

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 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 led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None.

2. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Ron Dinius attended senior panels and commented on how well they were organized and the quality of the projects. Orlan Gessford mentioned that in light of the disappearance of the student at Skyline Elementary, it might be good to review our policy before fall. Elaine Pfeifer also attended senior panels and commented that one of the seniors said that he originally did his project to explore a career, but after doing the project he discovered he really didn't want to do that career after all, which was a good learning. Tom Huffman had no comments. Blaine Peterson highlighted the articles in the Camas Washougal Post Record this week with respect to coaches, the Hathaway Green Team, Courtney Bright's Watercare Industrial Achievement award, and several local Eagle Scout projects. He also attended Relay for Life this weekend and said it was well worth it. Assistant Superintendent Rebecca Miner is at the Chamber of Commerce dinner tonight honoring Brian Eggleston, Washougal's Teacher of the year. Doug Bright, Human Resources director, filling in for Rebecca Miner at this meeting, and he and commented on the state golf tournament, noting that Conor O'Neil from WHS was this year's state golf champion, a first for Washougal School District.

A. Recognition of Patrick McCarthy, Washougal High School

Principal Gerry Stavney introduced Patrick to the Board, noting several awarded he has received recently. Awards include the *Prudential Spirit of Community Award*, *Presidential Volunteer Service Award*, *Bank of America Student Leadership Scholarship*, and he has been named a *Washington Aerospace Scholar*. Patrick spoke about his volunteer service awards doing community service such as working with Loaves and Fishes, Share House, Stuff the Bus and highway pickups. The Washington Aerospace Scholars program is a selection of 160 high school students across the state for a week long summer residency and internship with the Boeing Company in Seattle, WA. The Bank of America scholarship provides Patrick in a internship with Habitat for Humanity, as well as leadership seminar in Washington, D.C. He is the president of the Rotary Interact Club at WHS.

B. Recognition of Cheryl Baumgardner and Cathy Green, Washington Green Schools

Cheryl Baumgardner and Cathy Green were community volunteers who served this year as liaisons to the school "Green Teams" as part of the Washington Green Schools program. Superintendent Teresa Baldwin thanked them for their service this year.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Linda Peters, President of PSE, publicly thanked Doug Bright and Carol Baker for finalizing the bidding process before the end of the school year. Sheila Good, President of WAE, said she would speak tonight as a teacher, not the union president. She emphasized that she was there to ask the Board to keep German (I) and Japanese (I) next year, noting that these classes were short approximately 5-7 students, which she felt could be found in the next few months. She said she was pleading with the Board to keep these important language classes and not close the door to students who need languages to help them understand the vast world outside our own community. She

introduced Brendon Addis who distributed copies of letters in support of the German program. Megan Stump, a 2001 WHS graduate, spoke as a former German student. Megan said that ten years ago, Washougal was a small place, and the German program was her first step out the door into a world of travel. She wanted the Board to know that multiple other students have had a similar experience, and she praised Mrs. Lewallen as a teacher. Brendon Addis, a 2000 graduate, echoed Megan's sentiments saying that his German study was beneficial. His argument was that German is a root language for understanding English. He also stated that there are many Swiss and German residents in the area, and it is important to keep that cultural history alive here in Washougal. Alyssa Collins said she was a 2008 graduate, and she had two reasons why German program was so important to her: 1) the Bundes-Tag Congress scholarship that provided study in Germany, and 2) the wonderful publicity that her involvement in the scholarship brought to WHS when she returned. Sharon Bischoff said she was here on behalf of her son who asked her to come to the Board and express his interest in the German program. Caroline Young, a 2001 graduate, said that she was disappointed to hear that the German program was being cut because she also was a recipient of the Bundes-Tag Congress scholarship exchange. She said Mrs. Lewallen encouraged her to pursue German confidently and with knowledge of German culture. The experience also helped her transition to her college experience in New York City. She said she hoped the Board would reconsider the decision. Allen Larson, a teacher in the Evergreen District and a Washougal parent, spoke on behalf of keeping a diverse foreign language program. He noted that students who take foreign language are more adapted to cultures across the world, and he shared that he takes students on trips world-wide. He also noted that the study of foreign languages helps students learn their own language and gives them greater connectivity to other cultures. He urged the Board not to reduce the opportunity for students by reducing access to foreign language programs. Lisa Young, parent, spoke on behalf of Mrs. Lewallen as a teacher, and she reiterated the benefits of being bilingual. She would like Washougal High School to continue to offer a wide variety of foreign languages in the interest of teaching life long learners and world citizens. She noted that she as observed her daughter Caroline using German in New York City. Gerry Stavney, principal of WHS, spoke on behalf of Mrs. Lewallen as a strong teacher. He also noted that as administrator there are tough decisions that sometimes need to be made, and this is no exception. He explained that German II will be taught next year, and German I is a valuable program, and he hopes that German I be a strong program again the following year (2011-12). A current student in Mrs. Lewallen's class also talked about the vital impact of German, as well as Mrs. Lewallen's teaching, on her life. Sheila Good spoke one last time and said she understood Mr. Stavney's position, but she asked again for the opportunity to sit down with the administration to come up with a creative solution. The numbers are not overwhelmingly short she said, and in the spirit of cooperation she did not want to close any doors. She concluded by saying that first year programs are vital, and she was concerned that if we lose the first year program, we may lose the entire program. Rod Morris, Washougal City Council member, spoke about a trip to Portugal as an adult, and he talked about how valuable having two languages would be. Councilor Morris also said that, on a separate note, he would preserve City funding for our School Resource Officer at WHS, Officer Tom Davis, who is a member of the Washougal Police Department. Teresa Baldwin spoke regarding the District's plan for preserving both the German I and Japanese I programs at Washougal High School. She explained that next year, 2010-11, German II and Japanese II will run as normal. German I and Japanese I will be in the course guide in spring 2011, and students will be able to sign up for these classes for 2011-12. Finally, Teresa said that teachers Susan Lewallen and Kelly Gregerson have been assigned to freshman English next year as part of a strategy to lower those class sizes and increase the success rate of students in those English classes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (May 25, 2010)

B. Accounts Payable (June 2010)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 179516 – 179642 in the amount of \$174,718.56 (Pay date: June 9, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18197 – 18230 in the amount of \$9,158.47 (Pay date: June 9, 2010)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant number 3687 in the amount of \$5,518.87 (Pay date: June 9, 2010)

C. Personnel Report

D. Policy Governance Executive Limitation 16, Student Conduct and Discipline

E. Contracts

F. 2010-11 Highly Capable Program

G. Travel

H. Field Trips

I. Donations

Tom Huffman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as posted, including the 2010-2011 plan for the Highly Capable program. The motion was seconded by Orlan Gessford and passed unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Hathaway Elementary School, Green Team Presentation

Hathaway teacher Cathy Burrows, teacher leader on the school's "Green Team" presented the team's work on reducing energy use at Hathaway this year. They used a powerpoint to illustrate their discoveries, what they learned, and the energy savings this year. They had collected data showing a dramatic drop in kilowatt hour usage, and they noted some important changes that have been made to stop the waste in energy usage at Hathaway. The Green Team also includes Darcy Bjorklund, parent, and Dave Burnham, community member, as well as several other teachers and students. The Green Team has also moved forward to organize a recycling project. Superintendent Teresa Baldwin thanked Cathy Burrows for her leadership and for the adults who have supported this pioneering effort. The Green Team will receive their Green School award from the Washington Green Schools program at an assembly on Thursday.

B. Class of 2010 Graduation Ceremonies

Gerry Stavney, principal of WHS, provided the Board with details regarding graduation at Excelsior and Washougal High School. He noted that the weather report looks good for a sunny graduation evening for both schools. Excelsior's graduation will be in the Washburn Theater at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11. Washougal High's graduation will be held on Saturday evening, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fishback Stadium.

C. Class of 2010 Report

Gerry Stavney, principal of WHS, also reported to the Board on the number of students who will be graduating. He reported that as of Board meeting time, 185 students will graduate from WHS, but that number could increase between now and the end of the week.

D. Board Policy #6923 Energy and Resource Conservation – second reading

Elaine Pfeifer expressed a concern regarding space heaters, and Geert Aerts, part-time resource conservation manager, noted that the procedure disallows the use of space heaters brought from home. However, the maintenance department could provide low-wattage space heaters. The Board asked that we insert language *if needed* to clarify the procedure. Ron Dinius expressed a concern regarding control of heating and cooling in the portables at various sites. Doug Bright and Geert Aerts explained that internet programmable thermostats would be purchased and installed in all of the portables. With respect to the grouping of buildings for energy saving purposes, each site includes the school and the portables on that site. Ron Dinius also was concerned about how we would measure energy savings, and Geert Aerts said he had at least one year of baseline data and that a short test of the portable energy use was being conducted to satisfy the Bonneville Power Administration criteria for pre-testing prior to installation of programmable thermostats. On Monday, Geert Aerts begins work with the maintenance staff and Control Contractors to begin the process of retro-commissioning at Washougal High School which will result in electronic control of heating and cooling. Geert will be scheduled periodically to come back and give reports to the Board. Elaine

Pfiefer moved to approve the policy. Seconded by Tom Huffman. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Board Policy #5253 Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries – second reading
Orlan Gessford made a motion to approve the policy. Seconded by Tom Huffman. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Board Policy #2024 Online Learning – second reading
Tom Huffman made a motion to approve the policy. Seconded by Orlan Gessford. The motion passed unanimously.

7. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. 2009-10 General Fund Budget Status

Rosann Lassman, Budget Manager, said that the District is on track with the budget. Property tax collections in April were very strong. The District collected additional funds because of increased enrollment, and those funds were used to hire another 5th grade teacher and a half-time Kindergarten teacher, and remaining funds will be spent on energy and maintenance expenditures this summer.

B. 2010-11 General Fund Budget Planning

Superintendent Teresa Baldwin reminded the Board that the WAE offer was approved by the Board at the last meeting, and she requested that the Board consider the remaining budget recommendations for approval. Tom Huffman made a motion to approve the recommendations. Seconded by Orlan Gessford. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2010-11 Debt Service Fund Budget

Rosann Lassman presented the Debt Service fund for 2010-11.

D. Board Summer Work Session

The Board tentatively set September 25, 2010 for the annual work session, to be confirmed at the next meeting.

8. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 9, Facilities

The Board will reconsider this executive limitation at the next meeting following presentation of the summer preventive maintenance and fields plan.

B. Executive Limitation 17, Technology

Les Brown, Technology Supervisor, gave the Board an update on the fiber optics installation project. Rain has stalled the installation because the ground is too wet to trench. Patrons who want access to the fiber optic cable may contact the contractor, Sawtooth Technologies, independently of the District. This Executive Limitation will be on the Consent Agenda on June 22.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will confirm the annual (summer) work session date of September 25, at the next meeting. Teresa Baldwin will also bring back a plan for reimbursing the \$250,000 from the New School unreserved, designated fund, at a future meeting.

10. BOARD ADJOURNMENT OR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tom Huffman made a motion to adjourn to executive session and return from executive session for adjournment only. Seconded by Orlan Gesford. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B. RCW 42.30.140 (D) (a) Labor Negotiations

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.

Dated this 22nd day of June 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results												
June 8, 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	4.5	4.1
2. The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.							5	3	5	4	4.5	4.3
3. The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.							4	5	4	3	4.5	4.1
4. The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.							4	4	4	3	4.5	3.9
5. The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.							5	4	5	4	4.5	4.5
6. Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.							5	5	5	4	4.5	4.7
7. Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.							5	4	5	4	4.5	4.5
8. Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.							5	4	4	4	4.5	4.3
9. Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.							5	5	5	4	4.5	4.7
Point scoring system:												
1 Failed												
2 Unacceptable												
3 Acceptable												
4 Commendable												
5 Met Best Expectations												