

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; 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

Teresa Baldwin added an executive session discussion of the performance of an employee per RCW 42.30.110(A)(7).

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Ron Dinius – Ron attended the senior orientation at Washougal High School (WHS). There was a great turn-out, good information, and parents he spoke with were pleased with event. Ron will attend the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) legislative meeting with Rebecca Miner on Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, 2009.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine attended the WHS open house, which was also very well attended. He spoke of the most recent Blue Note Café event, encouraging all to attend the next one to see the great performances. The JV and varsity soccer teams are both doing well, working very well as a team. Blaine expressed appreciation for the fall sports coaching staffs, noting that the football team has come a long way from last year.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca reported that there has been great interest among staff regarding the technology classes to be offered this year. Some of the offerings are already full with waiting lists. On September 16, 2009, Rebecca attended a presentation at ESD 112 by recently retired Hathaway teacher Karen Burnham. At the presentation, Karen spoke about the linkage meetings that took place between the district and local preschools and childcare providers. Rebecca also enjoyed the Friday and Saturday WHS football games.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa complimented the WHS staff for very informative open house and senior night presentations. She shared a letter from a parent who expressed appreciation for these events. She also read to the board a letter to the editor published in the Camas-Washougal Post Record regarding the adjustments made to bus routes to improve student safety, specifically along bus route #26. The parent shared appreciation for the efficient changes made in response to parents' concerns. Teresa recently visited one of the bus stops at which improvements were made, and was approached with the possibility of creating a bus turn out at the stop, with an offer from the property owner to donate the use of the land. She will further explore this idea and report back to the board at a future meeting. Teresa visited Excelsior High School (EHS) yesterday to attend a display of outstanding descriptive writing.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Darcy Bjorkland – Darcy commented about the confusion associated with new bus routes at Hathaway Elementary on the first day of school. Teresa Baldwin responded that the problems have been analyzed and changes will be made for next year to ensure a smoother start.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (September 8, 2009)

B. Accounts Payable

General Fund

Warrant numbers 176631 – 176673 in the amount of \$56,014.22 (Pay date: September 23, 2009)

Warrant numbers 176674 – 176779 in the amount of \$82,634.75 (Pay date: September 23, 2009)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 17830 – 17848 in the amount of \$16,789.95 (Pay date: September 23, 2009)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant number 3671 in the amount of \$14,452.27 (Pay date: September 23, 2009)

C. Payroll (pre-authorization for September 2009)

D. Personnel Report

E. Contracts

F. WAE Collective Bargaining Agreement 2009-2011

G. Policy Governance Executive Limitation #1, Global Executive Constraint

H. Travel

I. Field Trips

J. Donations

K. Accounts Payable Schedule 2009-2010

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Orlan Gessford, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Balancing K-5 Class Loads

Rebecca Miner presented information regarding changes to classroom configurations at the elementary level schools to alleviate overloaded classrooms where possible. Doug Bright worked with teachers' union representatives to set dates and lengths of internal job postings related to the changes. School principals will continue to work closely with teachers in classrooms that will remain in overload.

B. 2009 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) Report

Rebecca Miner presented an overview of the 2009 WASL data, comparing the results to previous years. The highest gains in the assessment results were in the subject areas of math and science. She also presented cohort data, following the same group of students through multiple years of assessments. She concluded by comparing Washougal School District (WSD) scores to state averages.

C. 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report

Rebecca Miner reported the AYP status of each WSD school and the district as a whole, comparing the results with 2008 data, as well as the current state data. She noted that the highest area of concern is in scores for low-income populations. Principals and staff will be looking closely at the strand data and will focus on improvements in specific strand areas in their school improvement plans (SIPs). Rebecca spoke of the interventions currently in place specifically to make improvements in areas where AYP was not met this year.

D. Board Policy #3422 Student Sports Concussion and Head Injuries – first reading

Teresa Baldwin informed board members of a new state law regarding the prevention and detection of head injuries in student athletes. She presented the WSSDA recommended policy for a first reading by the board. The procedures related to the policy, including the facilities use forms, will be updated to reflect the new policy.

E. H1N1 Swine Flu Communication and Response Plan

Teresa Baldwin described the highly coordinated H1N1 flu communication and response planning through the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) and the state health department.

She receives a weekly report with updates, prevention planning and demographic data of infections in the local region. Current updates are posted on the district website.

7. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 2, Emergency Superintendent Succession

Teresa Baldwin presented information in support of Executive Limitation (EL) 2 regarding emergency superintendent succession. Blaine Peterson collected the monitoring report response forms from each member, noting that the approval of EL 2 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular board meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board will discuss levy plans at the October 13, 2009 meeting. Levy planning will likely be a standing agenda item through January 2010.

9. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Project Planning

Teresa Baldwin reported that WSD was approved for QSCB bonds. The district applied for the bond program with assistance from Business Services Manager Rosann Lassman and ESD 112 attorney Marnie Allen. Teresa explained the rationale behind the program and the criteria for spending the funds, stressing that the money cannot be used to replace levy funds. Major plans for the funds include the installation of energy-saving measures and equipment in district buildings. Teresa will attend a meeting on September 23 with Marnie and Rosann to obtain more details, including information regarding the possibility of pooling with other districts to share the costs of bond issuing. The funds must be spent within 3 years, with 10% of the award spent in the first 6 months. The district will move ahead with the Green Schools program in conjunction with the energy efficiency measures.

B. Linkage Meeting Planning 2009-2010

Blaine Peterson asked board members to set dates for three linkage meetings and three WAE staff meetings during the 2009-2010 academic year. The board decided by consensus on the following dates for linkage meetings (all to be held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the district office board room):

October 20, 2009 with Boosters/PAC leaders and members

January 19, 2010 with senior community members

March 16, 2010 with counseling and guidance staff members

The board agreed to hold WAE staff meetings, with Blaine and one other board member in attendance at each, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on November 17, 2009, February 16, 2010, and April 20, 2010. Each meeting will focus on a different grade level group (elementary, middle and high school) and will take place at a school building, to be decided at a later date.

10. 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 Orlan Gessford, to move to executive session for approximately 45 minutes at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

11. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

The board returned from executive session for adjournment only.

Orlan Gessford moved, seconded by Tom Huffman to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 13th day of October 2009

President

Secretary to the Board