

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Special Meeting
Saturday, October 16, 2010, 9:00 a.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 9:10 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None.

Board Work Session

A. Review of Policy Governance

Elaine brought an example from another policy governance organization for tracking system-wide measures of success. The Board may want to consider looking at this again at the next annual work session and adapt it to Washougal School District performance expectations.

Board members reviewed Executive Limitations #1 - #17 for completeness or possible needs for revisions as noted below.

Executive Limitations #1 - #4 were not revised.

On Executive Limitation #5, the Board added the following language as a limitation:
The superintendent may not fail to involve the Board in the development of the parameters for all contracts as evidenced by the annual review of contracts and planning meetings, as necessary.

The Board also discussed the possibility of having a Board member sit in on negotiations and observe what is going on and communicate back to the Board.

On Executive Limitation #6, the Board added the following language under the evidence column:
As evidenced by annual review with the superintendent of evaluations of principals and a random selection of certified and classified staff, without employee names or locations.

On Executive Limitation #7, the Board discussed that a long-term plan for securing funds for facility repair, replacement and renovation is necessary. Funds could be transferred annually from the general fund to the capital facilities budget. The Board added the following language as a new limitation:
The superintendent may not present to the Board a budget which fails to reserve funds in a specific account designated for long-term capital projects repair, replacement or renovation.

No revisions to EL #8.

On Executive Limitation #9, the Board added the following new limitation:
Fail to engage the Board in an annual meeting for capital facilities planning. And under the evidence column: *Annual meeting for capital facilities planning.*

No revisions to EL #10, EL #11, #12, or #13.

There were no revisions to EL #14, but Board discussion on EL #14 was with regard to parent input that there are not enough textbooks at the high school for students to check out a book for home use, or for use on a vacation, etc. Teresa will talk with Aaron about that.

No revisions to #15, #16, or #17.

The Board also reviewed the Policy Governance Ends Policy and made revisions to the Ends Monitoring Report format and data reports. The extent of these revisions may require moving the next report to November 9.

The Board also discussed the Board agenda format with community comments currently at the beginning of the meeting. The Board agreed to keep the comments opportunity at the beginning of the meeting, noting that the Board does allow some exchange between the public and the Board during the meeting. Board members also pointed out that they are available after the meeting or community members could come to the next meeting to comment on agenda items from the prior meeting. Board members reiterated that the purpose of the Board meeting is to conduct the business of the Board. Community members can contact a Board member and request to have something brought forward to the attention of the whole Board.

B. Fishback Stadium Field Turf Replacement

Teresa explained that there were three possible fiscal options, not all of them favorable in today's economic climate, for generating a revenue stream to fund the replacement of the field turf including a capital levy, fundraising, or use of reserved funds combined with either of the other options. The Board immediately rejected a capital levy for obvious reasons, primarily that our voters approved the Maintenance and Operations funds with the understanding that we would hold the levy collection amount flat for four years without raising it. The Board also discussed the option of using the new school reserved funds of about \$250,000 coupled with a fundraiser for the balance. The Board asked Teresa to contact a turf contractor and find out the timeline for ordering turf to have it available for installation in the summer. Teresa will bring back a timeline and details regarding the fiscal management of a fundraiser to the meeting on November 9. Ron cautioned us about tapping into the fund too early pending the potential of a serious depletion of financial resources. Elaine also said that the Board would like a report on all of the funds that are collected for ASB cards, athletic fees, gate fees, etc., and Teresa will include that in the fall sports report.

C. Recess for Break

D. 2010 Census and Remapping Board Districts

Every ten years following the national census, government agencies are asked to review and update boundaries related to elected officials. Marnie Allen, legal counsel with Educational Service District 112, was asked to present information to the Board related to the remapping of Board member districts. She presented a tentative timeline beginning approximately on April 1, 2011 and extending through January 15, 2012 when a redistricting plan would need to be approved by the Board. The redistricting plans must include population equality, compact geographical area, contiguous boundaries, non-biased to racial groups or political parties, and areas that coincide with existing natural boundaries such as roads and rivers. An agency would be hired with experience in this discipline to use 2010 Census data to recommend new director boundaries to the Board. Board members elected prior to the official change of boundaries would finish their terms. If a Director runs for re-election after the official boundary changes have been filed, he/she must reside and file for a vacant

position within the new director boundary. The cost to the District for a demographer to provide the service has not yet been estimated, but the Clark County GIS office is qualified, as an example. ESD 112 will publish a Request for Proposals and select a qualified provider. Board members asked questions related to the requirements for the plan, and Marnie said that the agency hired to use the Census data to recommend boundaries would take all of the requirements into consideration. Marnie distributed maps showing current director districts, and she will keep Teresa informed in 2011 of next steps.

E. Forest Fund Impact

Teresa explained that Mt. Pleasant School District, along with three other Gorge area districts are facing serious financial issues because Federal Forest Funds will end in 2012, which means that they likely could keep schools open through 2013, but not beyond. Since Mt. Pleasant District boundaries are within Washougal District, Marnie Allen was asked to come to the Board to explain the ways in which school districts may be reorganized. If Mt. Pleasant were to lose forest funds and not be able to pass a levy, the law says that the ESD 112 superintendent would declare the district dissolved. In that case, the ESD 112 Regional Committee, which is charged with making decisions regarding school district boundaries, would convene to review and make a decision with respect to Mt. Pleasant.

Marnie explained that there are three ways in which school districts may be reorganized. The number one rule is that if any changes are to occur, there must be a contiguous boundary. Under the current boundaries, Washougal would absorb Mt. Pleasant, should it become dissolved. Marnie reviewed the other possible means of school districts changing boundaries, transfer of property and consolidation. When two school districts agree on an action, the Regional Committee does not get involved, and the Districts follow resolution and filing procedures to complete the desired reorganization. The other options are generated by voters, and the legal requirements for those actions were explained.

Teresa explained that there are currently eight resident children in Mt. Pleasant, and the remaining 50 students are on boundary exceptions to attend Mt. Pleasant from Washougal or Skamania Districts. The Board discussed the possibility of transferring the small southeast corner of Washougal School District to Mt. Pleasant as a means of creating a contiguous boundary between Mt. Pleasant and Skamania School Districts. Teresa explained that this action would give the Regional Committee at least another option, should consolidation of Mt. Pleasant with a neighboring district become necessary. Marnie reiterated that creating a contiguous boundary did not guarantee that Mt. Pleasant would necessarily be bequeathed to Skamania, because the Regional Committee would have that option as well as the option of consolidating the smaller district with Washougal School District. Blaine Peterson asked Teresa to bring back the following data to the Board for review: Number of residents in the proposed area to be transferred, number of students in that area of Washougal District and the assessed valuation of that area. In addition, Teresa will bring the number of students who attend Mt. Pleasant on boundary exceptions from Washougal District. Teresa will bring that data back to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

F. Recess for Lunch Break

The Board decided to finish the Superintendent Goals before breaking for lunch.

G. Superintendent Goals

The Board provided input to Teresa on the results of the 2009-10 goals, followed by goals for 2010-11. The Board recessed for lunch.

BOARD ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon return, Blaine Peterson moved to adjourn to executive session at 2:10 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes, seconded by Tom Huffman, and the motion passed unanimously.

A. RCW 42.30.140 (D) (b) Negotiations Planning

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT ACTION

The Board returned from executive session for adjournment at 2:39 p.m., Tom Huffman moved to adjourn, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 26th day of October 2010

President

Secretary to the Board