

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
January 25, 2016

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, Mark Stuart, and Eric Laliberte.

ROLL CALL

Present: Superintendent Traci Pierce

Chris Carlson moved to approve the January 25, 2016 agenda. Seconded by Eric Laliberte.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion carried.

Dr. Pierce opened nominations for president.

BOARD  
REORGANIZATION

Chris Carlson moved to nominate Nancy Bernard. Nancy Bernard accepted the nomination. No other nominations were submitted. Nominations were closed.

Motion carried.

Nancy Bernard opened nominations for vice president.

Mark Stuart moved to nominate Chris Carlson for vice president. Chris Carlson accepted the nomination. No other nominations were submitted. Nominations were closed.

Motion carried.

Nancy Bernard opened nominations for legislative representative.

Mark Stuart moved to nominate Siri Bliesner for legislative representative. Siri Bliesner accepted the nomination. Nominations were closed.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Pierce conveyed that the Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) has named Redmond Elementary as one of its "Schools of Distinction." Redmond Elementary was among 90 schools statewide in the top 5 percent for improvement on the state's English / language arts and math index test scores for students. To be recognized, Redmond Elementary had to show improvement across the past five years, over three grade bands (grades 3, 4, and 5) in both areas: English / language arts and math. Jen Jarta, Redmond Elementary Principal, and staff were recognized for this achievement.

REDMOND ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL - 2015 SCHOOL  
OF DISTINCTION

Nancy Bernard read two proclamations proclaiming the month of February as Career and Technical Education month and the week of February 1-5, 2016 as National School Counseling Week.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION MONTH

NATIONAL SCHOOL  
COUNSELING WEEK

Stephen Bryant, Director of Professional Learning, presented certificates to seven new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) and four teachers who renewed their certificate. The National Board certificates must be renewed every 10 years. There are currently 270 NBCT working in the district. He recognized the facilitators who assisted the teachers. Washington State is 1<sup>st</sup> in the number of new NBCTs (329) for the third year in a row and maintains 4<sup>th</sup> in the United States for having the highest number of NBCT. He noted that across the country there were fewer teachers who were certified this year because the National Board is transitioning to a new certification process. He thanked the board and the district for their continued support of this program. The new NBCT were:

NATIONAL BOARD  
CERTIFIED TEACHERS

- Kirk Elementary: Danielle Frost, Generalist / Early Childhood
- Frost Elementary: Judy Rhodes, Literacy: Reading-Language Arts / Early and Middle Childhood
- Redmond High School: Brian Schnierer, Science / Adolescence and Young Adulthood
- Redmond Middle School: Elizabeth Metcalf, English Language Arts / Adolescence and Young Adulthood
- Eastlake High School: Kate Agnew, Physical Education / Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood and Douglas Ward, Social Studies-History / Adolescence and Young Adulthood
- Wilder: Elizabeth (Libby) Bruner, Literacy: Reading-Language Arts / Early and Middle Childhood

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Teachers renewing their NBCT status:

- Audubon Elementary: Maria Chesney, Generalist / Early Childhood
- International Community School: Paul Plank, English Language Arts / Adolescence and Young Adulthood
- Stella Schola: Brigitte Tennis, English / Early Adolescence
- Resource Center: Rebecca Townsend, Science / Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Traci Pierce and Nancy Bernard offered their congratulations and thanked the teachers for making the sacrifice of their time and efforts which will ultimately benefit our students.

Traci Pierce read a proclamation by the Governor Jay Inslee proclaiming January as School Board Recognition month. She expressed her appreciation to each of the board members for their service on behalf of the families and staff.

SCHOOL BOARD  
APPRECIATION

Rosemarie Ives, former Mayor of the City of Redmond, expressed her concern with the future use of the Old Redmond Schoolhouse as a preschool center. She noted that there was a 40-year lease entered into by the City of Redmond 18 years ago. She related that the City has invested monies predicated on this long-term lease. She didn't believe it make financial or operational sense to break this lease.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried.

Approval of the minutes of the January 11 study session and board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the following instructional materials for use in the  
Lake Washington schools –

INSTRUCTIONAL  
MATERIALS ADOPTION

Title: Creative Confidence: Unleashing the Creative  
Potential within Us All  
Author: Tom and David Kelley  
Publisher: Crown Business  
Copyright: 2013  
No. of Copies: 64  
Price: \$29.00 per book  
School Requesting: Eastlake High School  
Classification: Grade 12

Title: Fighting for America: Nisei Soldiers  
Author: Lawrence Matsuda and Matt Sasaki  
Publisher: NVC Foundation  
Copyright: 2015  
No. of Copies: 40  
Price: \$31.95 per book  
School Requesting: Rose Hill Middle School  
Classification: Grade 8

Title: MinecraftEDU  
Author: Mojang  
Publisher:  
Copyright: Release 15w39c  
No. of Copies: 3  
Price: \$18.00  
School Requesting: Tesla STEM  
Classification: Grade 9

Title: The Namesake  
Author: Jhumpa Lahiri  
Publisher: Mariner Books  
Copyright: 2003  
No. of Copies: 75  
Price: \$15.95 per book  
School Requesting: Juanita High School  
Classification: Grade 11

Title: Land of Promise  
Author: Joan Lowery Nixon  
Publisher: Penguin Random House  
Copyright: 1993  
No. of Copies: 30  
Price: \$4.65 per book  
School Requesting: Kamiakin Middle School  
Classification: Grade 5

Approves the 2015-16 Continuous Improvement Process (CIP)  
Plans for all schools as presented.

CONTINUOUS  
IMPROVEMENT PROCESS  
(CIP) PLAN APPROVAL,  
2015-16

Accepts the donations/grants as identified -  
Acceptance from Ben Rush PTSA to Rush Elementary in the amount of \$12,669.00 to support field trips (\$6,000.00), assemblies (\$603.00), and young author's day (\$3,000.00); purchase IXL (online math program) license (\$3,066.00).

DONATIONS

Acceptance from Robert Frost PTSA to Frost Elementary in the amount of \$3,489.00 to provide stipends for choir and student council.

Acceptance from Helen Keller PTSA to Keller Elementary in the amount of \$1,203.00 to purchase library books.

Acceptance from Laura Ingalls Wilder PTSA to Wilder Elementary in the amount of \$2,493.50 to support academic enrichment.

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 International Community School PTSA to ICS in the amount of \$5,884.00 to purchase yearbooks.  
Kirkland Middle School PTSA to Kirkland Middle in the amount of \$1,900.00 to purchase PE equipment.

Acceptance from Redmond Middle School PTSA to Redmond Middle in the amount of \$3,088.91 to support leadership and PE.

Acceptance from Tesla STEM PTSA to Tesla STEM \$13,000.00 in the amount of to support professional development.

**TOTAL \$60,877.41**

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Pierce reviewed the proposed bond for April 2016 to reduce overcrowding and enhance student learning environments. She reviewed the district's mission and vision. She conveyed that the district is facing rapid growth. The district's current enrollment is 27,830, the 4<sup>th</sup> largest school district in Washington State. She reviewed the historical growth which depicted seven years of enrollment increases, averaging 625 students per year over the past five years. By 2020-21, it is projected the district will have over 30,000 students. The challenge is that there are not enough classrooms and the district is facing crowded classrooms with aging facilities. In addition, in 2016-17, the

BONDS TO REDUCE  
OVERCROWDING AND  
ENHANCE STUDENT  
LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENTS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2205

State will be fully funding all-day kindergarten and class size reductions for grades k-3.

The district worked to develop a short- and long-term funding strategy through 2029 - 2030 that aligns with the Long-Term Facilities Planning Task Force recommendations for projects to address lack of classroom capacity and aging facilities.

Dr. Pierce conveyed that the long-term strategy is to build more schools. A 63-member Task Force analyzed this issue and engaged the community to develop recommendations to meet the district's facility needs. She described the funding plan which implements the Task Force Recommendations, addresses short- and long-term needs, addresses overcrowding and aging facilities, and maintains the 2015 tax rate. The \$398 million Bond proposed for April 2016 will fund the district's most immediate needs. There will be subsequent bond measures proposed in 2018, 2022, and 2026 to fund longer-term needs; again, the 2015 tax rate will be maintained. This schedule will put the bonds and levies on the same four-year cycle.

Janene Fogard, Deputy Superintendent, reviewed the scope of the projects and estimated costs for the April 2016 Bond. In addition, she shared cost comparisons of projects in neighboring school districts along with projected funding sources.

The board discussed the proposed April 2016 bond and asked questions.

Chris Carlson noted that the City of Redmond is the epicenter of growth. Creating a preschool center can help with overcrowding. Eric Laliberte pointed out that this is a community generated proposal which incorporates the recommendations of the Task Force. Mark Stuart noted that there is research which supports providing early education to preschoolers. Siri Bliesner echoed the sentiments expressed and noted that this will maintain the 2015 tax rate and incorporate efficient design principles. This bond addresses immediate needs. Nancy Bernard expressed her appreciation for the work that had been done. This will provide a healthy environment and support academic achievement for our students while providing for projected growth.

Siri Bliesner moved that the Board of Directors adopts Resolution No. 2205, Bonds to Reduce Overcrowding and Enhance Student Learning Environments, in order to properly provide for the financial obligations and educational needs of the district and its students. Seconded by Mark Stuart.

Motion carried.

Dr. Pierce conveyed that as part of the process to be included in the voters' pamphlet, the Board must solicit Pro and Con committees (maximum of three members each) to prepare statements in favor or and in opposition to the ballot measure (pro and con statements). Members are to be appointed from persons known to favor or oppose the measure. If such persons are not immediately known, the district must notify the public that members of the proponent or opponent committee are being sought.

SOLICITATION OF  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
STATEMENT FOR  
APRIL 2016 KING  
COUNTY ELECTIONS  
VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Since the district has an established promotional committee, Lake Washington Citizens Levy Committee, they have been asked to provide names of three members to write the promotional statement. Since no formal ongoing opposition committee is known to exist, the district must employ some formal means of notifying the public that it is seeking interested community members to participate in writing an opposition statement.

The district plans to solicit interest from those who may wish to write opposition statements as part of the voter's pamphlet. On February 1, 2016, a notice will be posted on the district's website seeking interested persons and asking them to notify the district of their interest by February 15, 2016. Interested persons should submit their name, address, phone number and e-mail (or fax number).

Final action on pro and con committee appointments will be made by the board on February 22, 2016. After Board appointment of the committee members, the district must provide them with the rules, procedures and deadlines for submitting statements for the local voters' pamphlet.

Siri Bliesner provided an update on legislative activity in Olympia. The legislature is considering a bill to establish an education task force to deal with the funding of McCleary and the levy cliff. She noted that the teacher shortage is another component that is being discussed due to providing all-day kindergarten and reducing class sizes at k-3. She also noted that there will likely be a hearing on simple majority for bonds.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Siri Bliesner attended the Eastside Human Services Forum. This group looks at better ways to coordinate human services programs between agencies, non-profits, and businesses. One of the topics being discussed is homelessness on the eastside.

BOARD MEMBER  
COMMENTS

Nancy Bernard extended an invitation for board members to tour Rose Hill Middle School as part of the CEFPI January Chapter meeting on January 27.

Chris Carlson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Siri Bliesner.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Nancy Bernard, President

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Traci Pierce, Superintendent

Diane Jenkins  
Recording Secretary