

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

**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**

**Washougal School District Office**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**2. AGENDA REVISIONS (none)**

**3. COMMENTS—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS**

Karen Rubino provided a brief legislative update and congratulated the Washougal High School (WHS) girls' basketball team for their fourth place outcome at the state tournament. The community is very proud of their performance.

Jaron Barney shared a story about the WHS drama group's above-and-beyond behavior to provide an impromptu short performance for a young girl who wasn't able to purchase a ticket to the sold-out show. Their actions speak to the quality of the students involved in the program. Washougal is proud of its wonderful, positive, giving students.

Ron Dinius echoed congratulations to the girls' basketball team as well as the district's wrestlers.

**4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Dakota Payne, WHS student, shared a presentation highlighting how the district prepares students for their post high school experiences. He listed Advanced Placement courses, the Running Start Program, Financial Fitness courses, the WHS Career Center, High School and Beyond Plans and career-based courses as being valuable in preparing students for their futures. The board thanked Dakota for the great information.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Mike Stromme introduced Ron Arp and Chad Sessions from Identity Clark County, described the Land Here, Live Here, Learn Here awards, and named Washougal's two award recipients. Greg Lewis, a teacher at Canyon Creek Middle School, was honored for his excellence in teaching. Mike read comments from Greg's students and Ron presented him with the award. Randy Curtis was honored for his service to the district as chair of the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee, the group that made the recommendation to the board for the recent successful bond run. Mike read a statement of appreciation from former superintendent Dawn Tarzian, and Ron presented Randy's award.

Larry Guenther, Public School Employees (PSE) president, and Indra Burcella, PSE Field Representative, were present to receive acknowledgement and appreciation on behalf of the district's classified staff members. Mike shared some of the many ways that classified staff are instrumental to the service of the district's students and families, and presented them with small gifts of appreciation for the PSE leadership. Classified Staff Appreciation Week is March 13-18, 2016. The board expressed appreciation for classified staff members and the work they do.

**6. COMMENTS—CITIZENS**

Cherise Marshall, Jemtegaard Middle School (JMS) teacher and JMS Robotics Team coach, spoke about the team's very successful first year in competition and expressed concern about limitations to

middle school student travel for competitions. Mike Stromme explained that the district will be working to update policies and procedures for field trip and competition travel for all students.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **A. Meeting Minutes (February 23, 2016)**

### **B. Accounts Payable**

#### General Fund

Warrant Numbers 208429 – 208432, totaling \$24,539.38 (Pay date: February 29, 2016)

Warrant Numbers 208433 – 208434, totaling \$12,001.46 (Pay date: March 11, 2016)

Warrant Numbers 208435 – 208489, totaling \$116,506.74 (Pay date: March 11, 2016)

#### ASB Fund

Warrant Number 20808, totaling \$4,601.70 (Pay date: February 29, 2016)

Warrant Numbers 20809 – 20825, totaling \$12,726.08 (Pay date: March 11, 2016)

#### Capital Projects Fund

Warrant Number 3994, totaling \$134.93 (Pay date: February 29, 2016)

Warrant Numbers 3995 – 4001, totaling \$403,538.29 (Pay date: March 11, 2016)

### **C. Budget Status Report (January 2016)**

### **D. Payroll (February 2016)**

Warrant Numbers 208389 – 208398, totaling \$2,309,275.91 (Pay date: February 29, 2016)

### **E. Personnel Report**

#### Resignations:

- Mike Lawson, Football Coach @ JMS, effective 2/29/2016.

#### Leaves of Absence:

- Anthony Lorenz-Hunt, Bus Driver @ Transportation, effective 3/1 - 3/8/16.

#### Probation Terminated:

- Jeraby Dillon, Tech Support @ DO, effective 3/8/2016.

### **F. Contracts**

### **G. Field Trips**

### **H. Donations**

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

## **8. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Bond Update**

Mark Prussing, from Financial Advisory Services at ESD 112, shared a bond sale update. He provided information about the bond market, reviewed the district's bond sale goals and spoke about upcoming timelines and next steps in the process. The board thanked Mark for the information.

### **B. 2016-17 Budget Overview**

Larry Mayfield reported that he is awaiting the final state budget information to be able to proceed with the district's preliminary 2016-17 budget planning. He hopes to have more concrete revenues information for the board at the next meeting.

## **9. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

### **A. Unite! Coalition MOU – Drug-free Communities Grant**

Mike Stromme reported on the progress made on a federal Drug-Free Communities grant application, which, if awarded to the district, would strengthen the prevention work already being

done in the community. The board thanked Margaret McCarthy for the Unite! Coalition's great work. Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the MOU as presented. Karen Rubino seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution 2015-16-14: Board Compensation**

Mike Stromme explained that the passage of Resolution 2015-16-14 would give the board the ability to act on the board compensation policy if desired. Karen Rubino moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. POLICY REVISIONS**

**A. Policies 1105, 1610, 2421, 5240, 5280, 5281, 6101, 6106, 6230 – first reading**

In response to Jaron Barney's questions, Mike Stromme and Marian Young explained that some of the language in the proposed policies is from state statute. The policies will be brought back to the next regular meeting for a second reading.

**11. POLICY GOVERNANCE**

**A. Executive Responsibilities 5 – Staff Compensation**

Marian Young highlighted areas of evidence in support of Executive Responsibilities (ER) 5, related to staff compensation. Ron Dinius collected monitoring report response forms from board members.

**B. Executive Responsibilities 16 – Student Conduct and Discipline**

Mike Stromme and Patsy Boles shared information related to the evidence in support of ER 16. Ron Dinius collected monitoring report response forms from board members.

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

Ron Dinius asked to have the work session date with Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) consultant Colleen Miller confirmed. All board members agreed that they could meet on the morning of April 23, 2016.

**13. BOARD EVALUATION**

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

**14. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ron Dinius announced the board's recess to executive session at 7:43 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes, noting that the board would return to regular session for adjournment only.

**A. Personnel – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)**

**15. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

The board returned to regular session at 8:18.

**16. ADJOURN**

Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Karen Rubino, to adjourn at 8:18. The motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2016**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**

BOARD MEETING EVALUATION SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: March 8, 2016

Instructions for 1: S = Satisfactory I = Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory

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| 1. I was prepared for the meeting.  | 4                                  |
|   | <b><u>YES</u></b> <b><u>NO</u></b> |
| 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):