

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, September 28, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Ron Dinius – Ron attended a Quality Schools Coalition meeting last week along with Teresa Baldwin, Rebecca Miner and Blaine Peterson. The board will be debriefed on the meeting later in the agenda. Friday and Saturday, September 24-25, 2010, Ron attended the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Assembly in Vancouver, WA. Teresa Baldwin and Rebecca Miner also attended. Ron felt that they received great information at that meeting. He will also share more detail later in the meeting. The girls' soccer teams are doing very well, indeed.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine added that, in fact, all of the Washougal High School (WHS) teams are doing great! Columbia Credit Union will host a tailgate party this Thursday, September 30, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at their Washougal branch in support of all of the fall teams. Blaine noted that he is glad to see community businesses supporting Washougal schools and their teams. Last Saturday, Blaine attended Hathaway Elementary School's Harvest Festival. The WHS cheer squads were helping out and were promoting an upcoming cheer camp for the younger students. The festival was well put together and well attended. Most of the volunteer work to put on the event was contributed by the school's booster club – Thank you, Hathaway Boosters.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca was in Seattle yesterday for the state Teacher of the Year (ToY) selection announcement and award ceremony. It was a humbling and exciting experience, where wonderful teachers from around the state were recognized. WHS teacher and regional ToY Brian Eggleston received \$1000 to use for classroom technology. Rebecca thanked Michael Piekarski and Laura Bolt for their efforts resulting in lunch being served to the preschool students who are at Hathaway until 1:00 p.m. Those students are now able to eat lunch in the school cafeteria.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa met yesterday with the engineers working on the high school heating and cooling system controls. WHS has seen significant energy savings since the control systems have been reprogrammed. It is great to have this level of expertise working on our school buildings, and nice to see these very important steps being taken toward energy efficiency. The district is working to balance class sizes. Cape Horn-Skye Elementary had higher than projected enrollment, and currently has some classes above the desired enrollment numbers. Teresa shared a letter from district parent Greg Payne regarding student athletic fees. Mr. Payne expressed that he felt many parents would be willing to pay higher athletic fees. He also shared his appreciation for Coach Dizmang and the wonderful job he is doing with middle school athletes. Teresa recently heard an after school choir group practicing and was incredibly impressed with their quality and volume of sound. Teresa will attend this Friday night's football game with Rebecca Miner at R.A. Long, and is very much looking forward to that event.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine reported that WHS athletic trainer Lisa Bennett and the coaches are really working hard to monitor student injuries, especially as related to concussions. He did note, however, that some students are not wanting to self-report injuries for fear of losing playing time.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Amanda Klackner – At the last board meeting, the Camas High School athletic director spoke about a g-max test available for the turf field. Amanda asked whether the district has obtained that test. Doug Bright responded that he will get the name of an independent evaluator from Terry Cavender and the test will be scheduled. The board will bring this topic back to the next meeting on October 12, and if needed, will put time on the October 16, 2010 work session to further discuss the turf field and possible replacement options.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (September 14, 2010)

B. Accounts Payable (September 2010)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 180541 – 180573 in the amount of \$17,096.84 (Pay date: September 29, 2010)

Warrant numbers 180574 – 180690 in the amount of \$130,159.54 (Pay date: September 29, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18316 – 18319 in the amount of \$2,997.19 (Pay date: September 29, 2010)

Warrant numbers 18320 – 18342 in the amount of \$19,397.52 (Pay date: September 29, 2010)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant numbers 3696 – 3700 in the amount of \$22,720.67 (Pay date: September 29, 2010)

C. Payroll (September 2010)

Warrant numbers 180469 – 180540 in the amount of \$1,856,311.29 (Pay date: September 30, 2010)

D. Personnel Report

E. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 1, Global Executive Constraint

F. Contracts

G. Travel

H. Field Trips

I. Donations

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Elaine asked for clarification regarding one of the contracts listed for approval. Rebecca Miner provided financial information regarding the Glen Eden contract. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Policy Manual 2000 Series – second reading

Teresa will bring back the Policy Manual 2000 series to the next regular board meeting for a third reading.

B. 2010-11 District Assessment Calendar

Rebecca Miner presented the District Assessment Calendar three rounds of 2010-2011 student assessments in reading, writing and math at all grade levels. She explained that a new assessment system is being piloted at Jemtegard Middle School and Hathaway Elementary School this year.

C. 2010-11 School Improvement Plan Calendar

Rebecca Miner presented the School Improvement Plan (SIP) presentation calendar for 2010-2011, with presentations scheduled for regular board meetings January 25 through April 12, 2011. Rebecca will present the schools' plans to the board at the November 23, 2010 meeting, requesting approval of the SIPs at the December 14, 2010 regular meeting.

D. 2010-11 Comprehensive Communications Plan

Teresa Baldwin presented the district's communication plan for 2010-2011. The plan, created by Jodi Thomas and Teresa, works to keep patrons, staff, parents and students well-informed about the

district. Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) continue to be the district's focused key initiative. A district blog will also be used this year, focusing on students and student achievements.

E. Strategic Plan Report (Year 3) 2009-10

Teresa Baldwin updated the board regarding the third year of the district's 2007-2011 Strategic Plan. She asked the board to consider the best timeline for conducting the next district strategic planning session, including the possibility of using an outside facilitator.

7. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 2, *Emergency Superintendent Succession*

Teresa Baldwin presented evidence in support of Executive Limitation (EL) 2 regarding Emergency Superintendent Succession. Blaine Peterson collected a board monitoring report response form from each board member present, noting that the approval of EL-2 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

8. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. 2010-11 Linkage Meeting Planning

Board members reviewed the linkage meetings conducted during the past few years. The board decided by consensus to hold three linkage meetings during the 2010-2011 year: November 2010 to meet with individuals interested and involved in student sports programs; February 2011 to meet with representatives from local service groups; April 2011 to meet with local business leaders. Specific dates will be set and announced at an upcoming meeting.

B. Debrief Washington State School Directors Association Legislative Assembly

Ron Dinius handed out packets of information from presentations at the September 24-25 Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Assembly to the board members. He highlighted some of the speakers' priorities, which primarily focused on school funding and the likely upcoming budget cuts. He also shared information regarding graduation requirements and teacher and principal evaluations.

C. Debrief Quality Schools Coalition Meeting

On Thursday, September 23, 2010, Teresa Baldwin, Rebecca Miner, Blaine Peterson and Ron Dinius attended the Quality Schools Coalition meeting held at the Evergreen School District. Eight districts were represented at the meeting, where a discussion regarding schools' priorities in the legislature took place. Blaine summarized a key priority agreed upon by those present as the need to demand that legislators comply with the state's "paramount duty" to adequately fund public education.

D. Application of Facility Rental Fee Structure

Doug Bright recently met with Camas-Washougal soccer club representatives, who have asked for consideration to use the district's facilities at the "group A" rate listed on the facilities rental fees chart for the remainder of the 2010-2011 year. The board agreed by consensus not to make an exception regarding fees charged. The soccer club will be charged the "group B" rate for groups with less than 80% Washougal School District students.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Teresa Baldwin will bring a resolution to the next meeting regarding district support to stop the McCleary case appeal in the state legislature. Teresa asked the board to consider revising the annual policy governance calendar to allow for the review of the Ends 1 monitoring report at a more appropriate time of the year, when the assessment data is more recent. For the 2010-11 calendar, this would mean moving the Ends 1 presentation to the October 26, 2010 meeting. She will bring a draft calendar to the board for review at the next meeting.

10. BOARD EVALUATION

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

11. BOARD ADJOURNMENT OR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tom Huffman moved to recess to executive session at 8:17 p.m., returning after approximately 10 minutes for board action. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

The board returned from executive session, resuming the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m. Tom Huffman moved to approve the principals' contract as presented in the consent agenda at the September 14, 2010 meeting. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tom Huffman moved to adjourn, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, at 8:38 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 12th day of October 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results											
September 28, 2010											
					board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1.	The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.					4	5	5	5		4.8
2.	The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.					4	5	5	5		4.8
3.	The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.					4	4	4	5		4.3
4.	The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.					5	4	5	5		4.8
5.	The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.					5	5	4	5		4.8
6.	Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.					4	4	4	5		4.3
7.	Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.					5	4	1	5		3.8
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										