

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Work Session 4:00, Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Karen Rubino, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director; Terrie Hutchins, Board Director; and Dawn Tarzian, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

Blaine Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. for a work session with Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Training Specialist, Colleen Miller. Work Session topics included:

- Welcome, norms and agenda review
- Analysis of the WSSDA Board Self-Assessment Survey
- “What do we need to do to successfully support new board members?”
- End of Meeting Evaluation Process and Instrument

The meeting was recessed at 6:25 p.m. to allow for a short break before beginning the regular business meeting portion of the agenda.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

An addition was made to the personnel report in the consent agenda since the original board meeting materials were distributed.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ron Dinius provided a legislative update.

Karen Rubino commented about all-day, every-day kindergarten.

Terrie Hutchins announced that she recently moved out of her director district area, so will only be able to serve in her current position until the next regular election in November 2013. Board members expressed their appreciation for Terrie's willingness to serve on the board and for the “fresh perspective” that she provides.

Elaine Pfeifer thanked WSSDA facilitator Colleen Miller for guiding the board in their work.

Blaine Peterson reminded the audience that the Washougal High School (WHS) drama production, “The Fantasticks” opens this week. Blaine has heard good feedback from the community regarding the turf field and gym floor replacement projects – there is definitely excitement for these projects!

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dawn Tarzian directed board members to handout materials related to the Washougal Community Coalition's parenting skills courses and an update from OSPI related to all-day kindergarten.

She announced that Mayor Guard has requested to have a student serve as a representative to the City Council as a non-voting member, offering insights of the younger generation. He has also asked WHS to consider distributing voter registration information to each graduate.

Dawn highlighted recent student successes, including the WHS Jazz Band's second place finish at the University of Portland Jazz Festival, the Robotics Team's winning of the Regional Competition

over Spring Break, and the Jemtegaard Middle School Husky Singers' third place ranking at the Regional Middle School Choir Festival (missing second place by just one point). Ten riders on the WHS Equestrian Team won high district honors and will be competing at the State Meet in in Moses Lake next month. Congratulations students!

An enrollment report was provided showing that district enrollment for April is 45.1 FTE over the projected enrollment numbers.

In order to support the district's work on the goals identified in the Strategic Plan, Marsha Spencer and David Tudor are working to infuse Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and opportunities into our middle schools. The goal, "Each student will leave high school ready to assume adult responsibilities, manage resources, and successfully apply for opportunities, live independently, collaborate as a member of a team, and commit to hard work" will be enhanced by providing more learning experiences at the middle school level that relate to real life work and career experience.

The district recently received a \$42,000 check from Clark Public Utilities toward the retro-fitting work that was done at WHS. The check for the remaining half of the reimbursement will be presented at an upcoming board meeting.

Blaine Peterson reminded all present that the next board meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 7 at Washougal High School. This is a change in date from the originally scheduled May 14.

5. COMMENTS - CITIZENS

Gail Anderson chaperoned the recent WHS prom. She complimented the student and staff organizers for a well planned event. She also noted that the students were very well behaved and appropriate. Gail asked the board to consider a discussion about the timing of the district's 2014 Spring Break, since it does not align with the breaks of neighboring districts – this will impact many Washougal families.

Kevin West is a parent of students attending Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School on an in-district boundary exception. He was frustrated with the boundary exception process and its implementation last year, noting that the decision for one of his students was not made until late August, and the family was not properly notified. Dawn Tarzian explained why some of the boundary request decisions can't be made until very close to the start of school, due to uncertain class sizes at particular grade levels. She also explained the contractual obligations of the district to not overload classrooms beyond the agreed upon number of students per teacher. The board thanked Mr. West for his time and input.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (April 9, 2013)

B. Accounts Payable

General Fund

Warrant number 200715 in the amount of \$1,887.00 (Pay date: April 10, 2013)

Warrant numbers 200716 – 200876 in the amount of \$371,640.54 (Pay date: April 26, 2013)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 19617 – 19650 in the amount of \$31,548.61 (Pay date: April 26, 2013)

ACH

ACH numbers 121300335 – 121300366 in the amount of \$74,373.44 (Pay date: April 26, 2013)

C. Payroll

Warrant numbers 200712 – 200714 in the amount of \$1,118.59 (Pay date: April 1, 2013)

D. Payroll Pre-Authorization (April 2013)

- E. Budget Status Report (March 2013)**
- F. Personnel Report**
- G. Contracts**
- H. Executive Responsibilities 17 - Technology**
- I. Travel**
- J. Field Trips**
- K. Donations**

Blaine Peterson noted the additions to the personnel report since the original board meeting materials were prepared. Karen Rubino moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the above noted additions. The motion carried unanimously.

7. BOARD POLICY

A. 2000 Series, second reading

Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the 2000 series of policy revision as presented. Terrie Hutchins seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The 5000 series revision will be the next presented.

WORK SESSION, resumed

- Continued professional development regarding Ends statement
- Review Outcomes of the Work Session, Evaluation and Next Steps

ADJOURN

Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Karen Rubino, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 7th day of May 2013

President

Secretary to the Board