

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 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 6:30 p.m. and Elaine Pfeifer led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

Blaine Peterson added an informational presentation (Agenda item 6.C.) for a legislative update.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Elaine Pfeifer – Elaine thanked all of the volunteers who worked on the levy campaign.

Tom Huffman – Tom seconded Elaine’s comment, also thanking the many levy volunteers.

Ron Dinius – Ron visited legislators in Olympia last Thursday with Teresa Baldwin. They were able to speak with Representatives Ed Orcutt, Jaime Herrera and David Taylor to speak about school funding. Ron, Teresa and Rebecca Miner also traveled to Olympia on February 7-8, 2010 for the Washington State School Directors’ Association (WSSDA) Legislative Conference.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine also thanked the levy volunteers, as well as everyone in the community who has been supportive of the levy. He recently attended the WHS production “An Awesome 80’s Prom” which was a very interesting interactive experience.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca announced that Washougal School District (WSD) was chosen as one of 181 districts in the state for on-line assessment. Sixth grade reading will be assessed on-line at Jemtegaard Middle School (JMS). Carol Boyden and Les Brown are making sure that the district’s system is ready for the testing window. Carol Boyden and Rebecca Miner will offer parent information sessions to explain the changes in the state assessment system. Rebecca introduced the two newly National Board certified WSD teachers: Scott Rainey and Brian Amundson. She thanked them for putting so much effort in to this very difficult process, and noted that the district is very proud of their accomplishments. Scott expressed that the process made for “quite a year” and he is grateful for this opportunity to continue on his own path as a life-long learner. He received great support from his fellow JMS teachers and the cadre through WSU-Vancouver, and is very pleased to be a part of the Washougal family. Brian said that the National Board process was the best professional development of his career – uncomfortable at times, but allowing for tremendous growth. He thanked the board and administration for the support given throughout the year. Rebecca presented each of them with a commemorative copy of the Post-Record, where they were highlighted in an in-depth article in this week’s paper.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa joined the board in thanking the levy volunteers, highlighting the leadership roles carried out by Phil Rohn and Molly Coston. She also thanked the many staff and community members who donated their time and energy to the cause. She thanked Laura Bolt and Rex Larson for hosting the ballot box volunteers at their schools. Teresa read a letter from the local Head Start organization, whose Washougal facility will be temporarily housed at Hathaway Elementary School. The program expressed their appreciation to WSD for offering to house Head Start students while their facility is being renovated after the fire. The letter also spoke of the very welcoming treatment they received from Hathaway staff and principal Laura Bolt. Teresa handed out a copy of the most recent Staff Insider to each board member.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (January 26, 2010)

B. Accounts Payable (February 2010)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 178273 – 178376 in the amount of \$233,408.66 (Pay date: February 10, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18027 – 18042 in the amount of \$9,640.57 (Pay date: February 10, 2010)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant number 3681 in the amount of \$784.46 (Pay date: February 10, 2010)

C. Policy Governance Executive Limitation 8, Financial Administration

D. Personnel Report

E. Contracts

F. Travel

G. Field Trips

H. Donations

Blaine Peterson noted the clarifications that were provided in response to questions regarding a specific travel request. Orlan Gessford moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. School Improvement Plan: Gause Elementary

Rebecca Miner introduced Rex Larson, Gause Elementary School (GES) principal, to present the building's School Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2009-2010. Rex introduced the GES staff present, then presented the school's goals for 2010 assessments in math, reading writing and science. Rex explained that the GES staff strives to align curriculum to the state standards. He shared examples of curriculum maps used to accomplish this. He spoke of the many strategies and avenues teachers are using to help students meet the standards, including Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), staff readings and discussions, and the incorporation of rigor and instructionally challenging engaging (ICE) curriculum and instruction. Two video samples of teachers (Marie Klemmer and Cheryl MacIntyre) working with students during Writers' Workshop were shown. Rex closed by highlighting the benefits to his school from the Washington State Leadership Academy (WSLA) and the Academic Leadership Team (ALT) in that the cultures of the school and district are changing toward greater awareness and acceptance of best practices. Teresa Baldwin commended the Gause staff for their outstanding progress. The district appreciates immensely the great strides they have made.

B. 2010 Facilities Task Force

Teresa Baldwin shared a list of the 2010 Facilities Task Force members, as well as the schedule of meeting dates, with the board. She will have additional data for the board once community member volunteer Karen Rubino finishes her audit of the district's facilities. The task force will work to identify and prioritize the tasks needing to be done, incorporating the information gained from the energy audits. Ron Dinius will join the committee whenever he is available to do so. Tim Young has met with Doug Bright, Karen Rubino and Teresa regarding his recommendations for the heating and cooling control systems. Teresa will plan a full presentation to the board in May or June of this year.

C. Legislative Update

Teresa Baldwin presented information from her recent visit with Ron Dinius to Olympia to meet legislators, as well as updates given at the WSSDA conference, especially regarding the recent ruling in the McCleary v. State of Washington public school funding case. The ruling has promoted many

discussions as to how the state can provide full funding for education. Teresa has set up staff meetings at each school to discuss budget and legislative issues with staff members.

7. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 11, Communication and Counsel to the Board

Blaine Peterson collected monitoring report response forms for Executive Limitation (EL) 11 regarding communication and counsel to the board from each board member, noting the at the approval of EL-11 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

B. Staff Panel Preparation, March 9, 2010

Teresa Baldwin reviewed the invitation process used to randomly select 6 certificated and 4 classified employees to participate in the staff panel discussion as part of the board's evaluation of EL-4 regarding staff treatment at the March 9, 2010 board meeting. The board reviewed a draft of proposed questions to ask to staff panelists.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rebecca Miner notified the board that the Excelsior High School SIP presentation will be moved from its originally scheduled date (April 13, 2010) to the next regular meeting (April 27, 2010) in order to accommodate the board's request for a Washougal High School (WHS) Panther Time update, which will take place following the WHS SIP presentation on April 13.

9. BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Blaine Peterson collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached.

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to adjourn to executive session for approximately 45 minutes at 7:45 p.m., returning for adjournment only.

RCW 42.30.110 (A) (7) Performance of an Employee
RCW 42.30.110 (A) (2)(3) Buy/Sell Property

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

Tom Huffman moved to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results											
February 9, 2010											
					board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1.	The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.					5	4.8	4	5	3	4.4
2.	The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.					4	4.8	4	5	3	4.2
3.	The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.					5	4.8	5	5	5	5.0
4.	The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.					5	4.8	5	5	2	4.4
5.	The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.					5	4.8	4	5	4	4.6
6.	Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.					5	4.8	5	4	4	4.6
7.	Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.					5	4.8	5	5	4	4.8
8.	Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.					5	4.8	5	5	4	4.8
9.	Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.					5	4.8	5	5	5	5.0
Point scoring system:											
1	Failed										
2	Unacceptable										
3	Acceptable										
4	Commendable										
5	Met Best Expectations										