

**WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 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 Orlan Gessford led the pledge of allegiance.

**2. AGENDA REVISIONS**

None

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

Ron Dinius – Ron congratulated the WHS wrestling teams for their accomplishments at the state tournament this week. He is following the Washington State Senate and House budgets that were released for review today and will update the board with information related to education funding as it becomes available.

Orlan Gessford – Orlan and Ron Dinius met with district staff at Jemtegaard Middle School last week. Several good points were raised at the meeting, and the board will be addressing some of the concerns expressed.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine congratulated the district's financial team for a clean audit. He met with the state auditors this week, who were very appreciative of the district's business office staff and their assistance throughout the audit process.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca informed the board of the many technology trainings offered to staff this month, including an online databases course last week, training for career and technical education (CTE) staff on web page design this week, and a Powerpoint class for teachers next week. It is exciting to hear how the teachers are already using recently learned technology in the classrooms. Rebecca attended training on Thinkfinity, a lesson plan search website, on Saturday and shared information with teachers in the Teachers as Historians (TAH) grant program last night. The district was recently awarded \$364,270 in Safety Net funding through the state's reimbursement program. Thanks to Allan Fleck for the tremendous amount of work he put in to obtain this funding.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa thanked Rhea Bohlin for bringing cookies for the board members, as well as for her continuous support of teachers in differentiation training. She read a letter from the Public School Employees union group, who donated money to the levy campaign. Teresa visited the weight room at Washougal High School (WHS) this afternoon. WHS has worked to improve the facility and have it utilized more frequently by students. Student athletes are now being trained and conditioned more than in previous years. Teresa and Rebecca continue to visit schools on a regular basis. At Hathaway Elementary on a recent visit, they saw first-hand intervention work with students, both in small and large groups. It is very exciting to see this instruction happening in the schools. At Cape Horn-Skye Elementary and Canyon Creek Middle School today they witnessed some great examples of intellectually challenging engaging (ICE) instruction, tailored to be age and developmentally appropriate. Again, it is so good to see such great instruction in Washougal schools.

**4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS**

Rhea Bohlin – Last week, Rhea and six WHS students attended "Engineering Week" events in Portland, which exposed the students involved to a wide variety of engineering disciplines. This is the second year WHS has participated in this very valuable educational event.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **A. Meeting Minutes (February 9, 2010)**

### **B. Accounts Payable (February 2010)**

#### General Fund

Warrant numbers 178377 – 178500 in the amount of \$231,209.36 (Pay date: February 24, 2010)

#### ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18043 – 18062 in the amount of \$14,464.55 (Pay date: February 24, 2010)

### **C. Payroll (February 2010)**

Warrant numbers 178501 – 178565 in the amount of \$1,813,501.19 (Pay date: February 26, 2010)

### **D. Policy Governance Executive Limitation 11, Communication and Counsel to the Board**

### **E. Personnel Report**

### **F. Budget Status Report (January 2010)**

### **G. Contracts**

### **H. Travel**

### **I. Field Trips**

### **J. Donations**

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

## **6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. School Improvement Plan: Hathaway Elementary**

Rebecca Miner introduced Laura Bolt, Principal, and Khrista McBride, Associate Principal, from Hathaway Elementary School (HES). Laura introduced the HES staff present and thanked Khrista for all of the technology work done for the presentation. She then presented the school's reading goals, reading strand data and described Hathaway's PLC focus on reading. She shared collaborative academic support team (CAST) data samples and examples of Response to Intervention (RTI). Video clips showed intervention work with small groups of students, including chants and dictations of sounds led by Vickie Strickler, System 44 multisyllabic word practice taught by Gretchen McLellan, and RTI phonemic awareness with Peggy Denny and students. Laura presented writing, math and science goals and data and the PLC work being done to support curriculum and instruction in those areas. She thanked HES teacher Karen Perez for work instrumental in improving science curriculum and teaching, which has led to an improvement in science scores. Laura closed by noting that the Washington State Leadership Academy (WSLA) and the Academic Leadership Team (ALT) work has led the HES staff to a better understanding of ICE and helped to connect the staff with the district's vision. Ron Dinius commended the staff for such a high level of energy and caring. Teresa Baldwin took the opportunity to publicly commend Hathaway for its tremendous gains in multiple subject areas, most notably in math.

## **7. POLICY GOVERNANCE**

### **A. Executive Limitation 10, Asset Protection**

Rebecca Miner informed the board about progress made in the district wide inventory system. New tracking will clean up the inventory database and provide better documentation of the district's inventory of equipment. A final report should be ready to present to the board at the March 23, 2010 meeting. Rebecca thanked Les Brown, Liza Linde and Kim Dillon for all of their work with the inventory. The board agreed by consensus to wait on the approval of executive limitation (EL) 10 regarding asset protection until after the inventory report is given. They will plan to vote on the approval of EL-10 at the April 13 meeting.

### **B. Staff Panel Preparation, March 9, 2010**

Teresa Baldwin handed out a draft of the questions to be used for the staff panel discussion. The board agreed by consensus to use the proposed questions and agenda, which will be sent to the panelists prior to the March 9 meeting.

## **8. BOARD WORK SESSION**

### **A. City of Washougal's Proposal for Deferred School Impact Fee Payment**

Teresa Baldwin introduced Marnie Allen, attorney for the district, to speak about the proposed agreement with the City of Washougal to delay the collection of impact fees from the current timeline (when the building permit is issued) to when the final ("sheetrock") inspection is completed. Marnie highlighted pros and cons of the agreement. Tom Huffman moved to deny the request. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried, 4-1. Blaine Peterson voted in opposition. Marnie will draft a letter to the City of Washougal and send to Teresa Baldwin for signature.

### **B. Legislative Impacts on 2010-2011 Budget Development**

Teresa Baldwin handed out a one-page summary of today's released budget information from the state. She will keep the board informed as more information becomes available.

### **C. Energy Efficiency Contracting**

Teresa Baldwin introduced Karen Rubino, a community member volunteer who is working on an energy audit of district buildings. She noted that Tim Young, who was not able to be present, has also volunteered to analyze the HVAC and mechanical systems in the district's school buildings. Teresa, Doug Bright, Karen and Tim recently met with Geert Aerts from the Educational Service District (ESD) 112 to discuss Washougal School District (WSD) entering into a contract with ESD 112 to identify and prioritize energy efficiency measures needed throughout the district. Doug Bright thanked Tim and Karen for participating in the meeting with Geert and providing invaluable expertise and recommendations. Tom Huffman moved to accept the ESD proposal as presented. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried, 4-1, with Ron Dinius voting in opposition.

### **D. Washougal Association of Educators Communication Meeting, February 16, 2010**

Teresa Baldwin presented the board with a summary of the Washougal Association of Educators (WAE) communication meeting held last week at Jemtegaard Middle School. Orlan Gessford and Ron Dinius represented the board at the meeting, and spoke to the value of the input provided, as well as the opportunity for discussion.

## **9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Rebecca Miner plans to present the asset inventory report at the March 23, 2010 meeting. The board would like to have an update regarding facilities use fees in conjunction with the approval of EL-9.

## **10. BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Blaine Peterson collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached.

Tom Huffman moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to adjourn to executive session at 8:53 for approximately 45 minutes, returning to regular session for adjournment only. The motion carried unanimously.

**RCW 42.30.110 (A) (7)      Performance of an Employee**  
**RCW 42.30.110 (A) (2)(3)    Buy/Sell Property**

## **RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION**

Tom Huffman moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**

<b>Board Self Evaluation Results</b>												
<b>February 23, 2010</b>						board member:	1	2	3	4	5	<b>Average</b>
1. The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.							5	2	4	4	3.5	3.7
2. The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.							5	3	4	5	3.5	4.1
3. The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.							4	3	3	3	3.5	3.3
4. The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.							5	2	4	3	3.5	3.5
5. The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.							5	4	4	5	3.5	4.3
6. Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.							5	4	5	4	3.5	4.3
7. Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.							4	4	4	3	3.5	3.7
8. Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.							5	4	4	4	3.5	4.1
9. Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.							5	5	3	4	3.5	4.1
Point scoring system:												
1 Failed												
2 Unacceptable												
3 Acceptable												
4 Commendable												
5 Met Best Expectations												