide stipend for safety enrichment (\$2,190.00).

Acceptance from Redmond Elementary PTSA to Redmond Elementary in the amount of \$5,000.00 to support field trips.

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Acceptance from Norman Rockwell PTSA to Rockwell Elementary in the amount of \$5,765.00 to provide stipends for choir, outdoor education, and student council.

Acceptance from Rose Hill Elementary PTSA to Rose Hill Elementary \$16,895.35 To support assemblies and field trips (\$5,400.00); provide stipends for choir, tutoring/mentoring, math club, and WATCH Dogs (\$5,432.00); purchase subscription for Scholastic News (\$790.85), supplies for library and classrooms (\$4,672.50), and reimbursement for office and copy machine supplies (\$600.00).

Acceptance from Ben Rush PTSA to Rush Elementary in the amount of \$4,040.00 to provide stipends for music.

Acceptance from Thoreau Elementary PTSA to Thoreau Elementary in the amount of \$7,929.00 to provide stipends for outdoor education and intramural sports (\$3,429.00) and support outdoor education and continuous improvement plan (\$4,500.00).

Acceptance from Environmental & Adventure School PTO to EAS in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support adventure education, Wednesday electives, community stewardship, and standard core curriculum programs.

Acceptance from Northstar Parent Fund to Northstar Middle in the amount of \$17,045.00 to provide stipends for after-school activities: meetings and dances, community building, yearbook, music, fundraising, and field trips (\$12,045.00); and purchase classroom supplies (\$5,000.00).

Acceptance from Stella Schola PTO to Stella Schola Middle in the amount of \$2,737.50 to provide stipend for extra-curricular enrichment.

Acceptance from Eastlake High School Volleyball Booster Club to Eastlake High School in the amount of \$1,469.86 to provide compensation for summer camp.

Acceptance from Eastlake Women's Basketball to Eastlake High School in the amount of 2,230.20 to provide compensation for summer camp.

Acceptance from Leocie K. Nelson to International Community School in the amount of \$1,392.70 to purchase memorial bench.

Acceptance from Redmond High School PTSA to Redmond High in the amount of \$7,857.81 to purchase microscopes (\$6,600.00), books (\$300.00), and cooking equipment (\$957.81).

Acceptance from Tesla STEM PTSA to Tesla STEM in the amount of \$29,936.00 to purchase equipment for environmental science (\$10,986.05), periodicals for language arts, casters for tables, tools for engineering, and inkjet printer and supplies (\$3,818.50); support fingerprinting internship, Science and Engineering Fair, 3D printing training, environmental engineering field work and supplies, CPR, Shakespeare in-school residency, Saturday Community Outreach, Student College Counseling (\$6,865.00), and Advanced Physics lab (\$8,266.45).

TOTAL \$139,349.16

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

LONG-TERM FACILITIES
PLANNING TASK FORCE
FINAL
RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Pierce related that Lake Washington School District is one of the fastest growing school district in the State of Washington. By 2029-30 enrollment is expected to grow to more than 32,000 students. Current classroom space will not accommodate this growing student enrollment, and some of the district schools are aging. In the midst of a facilities modernization program, the district's last three bond measures (February 2010, February 2014 and April 2014) were favored by a majority of voters but did not garner the needed 60 percent voter approval to pass.

As part of a district-wide community engagement strategy, the district sought a group of community member and staff to study, analyze and make recommendations concerning the district long-term facility needs. A Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force was created. The 63 member committee was selected from a total of 281 candidates that applied to serve.

The Long-Term Facility Planning Task Force has been working since December 2014. They have studied the district's two main facilities challenges: 1) lack of classroom capacity and 2) aging facilities.

The Task Force conducted a series of community engagement processes throughout the development of their draft recommendations. They completed an initial draft of their recommendations, which were presented to the School Board in August. They shared their recommendations via a fact sheet and an online open house, which included a survey to gather feedback. In addition, the district hosted learning community meetings to gather area-specific feedback. Task Force members conducted outreach by giving presentations at individual school curriculum nights and PTSA

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meetings. The Task Force hosted a Town Hall in early October to listen, learn and discuss the draft recommendations. In October, the Task Force worked to incorporate the communities' feedback into their recommendations and shared potential changes with the board during the October 26 study session. At that time, the board had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

The Task Force has completed their work and developed a final recommendations report. The Task Force's overall recommendation is to build new schools. In addition, the Task Force has developed specific recommendations for when we plan, when we build, if we can't build enough or fast enough, if we can't build at all, and for ongoing community engagement and coordination.

Janene Fogard, Deputy Superintendent, indicated that it was a privilege to work with such a dedicated committee who has been working hard over the last 11 months to ensure that quality facilities are available to our students. In addition, she also thanked the technical team who worked to produce the materials, gather facts, and present information to the Task Force. She also thanked Penny Mabie and her staff for the assistance they provided in facilitating the meetings.

On behalf of the Task Force, Peggy Sue Riley presented a summary of the final recommendations report. The members of the Task Force responded to questions by the board.

The board members expressed their appreciation to the members of the Task Force for the work that they have done; it was greatly appreciated.

The board received the Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force Recommendations Report. The board is scheduled to take action on the report at the November 23, 2015 board meeting.

Dr. Pierce related that the work of the Task Force has already begun to be implemented. The district has begun to work with a demographer and have incorporated their recommendations into the 2016 Legislative Priorities to update the State formula for School Construction Funding Assistance and to exempt school districts from state sales tax on capital construction costs.

Dr. Pierce continued and stated that the next step to build new schools will be to secure local funding through a bond measure. She indicated

that a bond advisory committee will be convened to advise the board on a bond measure anticipated in 2016. The district developed a short-term strategy to accommodate growth through 2017-18. We now need to move to the next phase of planning to address growing enrollment.

Jackie Pendergrass thanked Siri Bliesner and Mark Stuart for working with Dr. Pierce to make updates to the 2016 Legislative Platform. The board reviewed the legislative platform. This information will be shared with legislators and city representatives.

Chris Carlson moved to approve the 2016 Legislative Platform. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

Motion carried.

Dr. Pierce conveyed that the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS) is a statewide coalition of 430 community groups, school districts, and education associations fighting for full and ample funding of K-12 education. In 2012, NEWS won an historic victory when the Washington State Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the State of Washington is violating its constitutional "paramount duty" to amply fund the education of all K-12 students.

In a unanimous order issued August 13, 2015, the Washington Supreme Court issued contempt of court sanctions against the State for failing to comply with the Court's orders in the *McCleary* case. The sanctions state that "Effective immediately, the State of Washington is assessed a remedial penalty of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per day until it adopts a complete plan for complying with article IX, section 1 by the 2018 school year. The penalty shall be payable daily to be held in a segregated account for the benefit of basic education." The Court also urged the Legislature to meet in special session to develop the plan for amply funding K-12 education by the 2017-2018 school year. Gov. Jay Inslee quickly called a meeting of legislative leaders to plan for a special session. To date, no special session has been called.

2016 LAKE WASHINGTON
SCHOOL DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

WASHINGTON STATE
OFFICIALS
COMPLIANCE WITH
SUPREME COURT ORDER –
MC CLEARY DECISION
RESOLUTION NO. 2204

While education stakeholders are gratified that the Washington State Supreme Court continues to hold the Legislature's accountable for the *McCleary* ruling, NEWS is encouraging school boards, nonprofit organizations and grassroots community groups to consider adopting resolutions to add our voice to help compel the State to do what the Court has ordered. The resolution urges the State to take speedy and decisive action to give all our children the amply funded education they deserve.

Mark Stuart moved to adopt Resolution No. 2204 requesting our State Officials to promptly and fully comply with the Supreme Court's orders in the *McCleary* ruling. Seconded by Nancy Bernard.

Motion carried.

Dr. Pierce thanked Jackie Pendergrass for her 20 years of service. A reception will be planned to honor her for her service and leadership to the district. She has served in many roles on the board and worked with six different superintendents. She has been a strong advocate for public education and children. She is an active volunteer at Juanita Elementary and serves on numerous organizations such as the Juanita Foundation and Assistance League of the Eastside. Dr. Pierce conveyed that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve and work with Jackie over the last four years that she has been superintendent. In her role as a board president, she has served with integrity and care for the children and families of the district.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

Mark Stuart moved to adjourn. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Nancy Bernard, Vice President

Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary