

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Terrie Hutchins, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director. The prearranged absences of Board Director Jim Gadberry and Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board, were excused. Assistant Superintendent Rebecca Miner served as Secretary to the Board for this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

An executive session was added per RCW 140.30.140(D)(b) to discuss negotiations planning.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

A. Legislative Watch

Ron Dinius updated the board concerning the state hearings regarding fully funding schools.

Rebecca Miner reported that there were 40 teachers, 23 from Washougal and 17 from Ridgefield, attending SIOP training today, being overseen by Carol Boyden. Rebecca expressed her appreciation for the great turnout for this valuable training. Blaine noted that today is Rebecca Miner's last day in the district. He expressed appreciation for all that she has done in Washougal. Rebecca replied that she has appreciated the opportunities offered to her over the past four years. Blaine announced that Teresa Baldwin has accepted a position as interim superintendent for the Centennial School District. Congratulations to Teresa.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Sheila Good offered a heartfelt goodbye to Rebecca Miner. Rebecca has always been very helpful to the teachers in the district, and the professional development opportunities she provided to staff were very appreciated. Sheila wished her the best of luck in her new position. Sheila spoke about the proposed 1.9% pay cut for teachers. She noted that the cut was listed on the website as a mandated cut. She disagrees with this terminology and would like to see it clarified that it is a 1.9% cut in teacher pay funding from the state. She hopes that the district can find a way to balance the budget without passing this funding cut on to the teachers in the form of a reduction in pay. Sheila is happy about the board's decision regarding Gordon Washburn's position. She is also happy about the agreement the district came to with the classified staff union. She asked for the same consideration for teachers, noting that the union is still open to conversations regarding the 1.9% proposed cut.

Lisa Young thanked Rebecca Miner for her role as Community Education supervisor in addition to her role as Assistant Superintendent. She thanked Rebecca for her care and attention to the program and gave her best wishes. Lisa spoke about a recent Columbian newspaper article addressing the decision to reinstate Gordon Washburn's position. A quote in the article (though Lisa acknowledges it may have been a misquote) states that the district "has been given a mandate from the public that it can no longer cut administrative staff." Lisa does not believe this to be a correct statement. The article also says that keeping Washburn as an associate principal means that the school will need to take dollars from elsewhere in the budget, which will be "easy to accommodate." This seems to be another inaccuracy. It will be a challenge for the board to make up that funding. Blaine Peterson commented that he also questioned the interpretation of the district's statements and that from his perspective the Board saw the public input as a mandate to preserve Gordon's position only.

Kay Ball said that the district will miss Rebecca Miner, and that the teachers greatly appreciated all of the classes that were offered to them through Rebecca's efforts. Kay addressed the budget issues related to teacher pay noting that no one in the district should have to receive any cuts, since

everyone is working hard. She asked if District Office (DO) staff would also receive cuts. Blaine Peterson and Rosann Lassman responded that DO staff has taken the same cuts as other staff in the past and received no COLA increases the same as other staff, and that the cuts have been and will continue to be handled fairly.

Jay Bennett commented that the teachers feel that they are taking the full funding cut directly, where classified and administrative staff are only receiving a portion of the cut, since their salaries are not completely funded by the state. Jay noted that his salary feels like less every year, especially considering increases in medical insurance costs.

Sheila Good added that the younger teachers will still realize their step increases, but teachers who have worked more than 16 years do not receive those salary “bumps” so would feel the cut greater.

Susan Lewallen asked the board to listen to these petitions. It is not that the teachers are ungrateful, but the message not to cut teacher positions or pay bears repeating. She thanked the board for their patience.

Blaine Peterson responded that the board understands that the current budget situation is causing everyone involved strife. The board will do their best to try to take everyone’s needs into account.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (June 14, 2011)

B. Meeting Minutes (June 21, 2011)

C. Payroll (June 2011)

Warrant numbers 183168 – 183198 and 183321 – 183348 in the amount of \$1,831,306.95 (Pay date: June 30, 2011)

D. Accounts Payable (June 2011)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 183199 – 183320 in the amount of \$205,051.79 (Pay date: June 29, 2011)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18753 – 18794 in the amount of \$27,260.57 (Pay date: June 29, 2011)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant numbers 3751 – 3755 in the amount of \$8,819.95 (Pay date: June 29, 2011)

E. Accounts Payable Pre-Authorization (July 2011)

F. Budget Status (May 2011)

G. Personnel Report

H. Contracts

I. Travel

J. Field Trips

K. Donations

L. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 16, *Student Conduct and Discipline*

M. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 17, *Technology*

Blaine Peterson and Elaine Pfeifer asked for clarification regarding several of the ESD 112 contracts presented in the consent agenda. Allan Fleck, Special Services Director, was present to answer questions. Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Terrie Hutchins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Policy 1106, Directors’ District Boundaries – second reading

The board will bring this policy back to the next regular meeting for a third reading to allow for input from all board members regarding the boundaries of their districts.

B. Board Policy 2410, Graduation Requirements – first reading

Rebecca Miner explained the changes in the state requirements for science credits, reflected in the proposed revision to Policy 2410.

C. Board Policy 2424, Graduation Ceremonies – first reading

The text of Policy 2424 has been included in the proposed revision of the procedural document for Policy 2410. If the changes to Policy 2410 are approved, it is proposed that Policy 2424 be deleted. Blaine Peterson asked the board to address the handling of foreign exchange students at graduation ceremonies. The board agreed by consensus with the district’s current policy regarding the issue, noting that they don’t see a need for change. The revision of Policies 2410 and 2424 will be brought back to the next regular meeting for a second reading.

7. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution 2010-11-16: ESEA Regulatory Relief

Rebecca Miner explained that the proposed resolution was recommended by AASA in an effort to provide districts relief from NCLB regulations. Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve Resolution 2010-11-16 as presented. Terrie Hutchins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. 2011-12 General Fund Budget Planning

Rosann Lassman explained some of the recent changes in the financial software used by districts in the state. She asked the board to focus on the first page of the draft F-195 document. She highlighted the primary areas of revenue and spending, noting that all values are in draft form and that the final budget document will be adopted at the August board meeting. The proposed budget draft is balanced based on an enrollment of 2749 FTE students. Rosann will bring more detailed Running Start enrollment numbers for the past two years to the board at the next regular meeting. Elaine Pfeifer asked for confirmation that all of the board’s agreed upon budget items were included in the draft. Rosann responded that, yes, the current draft reflects the board’s budget items and proposed cuts, but it can be updated if the board decides to make changes. State funding for high poverty schools and the proposed curriculum budget were also discussed. Budget discussions will resume at the next regular board meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board tentatively set its annual work session for Saturday, July 23, 2011, pending incoming superintendent Dawn Tarzian’s availability.

10. BOARD EVALUATION

Blaine Peterson collected the board’s self-evaluation form from each board member. The results are attached.

BOARD ADJOURNMENT OR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Elaine Pfeifer moved to recess to executive session for 30 minutes or less, returning without action, at 7:42 p.m. Terrie Hutchins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RCW 42.30.140(D)(b) Negotiations

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

The board returned from executive session at 8:20 p.m. Ron Dinius moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 26th day of July 2011

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results											
June 28, 2011											
					board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1.	The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.					3	4	5	5		4.3
2.	The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.					5	4	5	4		4.5
3.	The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.					5	5	5	5		5.0
4.	The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.					4	4	4	4		4.0
5.	The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.					5	5	5	4		4.8
6.	Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.					5	5	4	4		4.5
7.	Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.					4	5	4	4		4.3
8.	Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.					5	5	5	4		4.8
9.	Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.					5	5	5	5		5.0
Point scoring system:											
1	Failed										
2	Unacceptable										
3	Acceptable										
4	Commendable										
5	Met Best Expectations										