

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.
Excelsior High School

PRESENT: Ron Dinius, Board Director; Teresa Lees, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Karen Rubino, Board Director; Bruce Westfall, Board Director; and Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ron Dinius called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and Karen Rubino led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS (none)

Ron Dinius noted that there was interest in some short public comment, which will be allowed. Ron would also like to poll the board on some scheduling availability at the end of the meeting.

COMMENTS - CITIZENS

Diana Gordon, of Washougal, thanked the board for passing a resolution stating safety concerns related to increasing oil train traffic, and the impact on students and schools. The district's resolution is an excellent example to others. The two recent serious oil train accidents and resulting explosions show that there is danger around this transport. She thanked the board for its clear message on this issue.

Larry Guenther, PSE President, thanked fellow PSE members for "above and beyond" work on the bond campaign. Special thanks (and gift bags) were given to Amanda Klackner, Jesse Miller and Angela Hancock. Larry also thanked Rene' Carroll for organizing such a successful campaign.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Board members received and reviewed these documents in advance of the meeting.

A. Meeting Minutes (February 10, 2015)

B. Accounts Payable

General Fund

Warrant numbers 205788 – 205865, totaling \$140,228.77 (Pay date: February 27, 2015)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 20399 – 20417, totaling \$17,615.55 (Pay date: February 27, 2015)

ACH

ACH Numbers 141500295 – 141500313, totaling \$48,425.54 (Pay date: February 27, 2015)

C. Budget Status Report (January 2015)

D. Payroll (Pre-authorization, February 2015)

E. Personnel Report

Administrative Appointment: Stephen David Tudor, Elementary Principal (HES), 2015-16.

Certificated Resignation: Deborah Buchanan, English Teacher (WHS), June 30, 2015.

F. Contracts

G. Travel

H. Field Trips

I. Donations

Karen Rubino moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Elaine Pfeifer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. WORK SESSION

A. Excelsior High School – School Improvement Plan Presentation

Carol Boyden, Excelsior High School (EHS) principal, announced that the school received its greenhouse today! The students and community did a great deal of fundraising to make this

purchase, and the students are excited to put it to use. Carol passed out a “Fast Facts” document listing EHS data and information about programs and accomplishments, and provided more detail about some of the items listed. She noted that the School Improvement Plan (SIP) that was included in board meeting materials will be revised throughout this year, as EHS works through the accreditation process. Carol introduced EHS student Mahaylley Jones to speak to the board. Mahaylley shared her background and how she became an EHS student. She described her work toward credit recovery, which will allow her to graduate with her class this year. She appreciates the smaller classes and flexibility, and shared that if were not for the teachers and staff at the school, she probably would not be on track to graduate. The board thanked Mahaylley for her comments. Pattie Roberts, a Friends of Excelsior leader, also spoke. She noted that Excelsior is an “unusual” school. She appreciates being able to witness on a regular basis how much the students care about each other and the thoughtful ways that they demonstrate their closeness. Pattie is working to bring more people from the community in to talk to students about their opportunities. The community is fabulous and extremely giving. Ron Dinius thanked Pattie for all of the support she provides to the school. He also thanked staff members Betty Millington and Deana DeGrande, who were present. Bruce Westfall thanked the staff, noting that their work is so important for kids. Schools like Excelsior give kids opportunities to make their lives better. The board thanked all involved.

B. Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) Annual Report

Carol Boyden presented data related to the ALE program, including the number of students served and the options available to them. She identified how the program meets student needs as well as the district’s goals, and shared ALE challenges and successes. Dawn Tarzian thanked all of the EHS staff for their care and warmth in dealing with some very difficult situations. The administration and the board greatly appreciate the work done at this school.

C. 2015-16 District Calendar Presentation

Marian Young shared historical information about snow days and late starts as related to the built-in weather make-up days in the proposed calendars. Marian shared the district-proposed and WAE-proposed calendars, highlighting similarities and differences. Minor differences between the two include a non-attendance semester break day on January 25 in the district version (not included in the WAE version), and differences in the placement of the built in make-up days.

D. Food Service Update & Discussion of 2015-16 Meal Prices

Mark Jasper, Food Services Director, shared information related to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and how this legislation has impacted school meals. He shared recommended meal prices for 2015-16, presented an overview of the Summer Food Service Program, discussed the topics covered in the annual expectations meeting with district administrators, and highlighted special functions and community service provided by Sodexo. Mark answered board questions about free and reduced lunch applications and equipment replacement schedules. The board thanked Mark for his presentation.

E. Capital Bond Process – Contracting Method Options

Joe Steinbrenner Presented information comparing two contracting methods – “Design-Bid-Build” versus “General Contractor/Construction Manager” (GC/CM). He provided charts outlining comparisons of the district’s roles, bidding process, competition and project pricing between these two delivery methods. The district plans to take the next steps in the GC/CM process, which will include contracting with a Construction Project Manager and an Architect/Engineer.

5. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Approval of 2015-2016 District Calendar

Karen Rubino moved to approve the district-proposed calendar as presented by Marian Young earlier in the meeting. Elaine Pfeifer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items specifically mentioned. Ron Dinius used this time to confirm upcoming additions to board members' calendars related to the superintendent search process. The board will host a Community Input Forum on March 11 at 6:00. An Executive Session meeting will be scheduled for April 1 at 5:00 for the evaluation of superintendent applications. Selected candidates will tour the district and meet with the board for interviews on April 14-15. Due to the superintendent search timeline, the board's previously scheduled April 14 regular board meeting will be moved to April 21.

7. BOARD EVALUATION

Ron Dinius collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached.

8. ADJOURN

Elaine Pfeifer moved to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Karen Rubino seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 10th day of March 2015

President

Secretary to the Board

BOARD MEETING EVALUATION SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2015

Instructions for 1: S = Satisfactory I = Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory

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| 1. I was prepared for the meeting. | 4 |
| | <u>YES</u> <u>NO</u> |
| 2. Our agenda was designed to meet our obligations and objectives (district governance, future planning, board goals) | 5 |
| 3. Meeting Elements: | |
| a. The Board President facilitated management of the meeting time and agenda | 5 |
| b. Ample time was given to discuss agenda topics | 5 |
| c. Each board member was given the opportunity to speak | 5 |
| d. Directors, presenters and the public were treated in a dignified and respectful manner | 5 |
| e. Adherence to policy leadership vs administrative detail | 5 |
| 4. The board demonstrated a sense of responsibility for excellence in governing the district. | 5 |

Comments (If you answered “no” to any of the above, please provide comments):