

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Orlan Gessford, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director; Tom Huffman, 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 Tom Huffman led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Ron Dinius – Ron participated in the Job Acquisition Skills (JAS) interviews at Washougal High School (WHS). The interviews went very well and the students he spoke with were bright and asked great informational questions. He hopes to be able to participate in this process in the future. The Community Facilities Task Force met on Thursday, May 20, 2010. Ron was in Chehalis on Saturday for the softball team's district level competition, and spent Sunday at the Clark County Youth Awards program at Skyview High School, where more than 300 students received awards.

Elaine Pfeifer – Elaine commended the high school music staff (band and choir) for the extra work they put in so that WHS students are able to attend the Heritage Musical Festival. She appreciates the 2-year schedule, so that all students have the opportunity to participate during their high school careers.

Blaine Peterson – The Washougal Schools Foundation (WSF) Stride fundraising event was a great success again this year. It was wonderful to see so many students, families and community members participating. Blaine expressed some concerns about how the May 11, 2010 meeting progressed. He checked with several other school boards, and would like to remind the board and audience that the board's regular open public meetings are business meetings for the board. He asked that public comment be limited to the "Comments – Citizens" portion of the agenda, as scheduled at the beginning of each meeting.

Rebecca Miner – The final childcare and preschool staff training of the year was held last week. These STARS-credited training sessions have been well attended and appreciated by the local community. Rebecca attended Literacy Day at Gause Elementary School last Friday, where there were many great activities for students. She was also impressed with the quality of questions and the professionalism shown by the WHS students that she interacted with during the JAS interviews. She shared the Feed Your Brain flyer with the board, noting that this information is also on the district website and will be posted around the community. She closed by highlighting the Teacher of the Year article about WHS's Brian Eggleston in today's edition of the Post-Record. Brian will also be honored at a Chamber of Commerce banquet on June 8. Rebecca will be attending this celebration, and will miss the board meeting that evening.

Teresa Baldwin – There have been many great things happening around the district – the Stride event was outstanding, the JAS interviews impressive, and the recent work done with 3rd-5th grade Hathaway teachers to more tightly aligning their curriculum to standards has gone very well, with great energy put in by the staff involved.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Sheila Good – Sheila, president of the Washougal Association of Educators (WAE), worked with Doug Bright following the presentation of the WAE’s offer at the last board meeting. She presented a revised proposal from a prepared statement. WAE offers \$93,000 in residual professional development funds from the 2006-2009 contract to the district, contingent on the district using reserve funds at a \$2:\$1 matching ratio. The money would be used first and foremost to prevent certificated cuts, followed by prevention of cuts in classified staffing.

Lisa Young – Lisa expressed concerns about responses made at the last board meeting during the presentation of the recommendations of the Community Budget Task Force. She felt there was concern about dipping below the 6% reserve and wanted to clarify that in their recommendation to use reserve funds to meet budget needs, the task force was referring to the “new school” reserve fund, which would not impact the 6%.

Tim Young – Tim appreciates what it takes to run a meeting, but he believes that there are times, however, when more voices need to be heard than can be done in the public comments portion of the meeting only. He encouraged the board to make more time on the agenda for receiving public input. Blaine Peterson responded that the board does value input from the community, but also needs to run their regular business meetings in a timely manner. The board has held several community forums and organized task force groups to assist in gathering this information.

Janet Yanzick – Janet thanked WAE for its generous offer to the district. She also proposed an additional public comment period later on the agenda at regular board meetings.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (May 11, 2010)

B. Accounts Payable (May 2010)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 179321 – 179452 in the amount of \$249,592.11 (Pay date: May 26, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18180 – 18196 in the amount of \$9,461.78 (Pay date: May 26, 2010)

C. Payroll (May 2010)

Warrant numbers 179453 – 179515 in the amount of \$1,807,161.82 (Pay date: May 28, 2010)

D. Personnel Report

E. Budget Status (April 2010)

F. Policy Governance Executive Limitation 15, District Calendar

G. Contracts

H. Travel

I. Field Trips

J. Donations

Tom Huffman moved to approve the consent agenda as posted. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Excelsior High School, School Improvement Plan Presentation

Rebecca Miner introduced Aaron Hansen, principal at Excelsior High School (EHS), to present the school’s Improvement Plan. Aaron thanked the board for this opportunity to share with the board the work going on at EHS, and began by presenting the school’s demographic data, which shows that the majority of EHS students are currently juniors and seniors. He shared graduation rate data, introduced the staff and spoke to the proficiency goals set for the upcoming year. A video created by an EHS student was shown, highlighting the benefits of a small school and the relationships that are fostered at EHS. The school’s graduation ceremony is set for June 11, 2010. Teresa commended the school for its remarkable results in terms of graduating students. Orlan Gessford commented that

students were very much on task and very pleasant during his last visit to the school. The board thanked Aaron and his staff for the presentation and the great work being done.

B. 2010 Facilities Task Force

Teresa Baldwin overviewed the schedule of meetings held by the Facilities Task Force this spring and gave the names of the task force members: April Clark, Gerri Colburn, Mike Conway, David Graham, Dan LeSeiur, Karen Rubino, Lisa Young and Mark Zack. The group looked at several facilities issues and worked with Geert Aerts, an energy consultant from ESD 112. The group stated its goal for district facilities as providing “quality, appropriate facilities that enhance student learning and preserve the community’s investment.” Objectives and action plans were presented, as well as a 10-year facilities plan for each district building. Geert spoke of the rebates available to the district through BPA and Clark PUD. The task force recommends beginning work toward energy savings with the control systems at WHS. Programmable thermostats will also be installed in district portables and Jemtegaard Middle School (JMS), which should provide large savings relative to the cost of implementation. Teresa introduced Karen Rubino, a community member volunteer, who worked with the district’s maintenance team to audit district buildings for a 10-year major component plan. Ron Dinius asked that future facilities work consider seismic upgrades as well. Teresa concluded by thanking Tim Young for volunteering at the beginning of this process, working with Doug Bright and Karen to acquaint them with some of the major issues the district is facing, and for suggesting the connection with ESD 112 and the possibility of additional funding from the utilities companies. She thanked both Tim and Karen for their very valuable volunteer services. Geert will report at a future meeting with updates on the results of the conservation efforts.

C. Board Policy #6923 Energy and Resource Conservation – first reading

Teresa Baldwin asked Geert Aerts to present the first reading of the district’s proposed policy regarding energy and resource conservation. The second reading will take place at the next regular board meeting.

D. Board Policy #5253 Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries – first reading

Rebecca Miner presented the first reading of Policy #5253 regarding professional staff and student boundaries on behalf of Doug Bright. This proposed policy includes updates recommended by the state due to technology advances, for example, the huge increase in the use of social networking. Doug will bring this policy back to the next meeting for a second reading.

E. Board Policy #2024 Online Learning – first reading

Rebecca Miner presented the proposed draft of the district’s online learning policy. She worked with Lester Brown and Aaron Hansen to incorporate new state requirements into the policy, which will be brought back to the next meeting for a second reading.

F. Class of 2010 Report

Rebecca Miner presented graduation status data on the WHS class of 2010. She will update the board further at the next meeting prior to the June 12 graduation date.

7. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. 2010-11 General Fund Budget Planning

Superintendent Teresa Baldwin presented her recommendations for the 2010-2011 general fund budget. Elaine Pfeifer commented that while she would like to accept the WAE offer, her only hesitation is due to the maintenance issues needing attention and the implications to facilities repairs if reserve funds are used to match the donation. Teresa overviewed some possible funding streams for the needed repairs, noting that the reserve funds are insufficient to cover the work needing to be done. Blaine Peterson asked to schedule a board work session specifically to work on the budget. Board members expressed a desire to revisit the general fund recommendations at the end of the proposals for action portion of the meeting.

B. 2010-11 Debt Service Fund Budget

In the interest of the time needed to discuss general fund planning, Teresa asked to move the presentation of the debt service fund to the next regular meeting. The board agreed by consensus.

8. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution 2009-10-14: WIAA Membership

Tom Huffman moved to approve Resolution 2009-10-14 regarding the district's WIAA membership. Orlan Gessford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 2009-10-15: Approval of Conveyance of Real Property

Marnie Allen, attorney, and Lori Hathaway, from Universal Field Services, were present to answer questions regarding the conveyance of property in front of Hathaway Elementary School to the City of Washougal. Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to approve Resolution 2009-10-15. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 2009-10-16: Qualified School Construction Bonds Application

Teresa Baldwin explained that the approval of Resolution 2009-10-16 would allow her to continue in the application process for qualified school construction bonds (QSCB). She recommends that Trevor Carlson and/or Mark Prussing attend a future board meeting to further explain the changes in the QSCB process since the board's initial consideration of the funding. Orlan Gessford moved to approve the resolution as presented. Tom Huffman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. 2010-11 Meal Prices

Orlan Gessford moved to approve the proposed meal price increase of \$.05 per meal for 2010-11. Tom Huffman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Hathaway/Gause Boundary Adjustment

Teresa Baldwin explained the proposed adjustment of the boundary line between Hathaway and Gause Elementary schools. She spoke of 2010-11 as a transition year, with the new boundary becoming final the following year. Tom Huffman moved to approve the adjustment as presented. Orlan Gessford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Board Compensation

Tom Huffman moved to waive board compensation for the 2010-2011 year. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Board members will sign individual waiver forms.

The board returned to the 2010-11 general fund budget discussion as agreed upon earlier in the meeting. Teresa Baldwin asked the board to accept the WAE offer, which would bring \$279,000 to the general fund including the matching funds, and would allow the district to avoid cuts beyond those already proposed. Tom Huffman moved to approve the WAE offer. Elaine Pfeifer seconded. The board discussed possible ways to recover all or part of the reserve funds that would be committed to the general budget under the offer. The motion to approve the WAE offer of \$93,000 matched 2:1 from reserve funds was approved by a 3 to 2 vote.

9. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 16, Student Conduct and Discipline

Teresa Baldwin presented data as evidence in support of Executive Limitation (EL) 16 regarding student conduct and discipline. Blaine Peterson collected monitoring report response forms from each board member, noting that the approval of EL 16 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Teresa Baldwin asked board members to bring their personal calendars to the June 8 meeting in order to schedule a summer work session date.

11. BOARD ADJOURNMENT OR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Orlan Gessford moved to recess to executive session for approximately 20 minutes, returning for adjournment only, at 8:53 p.m. Tom Huffman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT

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

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 8th day of June 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results												
May 25, 2010						board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1.	The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.						4	4	4	4	4	4.0
2.	The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.						4	4	4	4	5	4.2
3.	The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.						4	5	4	4	4	4.2
4.	The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.						5	4	4	4	4	4.2
5.	The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.						5	5	3	4	4	4.2
6.	Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.						5	4	4	4	4	4.2
7.	Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.						5	4	3	4	5	4.2
8.	Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.						5	4	3	4	5	4.2
9.	Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.						4	4	4	4	5	4.2
Point scoring system:												
1	Failed											
2	Unacceptable											
3	Acceptable											
4	Commendable											
5	Met Best Expectations											