

OFFICIAL MINUTES
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 6, 2014

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, Siri Bliesner, Chris Carlson, and Mark Stuart.

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Traci Pierce.

Nancy Bernard moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mark Stuart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Jennifer Hodges, Rose Hill Elementary Principal, presented Rose Hill's mission and vision statements. They have 365 students. Over 24 languages are spoken; 25% of the student population is Latino, 15% Asian, 25% English Language Learners, 17% special education; and 37% receive free and reduce lunch. Rose Hill serves as one of the district's five Title 1 schools. They have a strong partnership with the PTSA which sponsors many programs and events. She highlighted programs offered to support their parents; community programs offered such as pantry packs and Operation School Bell; school programs such as lunch buddies, Reading with Rover, and Big Buddies. They provide academic interventions such as extended school day/year, before- and after-school clubs, Kindergarten Intensive Safety Net (KISN), Jump Start ELL, Title 1 Summer School, and enrichment block for 1st through 5th grade where they can provide small group instruction, safety net, and additional support in reading and math. She explained how data teams use data in the development of their Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) and student growth goals in order to develop instructional strategies. She reviewed academic growth and progress on the Washington State Index of Performance.

HOST SCHOOL

Lastly, she described a new mentoring program developed by a Rose Hill Alumni student and current Lake Washington High School student. Funding was provided by the PTSA and a teacher was recruited to oversee 14 students from Lake Washington High School who will be mentoring 25 Rose Hill Elementary students beginning this fall.

Tim Hupperten, Associate Principal, Juanita High School, and Cindy Duenas, Principal, Tesla STEM School, recognized students who were named National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars.

National Merit Semi-Finalist

Juanita High School

Garek Chwojko-Frank and Emily Peterson.

Tesla STEM School

Andrew Chronister, Kanaad Deodhar, Maya Ganesan, Jeremy Harrison, Alexander Hoar, Lynsey Liu, and Catherine Yao.

National Merit Commended Scholars

Juanita High School

Marianne Bjorner, Andrew Burt, Julian Kehle, Katherine Kloba, Adrian Leary, Justin Ngo, Tess Pate, Chris Potter

Tesla STEM School

Mrigank Bhardwaj, John Daly, Justin Ho, Aaron Johnston, Hana Keller, Pavan Kumar, Madison Minsk, Yotam Ofek, Alka Pai, Clark Schaefer, Pavitra Siva, Conrad VonScheliha, Richard Wen, and Christopher Yu.

A 5-minute break was taken. The meeting was recessed at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Several parents addressed the board on Metro transportation from the Audubon area to Lake Washington High School. They were concerned with the length of the bus ride, transfers, and getting to school on time. They encouraged the district to provide district transportation for these students.

Kathy Skalak and Khris Schaffer expressed their concern with overcrowding on the Rose Hill Middle School bus and that the buses are arriving late to school.

Dr. Pierce acknowledged their concerns and related that the district is experiencing a driver shortage. She asked Janene Fogard, Deputy Superintendent, and Forrest Miller, Director of Support Services, to connect with the parents so that they can be contacted about the next steps in resolving these issues.

RECOGNITION

NATIONAL MERIT
SEMIFINALISTS &
COMMENDED SCHOLARS

Juanita High School and
Tesla STEM School

BREAK

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Buhlman works with a group working with the eastside cities to make it safer for people to walk and bicycle throughout the area. He would like a clear district policy on biking to school and encouraged families to walk and/or bike to school. Dr. Pierce related that she would gather information on biking to school.

Chris Subotnik and Lindsay Hanculak encouraged the district to verify residency of students attending district schools.

Mark Nelson requested that school board information be readily accessible, especially with the boundary process being discussed.

Another parent related that some of the questions asked on the boundary survey were vague.

Dr. Pierce related that changes have been made to the district's website to make the work of the school board more visible. She demonstrated how to access the school board information. There is also a link on the district's homepage where people can subscribe to receive boundary updates.

Jackie Pendergrass suggested that people are able to submit comments through the district website on the boundary process.

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.

The following September 2014 vouchers were approved:

APPROVAL OF
VOUCHERS

September 2014 Vouchers

General Fund

346471-346803 \$4,535,431.23

Payroll

2309-2323 \$13,159.66

Accounts Payable Direct Deposit 636,628.51

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Acquisition Card	1,258,483.04
Deferred Comp	66,427.00
Department of Revenue	27,052.85
Dept. of Retirement Systems	1,445,908.85
Dept. of Retirement Systems	646,404.17
Flex Spending	46,416.01
Payroll Direct Deposit	8,575,339.52
Payroll Tax Withdrawal	3,129,344.54
Sodexo	62,192.25
TSA Envoy	252,139.86
VEBA	47,472.08
Vision/(NBN)	79,571.45
Key Bank Processing Fees	<u>323.46</u>
	\$16,273,703.59
<u>Capital Projects</u>	
35143-35219	\$3,209,973.80
<u>ASB</u>	
57605-57739	\$80,733.19
<u>Transportation Vehicle Fund</u>	\$0.00
<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>	
1921-1937	\$2,471.50

Approval of September 22 regular board meeting and work session minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of October 6, 2014 Human Resources Report.

APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Approves the appointment of members to the Instructional Materials Committee for the 2014-2015 school year as presented.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMMITTEE, 2014-15 MEMBERSHIP

Adopts Resolution No. 2195 authorizing the District to convey a 13-foot right-of-way by Deed of Dedication to the City of Kirkland to benefit the International Community School/Community Elementary School.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DEED OF DEDICATION INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESOLUTION NO. 2195

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Horace Mann Elementary PTSA to Mann Elementary in the amount of \$3,700.00 to support field trips.

Acceptance from Renaissance School PTSA to Renaissance School in the amount of \$1,186.59 to purchase art and science supplies.

Acceptance from Environmental & Adventure School PTO to EAS in the amount of \$5,000.00 to support field trips, community stewardship activities, and electives program.

Acceptance from Evergreen Middle School PTSA to Evergreen Middle School in the amount of \$6,453.56 to purchase student agendas.

Acceptance from Kirkland Middle School PTSA to Kirkland Middle School in the amount of \$4,300.00 to provide stipend for after-school homework club.

Acceptance from Stella Schola PTO to Stella Schola in the amount of \$3,132.90 to provide stipends for enrichment extra-curricular program.

Acceptance from Eastlake High School Softball Booster Club to Eastlake High School in the amount of \$1,265.00 to purchase insulation material associated with batting cage purchased May 2014.

Acceptance from Christopher and Barbara Kaler to Emerson K-12 in the amount of \$2,000.00 to support ceramics class (\$1,000), and purchase school-related supplies (\$1,000).

TOTAL \$27,038.05

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Pierce related that in November of 2005, the board passed Resolution No. 1969 authorizing a special election on February 7, 2006 in order to propose the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$436 million. The bonds were to be used for Phase II of the district's modernization program which modernized 11 schools and built one new school (Carson Elementary). The bond election passed and the district proceeded to sell \$423.025 million of the bonds over the next six years in order to complete the projects.

REDIRECTING BOND
PROCEEDS AND
MATCHING FUNDS
PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION NO. 2196

The projects were completed on time and under budget. The district estimates it will have approximately \$12 million of unspent bond funds remaining. In addition, the district originally estimated that it would receive \$23 million of state matching funds for these projects. The district actually received \$33 million of state matching funds. Three million of these funds were designated to pay interest on the 2012 Limited General Obligation Bonds which were issued to front fund projects from the 2011 six-year Capital Projects Levy.

Due to failure of the 2014 bond measures, and the need to the serve the district's growing enrollment, there is a need to redirect unused funds to be used for additional projects. These projects include purchase and installation of portable classrooms; acquisition of land; modification of building interiors; remodeling, upgrading, and equipping classrooms as necessary for instructional programs; addition of permanent classroom space at Redmond Elementary School; and bond planning and pre-design.

In order to use the unspent bond funds and unallocated state matching funds on additional projects, it is necessary for the board to hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution modifying the original bond resolution. Therefore, a public hearing was scheduled for tonight. Action on the adopting the resolution will be placed on the October 20 agenda.

Jackie Pendergrass opened the public hearing. No one came forward. She then closed the public hearing.

Jackie Pendergrass requested that the public have the opportunity to provide comments through the district website until the October 20 board meeting.

Jon Holmen, Associate Superintendent of Student and School Support Services, and Matt Manobianco, Associate Superintendent of Student & Professional Learning Services, presented ER-2, Interdisciplinary Content Knowledge, and ER-3, Interdisciplinary Skills and Attributes, for the intermediate level. They responded to board members questions.

ER-2, INTERDISCIPLINARY
CONTENT KNOWLEDGE &
ER-3, INTERDISCIPLINARY
SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES
INTERMEDIATE

Dr. Pierce provided an update on enrollment and highlighted the boundary process since she earlier explained how the community can subscribe and be kept informed on this topic. October 1 is the official count day; there were 26,708 students. This is 660 more than last year and 41 more than budgeted. The district's enrollment is still growing. She indicated that 10 portables were installed over the summer and 69 additional classrooms are planned to be added to address this issue - 28 green portables plus interior building modifications along with a permanent addition at Redmond Elementary.

Siri Bliesner related that the legislative assembly approved the legislative priorities to be submitted to the WSSDA Annual Conference in November. She noted that the board's legislative priorities were very similar. She suggested adding a priority regarding funding of construction projects and to provide additional revenues and sufficient funding for basic education. Jackie Pendergrass suggested language dealing with square footage and the addition of new classrooms due to state mandates (e.g. all day kindergarten, smaller class sizes). Siri Bliesner stressed that it was important to be very clear of board's legislative priorities and to have a loud voice. Jackie Pendergrass noted that elections would be held next month; the board will meet with area legislators prior to the legislative session.

Dr. Pierce conveyed that a category regarding funding assistance for construction could be added. She offered to draft language for the board to review. Mark Stuart suggested that talking points could be drafted and shared with all board members.

Jackie Pendergrass requested follow-up on the busing issues and biking to school.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BOARD LEGISLATIVE
PLATFORM

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Nancy Bernard attended a conference and one of the sessions focused on building schools which showcased examples from around the world and the importance of providing furniture which allow students to move.

BOARD COMMENTS

Siri Bliesner was able to tour SAGE portables in Edmonds.

Chris Carlson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Stuart.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Jackie Pendergrass, President

Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins
Recording Secretary