

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Orlan Gessford, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director; Tom Huffman, Board Director; Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

A. Oath of Office, Newly Elected School Directors

Newly re-elected board directors Ron Dinius and Blaine Peterson repeated the oath of office statement and were sworn in by Board Secretary, Superintendent Teresa Baldwin.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Tom Huffman – Tom attended the Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School winter program. The event was very well done and well attended.

Elaine Pfeifer – Elaine spoke of the Stuff the Bus event, commenting that it was great to see the tremendous student and community support, and the culmination in the buses full of food – wonderful event!

Ron Dinius – Ron distributed copies of the WSSDA budget to the other board members. He also shared information regarding long-term school funding. Ron highlighted an article in the Columbian newspaper regarding Governor Gregoire's funding issues. Ron noted that the Washougal High School (WHS) wrestling team has been doing very well. He concluded by speaking about the low-income families at Washougal School District (WSD) schools who are being given help during the holidays.

Orlan Gessford – Orlan thanked Rosann Lassman, WSD Business Services Manager, for her time and effort in researching the district's spending on copying. He and Ron Dinius recently met with Rosann to review some of the data acquired so far regarding copy machine use at the school buildings.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine welcomed Boy Scout Troop 565 members in attendance working on their citizenship and community badges. The WHS wrestling team recently beat Camas High School 35-33, and the team is doing great! He highlighted the Stuff the Bus article in today's Post-Record, noting that district students worked for weeks on the event, showed great enthusiasm, involved other students, local businesses and the community at large. It was nice to see Washougal and Camas compete and cooperate in this event, which ultimately benefits all of east county. Blaine shared a short video clip from December 4, 2009, the final day of the Stuff the Bus event.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa met with Curt Denny, one of the primary organizers of the Stuff the Bus event, earlier in the day. A podcast was created and will be shown through a variety of venues. She shared a few of the many great stories of student and community support for the very worthwhile event, which resulted in an average of 44 pounds of food per WHS student being raised for those in the local community in need. Teresa thanked the district's "resident potter" Rhea Bohlin for the special gift of handmade mugs for use at board meetings. The mugs will be used and appreciated for many meetings to come. Teresa then introduced Schuyler Hoss, Governor Gregoire's Southwest Washington Regional Representative and former Evergreen School District board member, who will present later in the meeting.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (November 24, 2009)

B. Accounts Payable

General Fund

Warrant numbers 177666 – 177766 in the amount of \$143,173.73 (Pay date: December 9, 2009)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 17948 – 17971 in the amount of \$8,108.76 (Pay date: December 9, 2009)

C. Accounts Payable (Prior approval for December 22, 2009)

D. Payroll (Prior approval for December 31, 2009)

E. Personnel Report

F. Contracts

G. Travel

H. Field Trips

I. Donations

Tom Huffman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Orlan Gessford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. ANNUAL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL ELECTIONS

A. Call for nominations for President, 2010

Elaine Pfeifer moved to nominate Blaine Peterson as President of the WSD Board of Directors for 2010. Tom Huffman seconded. Nominations were closed.

B. Election of President

Blaine Peterson was elected as President unanimously.

C. Call for nominations for Vice-President, 2010

Elaine Pfeifer moved to nominate Ron Dinius as the Vice-President of the WSD Board of Directors for 2010. Orlan Gessford seconded the motion. Tom Huffman moved to nominate Elaine Pfeifer. Nominations were closed.

D. Election of Vice-President

Ron Dinius was elected as Vice-President unanimously.

7. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Office of Governor Chris Gregoire, Regional Representative Schuyler Hoss

Teresa Baldwin introduced the presentation, which she and Rebecca Miner had seen recently and wanted to bring to the board. Schuyler Hoss informed the board and audience that the first draft of the governor's budget will be released tomorrow (December 9, 2009) at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Hoss reported that the governor is required by law to present a budget that is balanced. Though she is not happy with the current version, the governor cannot reflect any revenues in the budget that have not yet been approved by the legislature. An alternative budget will be out by January 1, 2010, and the legislature will release the final version of the budget before the session adjourns on March 11, 2010. Mr. Hoss gave a powerpoint presentation about solving the current budget gap and answered board questions regarding levy equalization. The board thanked him for the very informative presentation.

B. Board Policy 3510, Associated Student Body Programs and Activities – second reading

C. Board Policy 3530, Fundraising Activities Involving Students – second reading

D. Board Policy 6102, General Fund Fundraising Activities – second reading

Orlan Gessford commented that he would like information as to whether or not student groups are soliciting funds beyond their needs. Rosann Lassman answered that groups are often saving for more than one year for specific projects or purchases. Blaine Peterson suggested bringing up the discussion item later in the year when the ASB budget is discussed in detail. Tom Huffman moved to approve Policies 3510, 3530 and 6102 after the second reading. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution 2009-10-09: School Improvement Plans

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Orlan Gessford, to approve Resolution 2009-10-09 regarding school improvement plans. The motion carried unanimously.

9. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 7, Budget Planning

Blaine Peterson collected the monitoring report response forms for Executive Limitation (EL) 7 regarding budget planning from board members, noting that the approval of EL-7 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

10. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. Linkage Meeting Planning: January 19, 2010 with Senior Citizens

Blaine Peterson presented a draft agenda for the upcoming January 19, 2010 linkage meeting with local senior citizens. Teresa Baldwin is contacting citizens in the community to work on a list of invitees, and asked board members to contact Cassi Marshall with any suggestions to add to the list.

B. Levy Informational Meetings

Teresa Baldwin updated the board regarding the staff, parent and community meetings scheduled to discuss the upcoming February 9, 2010 replacement levies. She will speak briefly at the January 4, 2010 Washougal City Council meeting, and invited any interested board members to attend. Blaine Peterson encouraged board attendance at the city council meeting, since the two groups are working toward increased interaction. Blaine will also attend the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce event, along with Teresa and Camas School District superintendent Mike Nerland and Board President Doug Quinn.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board plans to discuss the ASB budget and carry-over balances during its regularly scheduled budget preparation meetings in 2010. More information will be presented regarding the Community Facilities Committee at the January 12, 2010 meeting. A presentation will be given regarding the inventory of equipment in conjunction with Executive Limitation 10 related to asset protection. In order to have the inventory data complete, EL-10 will be presented on February 23, and EL-11 moved to February 9, 2010. The board would also like to discuss a recent citizen comment regarding the use of district fields and facilities. The board set the date for their annual dinner as January 15, 2010 at 5:30 at Skamania Lodge.

12. BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Blaine Peterson collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached. No executive session was held at this meeting.

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Orlan Gessford, to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 12th day of January 2010

President

Secretary to the Board