

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director; Terrie Hutchins, Board Director; Jim Gadberry, 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 led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

None.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

A. Legislative Watch

Ron Dinius reported that the state's revenue forecast indicated a \$5.1 billion shortfall for the biennium 2011-13. There are quite a few education bills still working through the legislative process, but the legislature has not taken action on state funding for education.

Other Comments

Jim Gadberry said that he hopes the weather improves soon. Elaine Pfeifer appreciates receiving technology e-news from Les Brown, technology director. Terrie Hutchins reported that she had attended a Blue Note performance at Washougal High, and she suggested that it would be helpful to have a master of ceremonies, someone to introduce the performers. Blaine Peterson made several comments—he and Ron Dinius had attended the 2009-10 audit entrance conference; the superintendent search made the front page news in the Post Record with details regarding the four candidates; a reminder that the community open house to meet the candidates will be held on Friday this week at 7:00 p.m. in the commons at Washougal High School; the Robotics Team took first place at the state meet in Seattle last weekend; the men's soccer team is doing great, and the rest of spring sports are waiting for better weather and dry fields. Rebecca Miner shared that she and Teresa Baldwin had attended the Math is Cool competition last Friday evening where 4th grade teacher Penny Andrews had a team of students from Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School. Rebecca also showed a graph of professional development offerings in technology over the past year, data that indicated almost 50% of staff had taken at least one technology professional development class. Teresa Baldwin reiterated the success of the Robotics team and showed a picture and write-up of the team which includes both Camas High and Washougal High students.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Amanda Klackner, Washougal, Washington—commented that she attended the Jemtegaard Middle School music concert and that Dr. (Jennifer) Bohn, band director, is an incredible asset and we are lucky to have her. Amanda also said that WHS counselor, Christina Mackey, had arranged a conference with her on very short notice, and she appreciated it. Amanda also reported that she and others (Laura Bolt, Nancy Kutchera) had attended the town hall where Senator Joe Zarelli and Representatives Ann Rivers and Ed Orcutt had met with citizens. At this event, she said many participants spoke in favor of preserving levy equalization funds, and Senator Zarelli said said a budget would not be passed without levy equalization this year.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (March 8, 2011)

B. Meeting Minutes (March 9, 2011)

C. Meeting Minutes (March 14, 2011)

D. Accounts Payable (March 2011)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 182224 – 182361 in the amount of \$205,080.93 (Pay date: March 23, 2011)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18590 – 18615 in the amount of \$20,290.60 (Pay date: March 23, 2011)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant number 3734 in the amount of \$745.76 (Pay date: March 23, 2011)

E. Payroll (Pre-authorization, March 2011)

F. Budget Status (February 2011)

G. Personnel Report

H. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 4, *Staff Treatment*

I. Contracts

J. Travel

K. Field Trips

L. Donations

Ron Dinius moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, with a second to the motion by Elaine Pfeifer, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Jemtegaard Middle, School Improvement Plan Presentation

Principal Ron Carlson presented Jemtegaard Middle School's improvement plan. He noted that the school had made a significant change in alignment of teachers with specific content areas, allowing a tighter focus within Professional Learning Communities on better instruction and assessment practices. In addition, the entire staff is using Robert Marzano's questioning strategies to more actively engage students in learning. The staff has also made a distinct effort this year to teach students the appropriate behaviors that are expected, and the result has been fewer disciplinary referrals compared to a year ago. The school saw a marked improvement in last year's math scores, and the math teachers have analyzed these results and are attempting to replicate these again this year. Overall, there has been a climate change and tighter focus on academic achievement.

B. District Assessment Report, 2nd Reporting Period 2010-11

Rebecca Miner shared the District's assessment report. The Board requested that this item be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting where questions could be asked after having time to review the results.

C. Board Policy 1210, Annual Board Organizational Meeting, Election of Officers – second reading

Blaine Peterson asked if there were any additional questions, comments or changes to this policy. Hearing none, Elaine Pfeifer made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Jim Gadberry, and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Board Policy 3110, Qualifications of Attendance and Placement – second reading

Blaine Peterson asked if there were any additional questions, comments or changes to this policy. Hearing none, Elaine Pfeifer made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Ron Dinius, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Board Policy 3210, Nondiscrimination – second reading

Blaine Peterson asked if there were any additional questions, comments or changes to this policy. Hearing none, Elaine Pfeifer made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Ron Dinius, and the motion passed unanimously.

F. Board Policy 3245, Student Use of Electronic Communication Tools– second reading

Blaine Peterson asked if there were any additional questions, comments or changes to this policy. Hearing none, Elaine Pfeifer made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Jim Gadberry, and the motion passed unanimously.

G. Board Policy 3410, Student Health – second reading

Blaine Peterson asked if there were any additional questions, comments or changes to this policy. Hearing none, Elaine Pfeifer made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Terrie Hutchins, and the motion passed unanimously.

H. Board Policy 5010, Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action – second reading

Blaine Peterson asked if there were any additional questions, comments or changes to this policy. Hearing none, Elaine Pfeifer made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Terrie Hutchins, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 12, *Communication with the Public*

The Board reviewed Monitoring Report for Executive Limitation 12, Communication with the Public; Blaine collected the Board's evaluation of the Monitoring Report and indicated that it would move to the Consent Agenda for the next Board meeting.

B. Policy Revision: Executive Limitation 7, Budget Planning

The Board reviewed changes made at the last meeting to the limitation language. After discussion, it was determined that additional limitation language on item 11, which would read: The superintendent may not present to the Board a budget which...11. Fails to reserve 1% of total revenue annually in a cumulative, specific account designated for long-term capital projects repair, replacement or renovation. The Board will review this policy again at the next meeting.

C. Ends Policy, Action Plan for Improved Results

Teresa Baldwin presented the action plan designed with the leadership team (Rebecca Miner, principals and Allan Fleck) to improve results on the Board's Ends, as reported annually in a monitoring report prepared by the Superintendent.

8. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. Superintendent Search

Blaine Peterson reviewed the schedule for the superintendent search.

B. 2011-12 Budget Planning

Teresa Baldwin presented with Rosann Lassman, budget manager, a powerpoint presentation that outlined the steps in budget planning. Budget planning is a key function of the Board of Directors and as soon as revenues for state education funding are released, the Board will be able to finalize key priorities for the Budget 2011-12. In the meantime, Budget Planning will remain an item on the Board's meeting agenda, making progress on steps that can be taken preliminarily.

C. Mt. Pleasant School District, Potential Federal Forest Fund Impact

Teresa Baldwin explained the funding dilemma facing Mt. Pleasant School District and, in fact, all four of the school districts in Skamania County. The issue as it may impact Washougal School District is that Mt. Pleasant territory is an "island" within the Washougal School District territory. Should Mt. Pleasant become insolvent due to governmental retraction of Federal Forest Funds and/or failure to pass a school levy, the ESD 112 Regional Committee would be forced to annex Mt. Pleasant to Washougal District. Mt. Pleasant has financial stability through June 2013, and has plans to present a Maintenance and Operations levy to voters in August. The Mt. Pleasant Board of Directors had requested that the Washougal Board consider transferring territory to Mt. Pleasant to create a contiguous boundary between Mt. Pleasant and the neighboring Skamania District. The Washougal Board reviewed and considered all of the facts related to the Federal Forest Fund issue and the potential impact on Mt. Pleasant School District. This is not an urgent issue since Mt. Pleasant has funds to continue programs through June 2013. By consensus, the Washougal Board elected to take no action at this time and wait to see how Mt. Pleasant fares over the next few years in terms of Federal Forest Fund reauthorization or success in passing a levy.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- District Assessment, 2nd Report

10. 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

A. RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Evaluate Qualification of Applicant for Public Employment

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

The Board returned from executive session; Elaine Pfeifer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Dinius, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Dated this 12th day of April 2011

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results												
March 22, 2011						board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1. The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.							5	4	4	4	5	4.4
2. The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.							5	5	4	5	5	4.8
3. The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.							5	5	4	5	5	4.8
4. The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.							4	5	4	5	4	4.4
5. The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.							5	5	5	5	5	5.0
6. Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.							4	4	4	5	5	4.4
7. Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.							5	5	4	4	4	4.4
8. Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.							5	5	5	5	4	4.8
9. Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.							5	5	4	5	4	4.6
Point scoring system:												
1 Failed												
2 Unacceptable												
3 Acceptable												
4 Commendable												
5 Met Best Expectations												