

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
December 7, 2015

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Traci Pierce.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Superintendent Traci Pierce administered the oath of office to Siri Bliesner, Chris Carlson, and Eric Laliberte.

OATH OF OFFICE

Dr. Pierce noted that in the absence of a board president, the vice president would serve as president. Therefore, with Nancy Bernard assuming the role of the board president, it would be appropriate, at this time, for the board to elect a vice president. The board will reorganize at the January 25 board meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICER -  
VICE PRESIDENT

Nancy Bernard opened nominations for vice president.

Mark Stuart moved to nominate Chris Carlson. No other nominations were submitted. Nominations were closed.

Motion carried.

HOST SCHOOL

Jennifer Jarta, Redmond Elementary Principal, reviewed their mission which embodies home, community, and school which supports their students. Their vision is to see every student make academic gains and to know each student. She conveyed that data guides their work. She described how data teams focus on strategies and instructional approaches to improve instruction.

REDMOND ELEMENTARY

She related that they host a Kindergarten Intensive Safety Net (KISN) program which targets instruction in both literacy and math. They also have a safety net program to service all grade levels along with Quest classes. They partner with the University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership on curriculum development and teacher collaboration.

Taylor Davis, Associate Principal, described programs which help to support students. She also indicated that they are working hard to help decrease student absences. They are working with families and have seen significant improvements. They have lunch buddy program which has 31 adult volunteers. In addition, they offer homework support after-school.

They showed a video depicting students saying why they like attending Redmond Elementary School.

Catherine Fredenburg, Associate Principal, Eastlake High School, and Cindy Duenas, Tesla STEM High School, recognized students who were named National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars.

**National Merit Commended Scholars:**

Eastlake High School

Thiago Bandeira, Andra George, Julienna Graf, Amanda Hoke, Eloisa Melendez, Meg Olson, Claire Patzman, Nathan Pixler, Anya Watson

Tesla STEM High School

Sahil Agarwal, Samantha Brick, Eli George, Atul Madhugiri, Sabreen Mohammed, Sonia Murthy, Anand Nambakam, Yash Pahade, Ethan Perrin, Gracel Ren, Paul Siicu, Aidan Staunton, Elias Toussaint, Chinmay Upadhye, Matthew Von Allmen, Andrew Wang, Kieran Williams

**National Merit Semi-Finalists**

Eastlake High School

Nathaniel Turtel and John Jacobson

Tesla STEM High School

Luigi Coltorti, Kevin Nakahara, Jenna Oratz, Dinesh Parimi, Miranda Pehrson, Catalina Raggi, Udit Ranasaria, Meena Reddy, Jacob Rumpf, Sophia Tevosyan, Allison Tran, Benjamin Trowbridge, Albert Xu, Amy Zhang

The meeting was recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

RECOGNITION

NATIONAL MERIT  
SEMIFINALISTS &  
COMMENDED SCHOLARS

EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

TESLA STEM HIGH  
SCHOOL

BREAK

Debbie Ohman, Lake Washington High School Parent, expressed her concern with Chinese III and IV not being offered at Lake Washington High School due to smaller class sizes. The school has an obligation to continue to support these students through high school since they enrolled in Chinese I and II.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Corky Trewin implored voters to get out and vote when the next bond measure is put on the ballot to continue academic excellence. The Lake Washington School District is one of the fastest growing school districts in Washington State.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

The following November 2015 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF  
VOUCHERS

<u>General Fund</u>	
350709-351100	\$5,182,677.76
<u>Payroll</u>	
2431-2441	\$7,316.86
Accounts Payable Direct Deposit	\$ 2,148,254.80
Acquisition Card	1,352,534.39
Deferred Comp	80,581.00
Department of Revenue	19,360.28
Dept. of Retirement Systems	2,314,907.90
Dept. of Retirement Systems	861,075.88
Flex Spending	39,662.94
Payroll Direct Deposit	11,283,878.63
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	4,345,609.64
Sodexo	68,964.50
TSA Envoy	252,988.76
VEBA	9,489.98
Vision/(NBN)	48,919.60
Key Bank Processing Fees	<u>\$ 7,058.30</u>
	<u>\$22,833,286.60</u>

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Capital Projects

35742-35784 \$2,703,741.75

ASB

59261-59483 \$108,096.46

Transportation Vehicle Fund

54 \$102,260.04

Private Purpose Trust Fund

2244-2279 \$3,752.75

Approval of the minutes of the November 23 regular board meeting and November 23 study session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the December 7, 2015 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Emily Dickinson PTSA to Dickinson Elementary in the amount of \$2,153.50 to provide stipend for math club.

Acceptance from Helen Keller PTSA to Keller Elementary in the amount of \$17,020.00 to provide stipends for outdoor education (\$2,020.00) and homework club (\$3,000.00); support field trips (\$1,200.00) and staff development (\$1,000.00); purchase P.E. equipment (\$1,500.00), instruments and music books (\$1,500.00), books and materials for library and reading specialists (\$2,500.00), and supplies and materials for classrooms, counselors, special education, and OT/PT/SLP specialists (\$4,300.00).

Acceptance from Norman Rockwell PTSA to Rockwell Elementary in the amount of \$1,309.00 to provide stipends for choir, outdoor education, and student council.

Acceptance from Rosa Parks PTSA to Rosa Parks Elementary in the amount of \$6,804.00 to provide stipends for drama and choir.

Acceptance from Eastlake Wolfpack Association to Eastlake High in the amount of \$4,000.00 to provide athletic fee waivers for students in need (\$2,500.00) and support training for coaches and team captains (\$1,500.00).

Acceptance from Reach Church to Lake Washington High in the amount of \$1,250.00 to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED) for the theater.

**TOTAL \$32,536.50**

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Pierce related that the Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force has completed their recommendations with respect to the district's two main facilities challenges: 1) lack of classroom capacity, and 2) aging facilities. The Task Force developed a set of draft recommendations for the district to address these two main challenges. The Task Force's overall recommendation is to build new schools.

INITIAL REPORT: DRAFT  
SHORT- AND LONG-TERM  
FUNDING STRATEGY TO  
IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM  
FACILITIES PLANNING  
TASK FORCE  
RECOMMENDATIONS

The district has begun development of a specific plan and timeline for addressing each of the Task Force's recommendations. An overall recommendation of the Task Force was to build more schools. In order to accomplish this recommendation, the district is working to develop a short- and long-term funding strategy through 2029 - 2030 that aligns with the Task Force recommendations for projects to address lack of classroom capacity and aging facilities.

A Bond Advisory Committee has been 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. The Bond Advisory Committee includes parent and community representatives including members of the Task Force, business, and city staff representatives. The group has met three times.

Janene Fogard, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed enrollment information and tax data. Currently, the Lake Washington School District has 27,830 students and comprises 76 square miles, 52 schools, and three cities - Kirkland, Redmond, and Sammamish. This year, the district is up 1,114 students. This year follows seven years of enrollment increases, an average of one elementary school per year. By 2020-21, it is projected that the district will have over 30,000 students.

She reviewed the modernization projects for Phase I and II. She noted that the district changed school configuration from K-6, 7-9, and 10-12 to K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Also, in 2015, the district implemented new school boundaries and short-term strategies to address overcrowding.

She continued and related that the Long-Term Facilities Task Force long-term strategy is to build more schools. The district is working on a funding strategy to support that recommendation. She reviewed the district's overall tax rate and debt structure, assessed valuation, along with comparison from other school districts.

Dr. Pierce reported that this is the initial input and feedback on the draft plan. The next step would be to come back to the board in January. The short- and long-term plan would be to submit a bond measure in April 2016 and do subsequent four year bond cycles that matches the district's Educational Program and Operations (EP&O) levy schedule in 2018, 2022, and 2026. The guiding principles were to address the highest priority facility needs while maintaining the 2015 tax rate and to address longer term needs while maintaining a steady tax rate. This plan will address short- and long-term needs for all learning communities and address overcrowding and aging facilities while reducing reliance on portables. She reviewed the specific projects for the April 2016 Bond Measure: Juanita Learning Community - remodel or replace Juanita High School and Kirk Elementary; Redmond Learning Community - a new middle school and two new elementary schools; Eastlake Learning Community - remodel or replace Mead Elementary, refurbish the Old Redmond School House for preschool, and modular replacement of Explorer; and some site specific capital projects and contingencies. 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 2022 projects. Prior to any subsequent bond measure, a Bond Advisory Committee would be reconvened.

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A discussion ensued over the next steps and timing to submit a bond measure. It was decided to come back to the board with a proposal at the January 11 board meeting with the board scheduled to take action on bond resolution at the January 25 board meeting. This will allow additional time for public input.

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 middle school level. He responded to board members questions.

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

Dr. Pierce announced that Redmond Elementary School was just notified that they are the recipients of the 2015 Schools of Distinction Award and will be honored at a reception to be held at the Puget Sound Educational Service District on January 21. This award was based on continual increases in reading and writing.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

Siri Bliesner reported that, at the federal level, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) has finally passed the House and will be voted on tomorrow by the Senate. She encouraged members to contact their representative.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

It was requested to follow-up on the issue of the Chinese Language offered at Lake Washington High School.

BOARD FOLLOW-UP

Chris Carlson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Nancy Bernard, President

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Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary