

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Elaine Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa shared a letter from the owners of Falcons Crest Lodge, where the Washougal High School (WHS) choir recently held a retreat. They expressed their appreciation for the respect shown by choir members during their stay, as well as for the vocal performance they were treated to during the stay. Teresa highlighted for the board a recent article in the Columbian newspaper about the WHS girls' soccer team. She spoke about last Friday's state inservice day for staff development and the district-wide discussions regarding intellectually challenging engaging (ICE) instruction in all classrooms more consistently throughout the district.

Ron Dinius – Ron recently attended the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) legislative meeting, along with Rebecca Miner. The group reviewed the 2010 outlook for state budgets. State superintendent Randy Dorn also presented at the meeting, where delegates were asked to prioritize legislative positions. A top priority for all districts in attendance was the issue of unfunded mandates. Ron will also attend the WSSDA regional meeting on October 28.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca shared with the board some district web page statistics, showing the number of unique visitors to the website each month. More than 8500 unique visitors used the Washougal School District (WSD) website in September 2009, the most ever in one month. She gave much credit to Les Brown for keeping the site updated so well. The website is a great source of information for district families and patrons.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Nathan Johnson spoke as a representative of the Portland Boys and Girls Club. The local Jack, Will, Rob (JWR) center serves many Washougal students, and is looking for ways to continue partnerships with local schools to better serve students. The Boys and Girls Club pays for the transportation of WSD students to the center after school. Teresa Baldwin expressed her appreciation for the work done by Nathan and the center on behalf of Washougal students.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (September 22, 2009)

B. Accounts Payable

General Fund

Warrant numbers 176858 – 176885 in the amount of \$49,389.56 (Pay date: October 14, 2009)

Warrant numbers 176886 – 177071 in the amount of \$277,871.30 (Pay date: October 14, 2009)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 17849 – 17851 in the amount of \$532.22 (Pay date: October 14, 2009)

Warrant numbers 17852 – 17880 in the amount of \$12,023.85 (Pay date: October 14, 2009)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant number 3672 in the amount of \$226.50 (Pay date: October 14, 2009)

C. Payroll (September 2009)

Warrant numbers 176780 – 176857 in the amount of \$1,841,558.16 (Pay date: September 30, 2009)

D. Personnel Report

E. Contracts

F. Policy Governance Executive Limitation 2, Emergency Superintendent Succession

G. Travel

H. Field Trips

I. Donations

Elaine Pfeifer asked board members to note the one revision to the consent agenda, in the personnel report, since the original board packets were sent. Orlan Gessford moved, seconded by Tom Huffman, to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the noted revision. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Policy #3422 Student Sports Concussion and Head Injuries – second reading

Teresa Baldwin presented the second reading of the WSSDA recommended policy regarding student sports concussions and head injuries. Tom Huffman moved to approve the Policy #3422 as presented after this second reading. Orlan Gessford seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Energy Conservation Plan/Washington Green Schools Program

Teresa Baldwin introduced Cathy Green and Cheryl Baumgardner, the volunteer community liaisons working with WSD and the Green Schools program. She thanked them for their willingness to work with the district toward its energy efficiency goals this year. Doug Bright presented the district's Proposed Plan for Energy Efficiency Measures and spoke about the utility manager software that will be used to monitor the energy use in each of the district's buildings. He showed baseline data of monthly energy costs for each school and shared the energy efficiency measures (EEMs) proposed for each building. Teresa closed by sharing how the Green Schools program, led by Cathy and Cheryl, will work in cooperation with the EEMs, bringing staff and students into the energy savings efforts while teaching the importance of energy conservation.

C. Opposition to Initiative 1033

Teresa Baldwin discussed with the board Initiative 1033, which will be on the November 3, 2009 ballot for Washington state voters. The initiative, which limits future growth of revenue, would likely lead to cuts in funding to schools, as well as social programs and transportation. Many boards in Clark County are voicing opposition to the initiative due to its potential negative impact on school funding. Washougal board members discussed their opposition to the initiative. Tom Huffman moved for the Washougal School District Board of Directors to publicly oppose Initiative 1033. Ron Dinius seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Food Service Bid

Teresa Baldwin explained that, due to a change in the commodities rules, the district may need to re-bid its food service contract. Last year, requirements related to the new rules were addressed in an addendum to the contract. Teresa presented a timeline for the bid process. Ron Dinius agreed to attend the food service interviews with Teresa Baldwin and Rosann Lassman.

7. BOARD ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Orlan Gessford, to move to executive session for approximately 20 minutes at 7:18 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

A. RCW 42.30.110. (A) (2,3) Buy/Sell Property

B. RCW 42.30.110 (A) (7) Employee Performance

The board returned from executive session at 7:43 p.m.

8. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Federal Communication Commission Contract

Les Brown presented the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) contract, written by the state, with supplemental work order information specified by the district. He answered the board's questions regarding the up front costs of the project and the terms of billing. Les explained how the Clark County Department of Information Systems (DIS) will be monitoring the work outlined in the contract. Tom Huffman moved to approve the contract and supplemental work order as presented. Ron Dinius seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 2009-10-03: Basic Education Compliance 2009-2010

Rebecca Miner presented information regarding the analysis done to ensure that the district is in compliance in all basic education requirements and entitled to its basic education allocation. Tom Huffman moved to approve Resolution 2009-10-03 regarding basic education compliance for the 2009-2010 academic year. Orlan Gessford seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 2009-10-04: Qualified School Construction Bond Authorization

Teresa Baldwin presented information regarding the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) process. She spoke of the projects outlined for completion under the program and provided specific cost information related to the replacement of the stadium turf. Teresa shared a timeline and action plan for the bond process. Tom Huffman moved to approve Resolution 2009-10-04 regarding QSCB authorization. Orlan Gessford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution 2009-10-05: Surplus of Motor Vehicles and Cell Phones

Orlan Gessford moved, seconded by Tom Huffman, to approve Resolution 2009-10-05 regarding the surplus of motor vehicles and cell phones.

9. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 3, Treatment of Parents, Students and the Public

Teresa Baldwin presented the monitoring report for Executive Limitation (EL) 3 regarding the treatment of parents, students and the public. Elaine Pfeifer collected monitoring report response forms from each board member, noting that the approval of EL 3 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board would like to discuss athletic participation rates and sports fees at the next meeting. They would also like an update as to how much has been donated to the athletic fee scholarship fund so far.

11. BOARD WORK SESSION

Teresa Baldwin asked to switch the order of the work session agenda items, in order to accommodate the schedule of community member volunteers present.

B. Levy Election 2010 Planning

Teresa Baldwin discussed the informational campaign for the February 2010 levy. The board agreed by consensus to keep the replacement levy amounts at their current rates for both maintenance and operations (M & O) and Technology. Teresa explained the community survey process. She hopes to have the survey report and data for the board at the next board meeting. Teresa introduced Phil Rohn, community volunteer, who asked to speak to the board about the promotional side of the campaign.

A. Linkage Meeting Planning, October 20, 2009, Boosters/Parent Advisories

Rebecca Miner presented a draft agenda and conversation starters for the upcoming linkage meeting with booster and parent advisory committee (PAC) leaders. Board members added that they would like to discuss Initiative 1033 and the upcoming replacement levy at the meeting as well.

12. BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT

Elaine Pfeifer collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached.

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Orlan Gessford, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 27th day of October 2009

President

Secretary to the Board