

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 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 led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Elaine Pfeifer – Elaine shared information from a recent Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) bulletin regarding a union apprenticeship program. Rebecca Miner will follow up to gain further information.

Ron Dinius – Last Friday, Ron attended a legislative forum organized by ESD 112. Current elected officials and candidates for the upcoming election presented. The legislative priorities for schools were discussed, as were the legislature's priorities involving job creation and economic growth. Ron highlighted the 6.28% across the board state funding cuts, and their impact on schools. Tomorrow night, Ron will attend a WSSDA regional meeting in Hockinson with Teresa Baldwin.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine reported that some Washougal High School (WHS) football fans did not react well to referee calls at last Friday's game. He spoke with the coaches in an effort to determine how to communicate to students and parents that there are more effective reactions and ways to communicate disagreement with calls. He asked board members and the audience to contact him with any ideas or suggestions. Blaine shared stories in the Post-Record related to Washougal School District (WSD): WHS male cheerleader article on the front page, the Columbia Credit Union tailgate party for fall sports teams, and a photo of the homecoming court. Since yesterday was a bank holiday, Blaine had the day off and decided to visit schools in the district. He was impressed with the demeanor of the students and the positive learning environments at all schools.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca gave an update regarding the progress on the internet fiber installation. The first Tech Team meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 to begin planning for the year. Twenty wireless tablets have been provided for teacher trials this year, free to the district. Rhea Bohlin and Rebecca held differentiation training for district teachers yesterday. Rebecca has been able to watch WHS tennis, soccer and football recently.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa welcomed City of Washougal councilmember Jennifer McDaniel to the meeting, expressing her appreciation for Jennifer's regular attendance at the meetings as the city-school liaison. Teresa was able to watch the WHS golf match vs. Mark Morris, as well as the homecoming football game. She shared a letter from a parent thanking Jemtegaard teacher Tim Davis for all of his help in teaching his daughter math. Teresa spoke of the 6.28% budget cut, reporting that the "good news" for WSD is that this will amount to less than \$60,000 for the district. She is hoping that no further reductions are seen, but superintendents have been warned that an additional 3.7% cut may come in the future. Teresa and Rebecca will accompany Molly Coston to a Lunch Buddies informational meeting this Thursday in Vancouver. WHS has recently started a new tardy policy, which seems to be working effectively.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Sheila Plato – Sheila is a WSD patron. She recently met with Teresa Baldwin and Rebecca Miner regarding her very medically disabled child, and her concerns regarding the medical emergency procedures that took place on September 24, 2010. She is especially concerned about staff not being able to take the student’s blood pressure during a hypertensive activity, and wanted the board to be aware of the situation.

Amanda Klackner – Amanda asked whether or not the board has decided to add a public comment period toward the end of each meeting as was discussed at a prior meeting. Teresa Baldwin responded that the board decided not to add that agenda item at this time due to the fact that the regular board meetings are business meetings intended for board work. Blaine Peterson stressed that board members are available for communication through email and phone, and not limited to the public comment period at meetings. The board will discuss this topic at its upcoming work session. Amanda also asked about the purpose of the board meeting minutes. Teresa responded that the minutes are a record of the public meetings, published on the website to be recalled and reviewed as needed. Amanda stated that the minutes are not detailed enough to present an accurate representation of board presentations and discussions. As an example, Amanda cited the minutes of the September 14, 2010 Board meeting where Terry Cavendar presented information regarding the condition of the turf at Fishback Stadium, and the minutes did not reflect Terry Cavendar’s specific recommendations, i.e., the field had one more year of utility and recommended that the District have a G-Max test and that the field be replaced next year.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (September 28, 2010)

B. Accounts Payable (October 2010)

General Fund

Warrant number 180691 in the amount of \$2,939.93 (Pay date: October 5, 2010)

Warrant numbers 180692 – 180708 in the amount of \$59,756.53 (Pay date: October 13, 2010)

Warrant numbers 180709 – 180836 in the amount of \$217,755.68 (Pay date: October 13, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18343 – 18364 in the amount of \$11,118.65 (Pay date: October 13, 2010)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant numbers 3701 – 3703 in the amount of \$19,100.45 (Pay date: October 13, 2010)

Warrant numbers 3704 – 3707 in the amount of \$18,126.99 (Pay date: October 13, 2010)

C. Personnel Report

D. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 2, *Emergency Superintendent Succession*

E. Contracts

F. Travel

G. Field Trips

H. Donations

Tom Huffman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Elaine Pfeifer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Policy Manual 2000 Series – third reading

Tom Huffman moved to approve the Board Policy Manual 2000 Series as presented. Elaine Pfeifer seconded, and asked for an addition to one of the policies. She would like to see “aligned to state standards” added to the procedural document attached to Policy 2020 regarding curriculum meeting state standards. Ron Dinius asked for further clarification regarding Policy 2012 in addressing how students “demonstrate ability to use current technology.” Rebecca Miner suggested that “as defined by the district’s technology scope and sequence” could be added to clarify what “current

technology” means. Ron also asked that Policy 2021 regarding library and media be reviewed to make sure that both selection and provision of books is addressed consistently. Ron Dinius thanked Teresa Baldwin for the extensive time and work put into the policy revisions. The motion was amended to include the clarifications and edits listed above, and carried unanimously.

B. Energy Conservation Report

Geert Aerts presented an update regarding energy savings at WHS. Randy Short, from AirRite Controls, is working with Geert and was also present. Updated projected savings for the school year are far ahead of original projections, based on the energy savings seen thus far. Mechanical repairs and reprogramming of controls are the primary reasons for the large decrease in energy use at the school. Teresa noted that Geert’s consulting fees for the year have already been recouped from the savings since July. Geert reported that he will focus his work on Cape Horn-Skye Elementary and Canyon Creek Middle School after the high school. Ron Dinius asked Geert to be sure to apply for the Skamania County energy reimbursements now, in the interest of having that approval so that work can begin in a timely manner at Cape and Canyon. Doug Bright commented that Geert and Randy make a very good team, both possessing great knowledge and ability. Teresa echoed Doug’s appreciation for the work done by Geert and Randy.

C. 2010-11 Communications Committee

Teresa explained that the idea to form a communications committee came from the budget committee debriefing last spring. She shared with the board proposed representation for the new 30-member committee, which will include staff from each district site, parents, students and community members. Communication within the committee would be two-way, with the district distributing information as well as receiving input. Informational meetings will be held November 2 and 8, 2010 at 6:30 in the boardroom, and will be publicized through the schools, media and district website. Once selected, the committee will meet on the third Thursday of each month, January – May 2011. Elaine Pfeifer commented that the proposed representative groups look great, and that patrons will be well represented.

7. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution 2010-11-02: Basic Education Compliance 2010-11

Rebecca Miner presented the Basic Education Compliance form and resolution, which is prepared and filed annually. Tom Huffman moved to approve the resolution as presented. Elaine Pfeifer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 2010-11-03: Section 125, Flexible Fringe Benefits Plan

Doug Bright and Rosann Lassman presented Resolution 2010-11-03 regarding a flexible fringe benefits plan, section 125, to be administered through a third party provider. Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 3, *Treatment of Parents, Students and the Public*

Teresa Baldwin presented the monitoring report for Executive Limitations (EL) 3 regarding the treatment of parents, students and the public. Blaine Peterson collected the board’s monitoring report response forms, noting that the approval of EL 3 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

B. Policy Governance Calendar Revision Proposal

The board agreed by consensus to move the presentation of the Ends 1 monitoring report to a board meeting earlier in the school year, so that the assessment data being considered is more current. For the 2010-11 year, the Ends 1 presentation will be made at the October 26, 2010 meeting.

9. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. Board Annual Work Session Planning

Teresa Baldwin presented a draft agenda for the upcoming October 16, 2010 board work session. The board expressed concerns about needing more time to cover the agenda items. The meeting was extended, and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. this Saturday.

B. Fishback Stadium Field Turf Replacement

Doug Bright presented the results of the recent g-max tests conducted on the Fishback stadium turf. Since the test conductor was not available to attend tonight's presentation to explain the complete test results, Doug will ask her to attend the next regular meeting. The board will continue to discuss possible funding sources for turf replacement at their October 16 work session.

C. NEWS Coalition Information

Teresa Baldwin presented information regarding the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS) coalition work being done to fight the state's appeal of the McCleary ruling. NEWS is asking for support from Washington state school districts in the appeals case. The board voiced unanimous support of the NEWS coalition resolution, and would like to further discuss financial support of the group's endeavors. The board agreed by consensus to bring the discussion back to the October 26 meeting, with approval of the resolution at the November 9, 2010 meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board would like to hear updates from the Washington Green Schools teams at the district's schools. Each group will present to the board as they are ready to advance in the program's certification process. Geert Aerts will return on November 23 for another energy update. Ron Dinius asked for an update regarding the agreement with Skamania County to provide sprinklers at the Cape Horn-Skye fields. Doug Bright will bring a report back to the board.

11. BOARD EVALUATION

Blaine Peterson collected the board's self-evaluation form from each board member. The results are attached.

**12. BOARD ADJOURNMENT OR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION**

Elaine Pfeifer moved to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Tom Huffman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 26th day of October 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

| Board Self Evaluation Results | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| October 12, 2010 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | board member: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Average |
| 1. | The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked. | | | | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | 4.8 |
| 2. | The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board. | | | | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | 4.8 |
| 3. | The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner. | | | | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | 4.8 |
| 4. | The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions. | | | | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | | 4.0 |
| 5. | The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public. | | | | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | | 4.5 |
| 6. | Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated. | | | | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | | 4.5 |
| 7. | Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations. | | | | | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | | 4.0 |
| 8. | Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness. | | | | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | | 4.5 |
| 9. | Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy. | | | | | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | 4.8 |
| Point scoring system: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Failed | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Unacceptable | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Acceptable | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Commendable | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Met Best Expectations | | | | | | | | | | |