

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Orlan Gessford, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director; Tom Huffman, Board Director; Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Blaine Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

Blaine Peterson noted that there would be no executive session at this meeting.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Ron Dinius – Ron, along with Teresa Baldwin, Rebecca Miner and Blaine Peterson, attended a Legislative Forum on December 17, 2009. Quality education, math and science and the state budget were discussed. Ron shared with the board the latest (as of today) state budget information from the governor's office. The State of the County meeting will be held on February 4, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at Skyview High School.

Elaine Pfeifer – Elaine sat in on the counseling advisory committee meeting on Monday. The committee consists of a representative from each school, and is in year 2 of 3 years in its work toward district-wide counseling standards and protocol.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine highlighted an article in today's local paper about incoming Washougal High School (WHS) principal Aaron Hansen. The Post-Record also had good coverage of WHS athletics, including girls' wrestling. Blaine worked at the WHS concession stand all day Saturday at the JV wrestling match and expressed his appreciation for the amount of time and effort school staff members put into events for Washougal School District (WSD) students. There is a great deal of preparation time put into each student competition and event, and the staff members consistently do a quality job. Blaine closed by reminding board members of their annual dinner on Friday at 5:30.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca shared about the recent iMovies class, held on Saturday, January 9, 2010. Fifteen teachers spent the day learning how to make movies and use the technology in their classrooms. Les Brown, the district's technology supervisor, taught fantastic film techniques. Two samples of the work can be viewed on Teacher Tube under Washougal2010.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa attended the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) awards assembly on Sunday, January 10. Three WSD students were winners in the annual patriotism essay contest. Congratulations to Karalynn Schmid (WHS), Paige Moore (Canyon Creek Middle School) and Jacob Haas (Hathaway Elementary School). Teresa expressed much appreciation for the recent donation of \$1,000 from Wells Fargo to Hathaway Elementary School. Energy audits will be conducted on Jemtegaard Middle School and Gause and Hathaway Elementary Schools to make the audit information complete for all school buildings. Teresa attended the girls' wrestling tournament on this past Saturday, and was fortunate to see 4 Washougal pins in a row. The girls finished by winning the tournament. Kudos to coach Heather Santos and the girls for all of their hard work. Teresa closed by passing a card from the WHS ASB to the board, thanking them for all they do and for "being so awesome."

Blaine Peterson introduced Jennifer McDaniel, City of Washougal Council member, who will serve as the city's liaison with the school district.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Rhea Bohlin – Rhea shared her thanks for the board. She appreciates the hours and energy that they put into the job, and knows that many others in the community also appreciate Washougal’s board.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Board members received and reviewed the following documents in advance of the meeting:

A. Meeting Minutes (December 8, 2009)

B. Accounts Payable (December 22, 2009)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 177767 – 177901 in the amount of \$260,519.80 (Pay date: December 22, 2009)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 17972 – 17995 in the amount of \$24,882.13 (Pay date: December 22, 2009)

C. Accounts Payable (January 13, 2020)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 177975 - 178075 in the amount of \$138,024.89 (Pay date: January 13, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 17996 – 18000 in the amount of \$1,766.41 (Pay date: January 13, 2010)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant number 3677 in the amount of \$30,914.57 (Pay date: January 13, 2010)

D. Payroll (December 31, 2009)

Warrant numbers 177902 – 177974 in the amount of \$1,808,937.84 (Pay date: December 31, 2009)

E. Budget Status (November 2009)

F. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 7, Budget Planning

G. Personnel Report

H. Contracts

I. Travel

J. Field Trips

K. Donations

Blaine Peterson noted the addition of the personnel report since the original meeting materials were prepared. Tom Huffman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with the noted addition. Orlan Gessford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. 2010 WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

A. Recognition of Board of Directors

Teresa Baldwin thanked Rhea Bohlin and Cassi Marshall for helping to prepare for the Board Appreciation portion of the meeting. She thanked the board for their commitment and dedication to Washougal schools and students, noting that it is a great pleasure to work with this knowledgeable board. This group has worked to keep the district financially stable while promoting the great things that are happening in the classrooms. She introduced each board member:

Blaine Peterson, the board’s newest member and president, has been on the board since 2007.

Blaine, who works for Riverview Community Bank, brings a wealth of finance information to the board. He has two children in the district.

Ron Dinius has two daughters, one currently at WHS and one graduate. With his background in the construction industry, Ron brings a great deal of knowledge regarding facilities, construction and energy efficiency.

Elaine Pfeifer has served as a past president of the board, and has had two sons graduate from WHS. Teresa acknowledged that Elaine’s vision for curriculum, instruction and assessment have moved the district forward in these areas, and her willingness to participate in district events is greatly appreciated.

Teresa introduced Debbie Huffman, thanking her for her support of husband Tom Huffman’s work on the district’s board for more than 18 years. Tom came to the board in 1991, and knows a great

deal about Washougal, its organizations and its citizens. A retired BPA worker in the electric field, he is an advocate for Career and Technical Education (CTE) and has served on the CTE advisory board and has been involved in the Clark County Skills Center. Tom has contributed enormously to the district during his tenure. He is non-judgmental, offers clear perspective, and has good rapport with the community. Tom has two sons who are WHS graduates.

Teresa introduced Rae Gessford and thanked her for the many years that she has been supportive of her husband Orlan and his work on the board. Orlan Gessford became a board member in 1984, and has served continuously for more than 25 years – a monumental accomplishment! His children graduated from WHS, and he has a deep level of compassion and understanding for students who may be lacking the necessary support at home. Though a dentist by trade, Orlan brings expertise in educational finances, provides input on the district's budget and accounts payable system. His continuous work has helped keep the district fiscally sound.

Rebecca Miner shared the collective number of years, meetings, days and hours that the board has volunteered – an astounding (conservatively figured) 3,025 hours in all! She thanked the board for their service and incredible amounts of time.

7. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Vision for Career and Technical Education

Blaine Peterson introduced Marsha Spencer, the CTE Director at WHS. Marsha explained the need for the CTE Advisory Board and some of the goals of that board. Blaine Peterson worked with the CTE board to document the board's vision for the CTE program, presented on November 4, 2009. Blaine shared this presentation with the board and audience. Blaine noted the district's Board of Directors' support of CTE through the requirement for two vocational/occupational education credits, its support of the Career Center staff, the counselors in career education and guidance and the Job Acquisition Skills (JAS) program. In general, the board supports CTE in all ways possible and believes the program is serving students very well.

Marsha Spencer described two new pilot classes that WHS is hoping to offer next year, one "financial fitness" course open to juniors and seniors, and a technology block class offering in conjunction with a freshman or sophomore English class.

B. Board Policy #5010, Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action – first reading

Rebecca Miner presented Policy #5010 in Doug Bright's absence, asking the board to call Doug prior to the next meeting if there are questions. Doug will bring the policy back to the next regular meeting for the board to vote on its approval.

C. February 2010 Levy Election

Blaine introduced Phil Rohn, chair of the Washougal Citizens for Better Schools Committee. Phil updated the board on the work of the committee since its inception in October 2009, and shared a draft of a post card that will go out following ballots on January 22, 2010. The board thanked Phil for his work on behalf of Washougal schools.

8. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution 2009-10-10: Appointment of Claims Agent

Orlan Gessford moved to approve Resolution 2009-10-10 regarding the district's appointment of a claims agent. Tom Huffman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. 2010-11 Budget Planning Session

Blaine asked the board to consider its prioritized spending for next year's budget, similar to how they prepared for the current year's budgeting process. He asked that board members be ready to discuss this at the next regular meeting. Orlan Gessford asked for additional information regarding the

district's ASB Fund, especially the number of clubs involved, and which of those has a growing fund balance. Rosann Lassman will provide this information at the board meeting this spring at which a work session agenda item is dedicated to the discussion of the ASB Fund.

10. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. Linkage Meeting Planning: January 19, 2010 with Senior Citizens

Several senior community members have committed to attend the January 19 linkage meeting, though the invitation remains open.

B. Citizen's Concerns Regarding Fishback Stadium

A letter from a concerned patron asked the board to consider use of the WHS stadium and other district facilities by outside groups, fees charged (facilities use fees and gate fees), and age appropriate use of facilities. The board discussed the concerns voiced, and would like to continue the discussion once more data about facilities use is obtained. The board asked for information about total facilities fees collected, how concession duties are awarded, gate fees charged for both district and non-district uses, and which age groups are using the stadium. They would like to bring this back as a future agenda item.

C. Citizen's Request to Review Private Property

A patron has approached the board regarding property he owns adjacent to Gause Elementary School. The board discussed the property, noting that the site is fairly steep. Since the board cannot see a use for the property at this time, it currently has not interest in purchasing. Ron Dinius asked about the feasibility of the property to be used as future storm water detention area. He will meet with the City of Washougal to discuss this possibility and will report back to the board. The board also asked if the patron has ever indicated an asking price for the property in question, and would like that information prior to any final decision being made.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board would like to discuss the stadium, fields and gym use, as outlined above. They will discuss Teresa Baldwin's mid-year evaluation at the February 9 and 23 meetings, completing the evaluation on March 9, 2010.

12. BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Blaine Peterson collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached. No executive session was held.

Orlan Gessford moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Tom Huffman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 26th day of January 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results												
January 12, 2010						board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1.	The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.					5	4	5	5	5	5	4.8
2.	The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.					5	4	4	5	5	5	4.6
3.	The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.					5	4.5	5	5	5	5	4.9
4.	The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.					5	4	5	5	4	4	4.6
5.	The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.					5	4	4	5	4	4	4.4
6.	Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.					5	4	5	5	5	5	4.8
7.	Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.					5	4	5	5	5	5	4.8
8.	Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.					5	4	5	5	4	4	4.6
9.	Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.					5	5	5	5	5	5	5.0
Point scoring system:												
1	Failed											
2	Unacceptable											
3	Acceptable											
4	Commendable											
5	Met Best Expectations											