

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, August 24, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

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

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.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Ron Dinius – The WSSDA Legislative meeting will be held in Vancouver September 24-25, 2010. A regional meeting will take place on October 13, 2010 in Hockinson, and the annual meeting is scheduled for November 17-20, 2010 in Spokane. In February 2011, meetings with legislators will take place in Olympia. Rosann, Elaine and Ron attended an August 12, 2010 workshop to learn more about state funding for schools. Ron felt that the meeting was very informational, and plans to share some of the highlights with the other board members.

Orlan Gessford – Orlan is glad to be back. He thanked Rosann Lassman for the excellent work on the budget this year.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine shared the recent Post-Record article describing the energy efficiency improvements being made at Washougal High School (WHS) by Geert Aerts. He also shared an article featuring WHS teacher Brian Eggleston who was awarded the Regional Teacher of the Year award through ESD 112. Brian will be moving on to the state-level competition. Blaine attended the WHS athletics meeting last week. The meeting was well-done and well-attended and all of the fall programs seem to be strong.

Doug Bright – On a personal note, Doug recently moved his daughter to Pullman to begin her freshman year at Washington State University. A recent facilities and energy conservation meeting with Gordon Washburn (WHS), Geert Aerts, Doug, Bob Widner and Al Seaman (maintenance) was very productive. This team is implementing Geert's suggestions for improved control of the heating and cooling systems at WHS. Progress so far is good.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa welcomed Doug Bright who was filling in for Rebecca Miner at this meeting during her much-deserved vacation. Teresa was able to attend a recent interview with Air Rite Controls regarding the energy efficiency improvements. The district signed an \$11,000 contract with Air Rite for new computers and programming to optimize the performance of the mechanical systems at WHS. Teresa attended services held for Loretta Malfait last week. Loretta and the Malfait family have always been such a large part of the Washougal School District community, and Loretta will be missed. Teresa shared news of some of the amazing donations the district has received recently: Roy and Kari Erdwin donated \$5,000 for a new entrance to the athletics department at WHS; a conference table for the district office was donated by Donald and Cressie McKinley; Linda Haines, with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, donated \$300 toward new calculators at WHS; and Mel Cooper and Ron Salter, Washougal patrons, recently made personal donations of greatly appreciated school supplies to the district. Teresa shared the official award letter for Brian Eggleston's Teacher of the Year honor. She is also pleased to announce that the district, in conjunction with the Evergreen and Ridgefield districts, received another 3-year Teaching American History (TAH) federal grant. The TAH program will continue to be supervised by Carol Boyden. Thursday morning will be the annual welcome back assembly for district staff in the WHS auditorium.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Gail Anderson – Gail informed the board of an upcoming fundraiser for the graduation night committee at WHS. Washougal patrons may be “flocked” by 2-dozen flamingos in their yard. The pink birds can be removed by calling Gail. Flamingo removal will cost \$10, and for \$20, the patron can determine the flock’s next roosting yard. The event will be done in the spirit of “fun and silliness” and no students will be unsupervised throughout the fundraiser. On a separate issue, Gail appreciates that a conversation is occurring regarding cell phone and technology use by students. She also has concerns about teachers being “friends” with students on Facebook.

5. RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2010-2011 Budget

The board recessed to the Budget Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Rosann Lassman presented an abbreviated version of the district’s 2010-2011 budget. She provided an overview of each of the five funds: General, ASB, Debt Service, Capital Projects, and Transportation Vehicle. She focused on budgeted revenues and expenditures for the district’s general fund. She concluded with information regarding the required 6% fund balance. She thanked the board and budget committee participants for all of their work and contributions to the budgeting process.

The board reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (July 27, 2010)

B. Accounts Payable (August 2010)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 180130 – 180136 in the amount of \$6,866.82 (Pay date: August 11, 2010)

Warrant numbers 180137 – 180201 in the amount of \$135,259.60 (Pay date: August 11, 2010)

Warrant numbers 180202 – 180208 in the amount of \$11,987.04 (Pay date: August 25, 2010)

Warrant numbers 180209 – 180271 in the amount of \$60,686.41 (Pay date: August 25, 2010)

Warrant number 180272 in the amount of \$4,656.12 (Pay date: August 25, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant number 18296 in the amount of \$946.75 (Pay date: August 25, 2010)

Warrant number 18297 in the amount of \$1843.80 (Pay date: August 25, 2010)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant number 3692 in the amount of \$25,505.67 (Pay date: August 25, 2010)

C. Payroll (pre-authorization August 2010)

D. Personnel Report

E. Budget Status (July 2010)

F. Contracts

G. Travel

H. Field Trips

I. Donations

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Ron Dinius, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Rosann Lassman explained the warrant run (#180272) and the personnel report additions that were added to the consent agenda since the board’s original mailing. The motion to approve the consent agenda, with the above noted additions, was carried unanimously.

7. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Policy Manual 100 Series – second reading

Tom Huffman moved to approve the 1000 Series Board Policies as presented. Ron Dinius asked to have further discussion before the policies are adopted. The motion was withdrawn and the 1000 Series will be brought to the next regular meeting for a third reading.

B. Board Policy #3217 – Student Use of Cell Phones/Electronic Communication Tools – first reading

Doug Bright presented Policy #3127 in Rebecca Miner's absence. The board discussed how the new policy regarding cell phone use will be enforced. The policy will be brought back to the next regular meeting for a second reading. Rebecca, who, along with Lester Brown, worked on the final version of this policy, will be back at the next regular meeting for any further questions.

8. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution 2009-10-18: 2010-2011 Budget

Tom Huffman moved to approve Resolution 2009-10-18 regarding the 2010-2011 Budget as presented. Orlan Gessford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. It was noted that the resolution was incorrectly numbered 2009-10-17 on the published meeting agenda.

9. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. Non-voted Debt

Teresa Baldwin presented information regarding qualified school construction bonds (QSCB) and the district's obligations should the board decide to pursue these bonds. Teresa will ask for a professional opinion from Camas High School's athletic director, Terry Cavendar, regarding the WHS stadium turf. The board would like to know whether or not the turf and WHS gym floor could be repaired enough to last another 4 years, when the district will run its next maintenance and operating levy. Teresa shared a proposed timeline for QSCB activity. If the board chooses to move forward with the QSCB process, a decision must be made at the next (September 14, 2010) meeting.

B. Board Annual Work Session

Teresa asked board members to reschedule their annual work session due to a conflict with the WSSDA Legislative Assembly meeting on September 25. The board considered Saturday dates in October. October 30 was proposed. The board will make a final decision at the next meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board will discuss the stadium turf, the QSCB funding option, and the 1000 Series of policies at the next meeting.

11. BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Orlan Gessford moved, seconded by Tom Huffman to recess to executive session for approximately 45 minutes at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

The board returned from executive session at 8:02 p.m. Tom Huffman moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Orlan Gessford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 14th day of September 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results											
August 24, 2010											
					board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1.	The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.					5	5	5	5		5.0
2.	The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.					5	5	5	4		4.8
3.	The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.					5	4	5	5		4.8
4.	The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.					5	5	5	5		5.0
5.	The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.					5	4	5	5		4.8
6.	Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.					5	4	5	5		4.8
7.	Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.					5	4	5	5		4.8
8.	Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.					5	5	5	5		5.0
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										