

**WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Terrie Hutchins, Board Director; Jim Gadberry, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Ron Dinius, 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.

**Public Hearing: Redistricting, Board Member Director Districts**

Blaine Peterson called a recess to the regular meeting at 6:31 p.m. for a Public Hearing regarding the redistricting of board member director districts. Teresa Baldwin presented maps showing the changes in the director district boundaries. There were no public comments. The board returned to its regular business meeting at 6:37 p.m.

**2. AGENDA REVISIONS**

Blaine Peterson asked to have the Apple Computers purchase removed from the approval of the accounts payable voucher registers under the consent agenda. The board will revisit that purchase later in the meeting, following the vote regarding the sole-source vendor authorization.

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

Blaine Peterson introduced Michael Piekarski, the district's food service director, and Kyle Eakins, Washougal Schools Foundation (WSF) president. Michael presented Kyle with a \$1500 check from Sodexo in support of the upcoming WSF Stride event. Sodexo will also provide \$500 of in-kind donations on the day of the event. Kyle thanked Michael for Sodexo's very generous support, noting that the community, the event sponsors, families and staff have all been fabulous. The board thanked Sodexo for the significant contribution. Elaine Pfeifer added that the Stride will take place on Saturday, May 21, and is a great fundraiser, with proceeds going back into the schools through teacher mini-grants. Elaine also commented that as bad as school budgeting is around the state, Washougal School District (WSD) is in relatively good shape. She credits the prudence of Teresa Baldwin and Rosann Lassman as well as former board members for the district's financial health. Ron Dinius thinks the girls' softball team is playing very well for such a young team. Blaine shared some good WSD coverage in the evening's Post-Record: the soccer team is in the playoffs tonight, the equestrian team is going to state level competition, and scholarship winners are announced. Blaine reminded the board and audience about the WHS drama production, the Panther Foundation fundraising event and the retirement dinner to be held for Tom Huffman and Orlan Gessford on May 26. Rebecca Miner announced an upcoming presentation for parents to be held on May 17 on coping with adolescent stress and depression. Rebecca had the pleasure of attending the Iron Chef competition at Battle Ground High School on Saturday where Washougal High School (WHS) students performed very well. WHS won the best overall, as well as the "best taste" award. Mary Walker and Michael Piekarski are advisors for this prize-winning team. Teresa Baldwin shared the new board policy display and search system on the district website. Blaine Peterson introduced incoming superintendent, Dawn Tarzian.

**4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS**

Doug Bright announced a talent show fundraiser to be held at the Camas Burgerville on Friday, May 13. Ten percent of the restaurant's proceeds that night will go toward a scholarship fund through the Camas-Washougal Business Alliance. Rhea Bohlin attended the Iron Chef culinary event this past weekend, and commented that she is very impressed by Sodexo's support for students. The culinary

competition allows for students to perform in a public venue. Sodexo provides such encouragement for the students' passions and possible career paths. Rhea also announced that the Advanced Placement (AP) testing is almost finished and has gone very smoothly this year. Every year since AP began at WHS the number of students participating and the number of exams taken has increased.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **A. Meeting Minutes (April 26, 2011)**

### **B. Accounts Payable (April 2011)**

#### General Fund

Warrant numbers 182758 – 182858 in the amount of \$140,787.79 (Pay date: May 11, 2011)

#### ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18662 – 18685 in the amount of 23,416.79 (Pay date: May 11, 2011)

#### Capital Projects Fund

Warrant numbers 3742 – 3745 in the amount of \$148,058.00 (Pay date: May 11, 2011)

### **C. Personnel Report**

### **D. Contracts**

### **E. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 13, Instructional Program**

### **F. Travel**

### **G. Field Trips**

### **H. Donations**

Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Ron Dinius, to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the one exception noted in the agenda revisions. The motion carried unanimously.

## **6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Gause Elementary, Washington Green Schools Team**

Teresa Baldwin welcomed Gause Elementary School (GES) teacher Wendy Morrill and the Gause Green Team. GES principal Rex Larson thanked his staff involved in the program, noting that they have done a wonderful job. Wendy announced that Gause was recently certified as a Washington Level 1 Green School. She introduced some of the very dedicated students making up the team. Students explained their work and focus on energy efficiency and waste reduction by reading prepared written statements. The school participates in the save organic scraps (SOS) program, which has been very successful. Teresa Baldwin commented that the student presentations were outstanding and provided a very clear idea of how the program works. The board thanked the students and staff with a reception line.

### **B. Excelsior High School, School Improvement Plan Presentation**

Blaine Peterson introduced Aaron Hansen, principal at Excelsior High School (EHS). Aaron shared the school's mission and vision, highlighting that the school provides an alternative learning experience to those who want or need that. EHS has the same graduation requirements as WHS and other traditional high schools, but the environment and delivery of instruction are different. EHS functions as a professional learning community (PLC) with the fundamental purpose of personalizing student learning. Strategies used to meet student need were shared and partnerships with other schools and community groups highlighted. EHS provides a caring, creative and intellectually challenging environment, as shown by the students' climate survey results. Longtime EHS secretary Mina Custer will be leaving the school at the end of the year. Aaron thanked her for her many contributions, noting how very much she will be missed. Mina was thanked with flowers and applause. Elaine Pfeifer thanked the EHS for their very important work, adding that it makes a huge difference for many students. EHS seniors will graduate on June 10.

### **C. State Board of Education Achievement Index**

Rebecca Miner attended a symposium in January regarding the state's new achievement index. She explained the state's rationale for a new adequate yearly progress (AYP) system and shared with the

board the district's results. Board members discussed the "achievement vs. peers" data, which contextualizes the results. The board also discussed adding this data as Ends Policy evidence in the future. They will discuss this possibility further at their summer workshop.

**D. Board Policy Manual Revision, 4000 Series – third reading**

Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Jim Gadberry, to approve the 4000 series of the board policy manual revision as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Ron Dinius moved to delete the old policies in the 4000 series that were not revised or presented for consideration in this reading. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**E. Board Policy 6220, Bid Requirements – first reading**

Rosann Lassman explained that the revision of policy 6220 regarding bid requirements follows state law better than setting specific dollar amounts in the policy. The board will bring the policy revision to the next regular meeting for a second reading.

**F. 2010 Healthy Youth Survey**

Rebecca Miner presented the 2010 Healthy Youth Survey (HYS) data for the district. She explained how the information will be rolled out to staff and how it will be used by the counselors and teachers in the schools.

**7. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

**A. Resolution 2010-11-13: Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association Enrollment**

Jim Gadberry moved to approve Resolution 2010-11-13 regarding Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) enrollment. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution 2010-11-14: Sole-Source Vendor Authorization**

Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Jim Gadberry, to approve Resolution 2010-11-14 regarding sole-source vendor authorization. The motion carried unanimously.

The Apple Computers purchase pulled from the consent agenda was revisited. Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the purchase. Terrie Hutchins seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**C. 2011-12 Meal Prices**

Michael Piekarski explained the state mandated school meal price equalization plan. He provided meal price comparisons for the district with other local districts, and proposed a \$0.10 per meal price increase at all age levels for lunches and breakfasts. Jim Gadberry moved to accept the proposed \$0.10 per meal price increase. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**8. POLICY GOVERNANCE**

**A. Executive Limitation 14, *Instructional Materials Program***

Rebecca Miner presented evidence in support of Executive Limitation (EL) 14 regarding the district's instructional materials program. Blaine Peterson collected the monitoring report response forms noting that the approval of EL-14 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

**B. Executive Limitation 15, *District Calendar***

Teresa Baldwin and Doug Bright presented the monitoring report for EL-15 regarding the district calendar. The board discussed the school start day. Some comments have been received from district parents who would prefer for school to begin after the Labor Day holiday weekend. Teresa clarified that the revised code of Washington (RCW) states that the board has the authority to set the first and last days of the school year. The board will discuss the possibility of changing language in this EL monitoring report to reflect that authority at a future work session. Blaine Peterson collected the monitoring report response forms from all board members. The approval of EL-15 will be on the consent agenda at the next meeting.

**9. BOARD WORK SESSION**

**A. 2011-12 General Fund Budget Planning**

Teresa Baldwin presented a list of potential budget reductions for 2011-12. Possible administrative, certificated and classified staff reductions were explained. The potential reductions presented totaled \$831,300 in cost savings. Teresa will have more specific breakdowns of potential reductions at the next board meeting. She stressed that the proposal represents a “blueprint only” at this point, as the district is still awaiting state budget information.

**B. Legislative Priorities**

Ron Dinius presented information regarding the board’s ranking of legislative priorities. Area board representatives will meet to decide upon a small number of priorities to take forward to the legislature as school district priorities. Ron listed four priorities taken forward last year. Board members voiced continued support for fully funded public education and the restriction of unfunded mandates.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None listed specifically.

**11. BOARD EVALUATION**

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

**BOARD ADJOURNMENT OR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Jim Gadberry moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Elaine Pfeifer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**

<b>Board Self Evaluation Results</b>												
<b>May 10, 2011</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	3	5	5	4	4.4
2. The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.							5	3	5	5	5	4.6
3. The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.							5	4	4	4	4	4.2
4. The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.							5	4	4	4	4	4.2
5. The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.							5	4	5	5	5	4.8
6. Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.							5	4	4	5	5	4.6
7. Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.							5	5	4	5	5	4.8
8. Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.							5	4	5	5	5	4.8
9. Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.							5	4	5	5	5	4.8
Point scoring system:												
1 Failed												
2 Unacceptable												
3 Acceptable												
4 Commendable												
5 Met Best Expectations												