

## **WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06**

### **Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2017**

**5:00 p.m. Work Session; 6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting; Executive Session following  
Washougal School District Office**

**PRESENT:** Ron Dinius, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Teresa Lees, Board Director; Jaron Barney, Board Director; Cory Chase, Board Director; Patricia Boles, Assistant Superintendent; and Mike Stromme, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

#### **1. WORK SESSION**

##### **A. Excelsior Review Team Presentation**

The board convened at 5:00 p.m. for a work session designed to inform them of the work done by the Excelsior Review Team this year. District high school staff members Aaron Hansen, Sheree Clark, Carol Boyden, Margaret Rice, Owen Sanford and John Harvey shared a comprehensive presentation highlighting the committee's goals, processes and outcomes. They spoke about the data used to help inform decisions, and guiding questions and the resulting emerging themes and areas of focus, which led to the key ideas for the new program. They discussed the "Freshman Academy" and the "Excelsior On Track" components of the new program and described the next steps to be taken to prepare for next fall's offerings. The board thanked the presenters and the entire Review Team for the work done on behalf of students. The presentation and discussion concluded at 6:10 p.m., and the board took a short break prior to the regular meeting.

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER, REGULAR MEETING—PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ron Dinius called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **3. AGENDA REVISIONS**

None.

#### **4. COMMENTS—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS**

Jaron Barney provided a brief legislative update, highlighting the recent passing of the levy cliff bill. There is no news to report at this time related to the state's budget.

Cory Chase shared that he and his family had the opportunity to attend the recent Blue Note Café at Washougal High School (WHS). He was impressed with the great performances by such extremely talented students, and encouraged the audience to attend future events.

#### **5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Mike Stromme added to Jaron Barney's comments about the status of the state budget.

#### **6. COMMENTS—CITIZENS**

Brian Anderson has taught at WHS for 24 years, and his children have attended district schools. In recent years, three good foreign language teachers have been lost due to moves and retirements, resulting in fewer languages being offered to students (down from four languages to two). He would like to see hiring done to allow for increased options again.

Rebecca Jones has four children in Washougal schools. She urged the district to pay special consideration to the unique community at Cape Horn-Skye (CH-S) Elementary School as a new

principal is chosen, so that the academic excellence and nurturing environment built by Principal Mary Lou Woody can be maintained. Rebecca has one child who would be slated to move from CH-S to the new school under the proposed boundary revision. She asked that first consideration be given to the Mt. Norway neighborhood for boundary exceptions into CH-S to allow these students to finish elementary school where they began.

George Butler, Terry Wilkinson and Madeline Williams are all neighbors living on P Street in Washougal, adjacent to the site of the new Excelsior building. George and Terry shared concerns related to the removal of trees on district property, saying that their fence posts were damaged in the process. Terry also asked the district to consider placing a trash receptacle on the Excelsior property again, since one that was formerly located there had been well-used. Madeline voiced concerns about the impact of the building on her privacy, due to the windows on the north side of the new school.

Paul Greenlee, Washougal City Council, shared that Council greatly appreciates its important relationship with the school district. Paul and fellow council members Michelle Wagner and Joyce Lindsay will share City's schools liaison responsibilities. Paul thanked the board, and particularly the long-serving directors, for their roles in transforming the district into what it has become. He closed by announcing that the City will hold an "Eggstravaganza" event downtown on April 12 at 3:00, and welcomed all to attend.

Sarah McDaniel has two students in the district, one at Gause Elementary School and the other at Jemtegaard Middle School. She thanked the volunteers who put time and effort into the Boundary Review Committee work. She asked that the district work to keep families together, through boundary exceptions, in cases where the new boundaries result in one student attending school in town and the other going upriver.

The board thanked all of the commenters for their input.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Board members received and reviewed these documents in advance of the meeting.

### **A. Minutes (March 14, 2017)**

### **B. Accounts Payable**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of this date the board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the below list and further described as follows:

#### ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 21209 – 21225, totaling \$15,575.83 (Pay date: March 31, 2017)

ACH Numbers 1617000280 – 1617000283, totaling \$493.27 (Pay date: March 31, 2017)

#### Capital Projects Fund

Warrant Number 4219, totaling \$629.85 (Pay date: March 20, 2017)

Warrant Numbers 4220 – 4226, totaling \$204,785.62 (Pay date: March 31, 2017)

#### General Fund

Warrant Numbers 210860 – 210921, totaling \$95,382.13 (Pay date: March 31, 2017)

ACH Numbers 1617000261 – 1617000279, totaling \$47,382.08 (Pay date: March 31, 2017)

#### BMO

Manual Check #2, totaling \$3,508.15 – ASB Fund (Pay date: March 13, 2017)

Manual Check #2, totaling \$28,695.96 – General Fund (Pay date: March 13, 2017)

### **C. Budget Status Report (February 2017)**

### **D. Payroll (Pre-authorization, March 2017)**

### **E. Personnel Report**

#### Appointments:

- Lawson, Mike, Track & Equip, JMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Brashers, Katherine, Track, JMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Lowman, David, Track, JMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Futter, Jameson, Track, JMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Gary, Willie, Track, JMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Dizmang, Scott, Track & Equip, CCMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Johnson, Ashley, Track, CCMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Eakins, Kyle, Track, CCMS, effective 4/10/17 - 5/11/17
- Blaylock, David, Baseball, WHS, effective 3/9/17 - 5/10/17
- Balholm, Eric, Tennis, WHS, effective 3/13/17 - 5/19/17
- Webb, Alexis, Para (Sped), WHS, effective 3/29/17
- Zumwalt, Jenny, Para (Overload), CCMS, effective 3/17/17
- Fahrenkrug, Cynthia, Para (Basic Ed), CHS, effective 3/29/17
- Castle, Mark, Associate Principal, WHS, effective 7/1/17
- McGarvie, Gary, Associate Principal, WHS, effective 7/1/17

#### Resignation:

- Oberg, Brian, Girls Basketball, WHS, effective 3/24/17

#### Leaves of Absence:

- Kurtz, Laura, Teacher, 1st Grade, HES, effective 04/10/17-06/12/17
- Cisney, Debra, SPACE, GES, effective 3/15/17 - 4/24/17
- Dryden, Brian, Teacher, 4th Grade, GES, effective 03/27/17 - 04/14/17
- Lewis, Michelle, Para, JMS, effective 3/29/17-5/10/17

### **F. Contracts**

### **G. Field Trips**

### **H. Donations**

Jaron Barney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Stromme announced that with the passing of the consent agenda, two new administrators at WHS have been officially hired. He introduced Gary McGarvie and Mark Castle, both new Associate Principals for the 2017-18 school year. Mike and the board welcomed Mark and Gary, noting that it is nice to have them joining the team.

## **8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. New Elementary & Middle School Boundary Recommendation Review**

Mike Stromme introduced Tyler Vick, with FLO Analytics, who shared the district's Boundary Review process and the committee's recommendations. Tyler shared school capacity and initial enrollment targets, and spoke about how community surveys, land use analysis and student enrollment projections factored into the considerations. He overviewed the "guiding principles and core values" used to guide the committee, noting how district policy fit into these. Tyler repeatedly thanked and gave credit to the committee members for their diligent work to come up with the final recommendation. The board thanked Tyler and the committee for the information and for their dedication to this process.

## **9. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

### **A. Recommendation: Approve New Elementary & Middle School Boundaries**

Mike Stromme shared the recommendation for the new school boundaries. Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the boundaries as presented. Teresa Lees seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mike thanked the committee members for their time and efforts. The district greatly appreciates them as committed volunteers. Mike also thanked FLO Analytics for their quality work.

### **B. Recommendation: Approve Contract for Columbia River Gorge Elementary Library Curriculum & Services**

Mike Stromme shared a recommendation for the approval of a contract for library curriculum and services for the new school. Teresa Lees moved, seconded by Cory Chase, to approve the contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **C. Recommendation: Approve Copier Purchase**

Mike Stromme shared a recommendation for the purchase of new copiers for the district. He thanked Larry Mayfield and Les Brown for their work to obtain excellent pricing for the district. Cory Chase moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to approve the purchase as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **10. POLICY REVISIONS, second reading**

### **A. Policy 3131 – District Attendance Areas and Boundary Transfers**

Jaron Barney moved to approve the revisions to Policy 3131 as presented. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE BOARD PLANNING CALENDAR**

None discussed.

## **12. BOARD EVALUATION**

Ron Dinius collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached.

## **13. RECESS FROM REGULAR MEETING**

The board recessed to executive session at 7:39 p.m. Ron Dinius announced that the board will return to regular session for adjournment only, with no further action to be taken.

## **14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) – Personnel**

**RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Legal Counsel**

## **15. ADJOURN**

The board returned from Executive Session for adjournment only at 8:25 p.m. Elaine Pfeifer moved to adjourn, seconded by Jaron Barney, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**

## BOARD MEETING EVALUATION SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2017

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. I was prepared for the meeting.	5	
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
2. Our agenda was designed to meet our obligations and objectives (district governance, future planning, board goals)	5	
3. Meeting Elements:		
a. The Board President facilitated management of the meeting time and agenda	5	
b. Ample time was given to discuss agenda topics	5	
c. Each board member was given the opportunity to speak	5	
d. Directors, presenters and the public were treated in a dignified and respectful manner	5	
e. Adherence to policy leadership vs administrative detail	5	
4. The board demonstrated a sense of responsibility for excellence in governing the district.	5	

**Comments** (If you answered “no” to any of the above, please provide comments):