

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 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 led the pledge of allegiance.

2. AGENDA REVISIONS

Blaine Peterson asked to add an executive session to the agenda to allow the board to discuss the performance of an employee, per RCW 42.30.110(A)(7).

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Terrie Hutchins recently saw the Washougal High School (WHS) production of “Murder in the Knife Room” which was very good. She also attended a seminar for staff and community members regarding recognizing and treating depression in adolescents. This presentation was very interesting and she was glad to have been able to attend. Elaine also saw the WHS play with Terrie, agreeing that it was a very fun production, and that it was great to see such a large cast involved. Jim Gadberry will be at WHS tomorrow for the Job Acquisition Skills (JAS) interviews, and will also participate in the senior panel presentation process next week. Ron Dinius will conduct JAS interviews tomorrow as well. Ron was at the Washougal Mercantile store yesterday and was asked to relay the owner’s appreciation for the support given to the store by Cape Horn-Skye and Canyon Creek school patrons. In the current economy, the support from school staff and student families is greatly valued. Blaine has seen two WHS drama productions recently, and the students involved in both did a great job. Recently retired board members Orlan Gessford and Tom Huffman were recognized on Friday at annual Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) awards presentation. Teresa Baldwin also received two awards at this event. Blaine shared some good articles in the most recent Post-Record edition that include coverage of the Washougal Schools Foundation (WSF) Stride fundraiser as well as WHS student athletes. Blaine introduced Ernie Suggs, past WSF president, who spoke about the great support received from families, staff and local businesses for the WSF events, especially the Stride and Trail Band annual fundraisers. As economic times have become more troubled, vendors have stepped up to fill gaps. Sponsorships for WSF have actually increased in recent years. The WSF endowment fund is near \$350,000 now, and students have benefited greatly from the approximately \$380,000 given in classroom grants and scholarships. Rebecca Miner thanked Terrie for attending the adolescent stress and depression presentation, which was very well received and well attended. Rebecca reported that the Stride event was wonderful again this year. Teresa Baldwin added that the Stride is a delight for Washougal students and the district. She thanked the Stride sponsors for their very generous support: Dr. Stinchfield and Discovery Dental, Waste Connections, Watercare Industries, Sodexo, and Columbia Credit Union. Teresa recognized Coach Hajek and the WHS track team for their amazing season. A large number of student athletes will be competing at the state level.

A. Legislative Watch

Ron Dinius reported that an operating budget was approved by the state legislature today. He shared a synopsis of the current budget situation as prepared by the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA). State funding of public employees was cut, but LEA funds preserved. The budget has not yet been signed by the governor.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Rhea Bohlin announced that WHS will offer another Advanced Placement (AP) course next year. AP World History is an exciting addition to the currently available classes. The staff vs. seniors softball game held earlier today was a lot of fun, with a resounding victory for the staff. Will Paulson asked the board about the proposed reduction of a WHS assistant principal position. Blaine Peterson answered that staffing will be discussed during the 2011-12 General Fund Budget agenda item later in the meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (May 10, 2011)

B. Accounts Payable (May 2011)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 182859 – 182979 in the amount of \$192,208.74 (Pay date: May 25, 2011)

ASB Fund

Warrant numbers 18686 – 18718 in the amount of \$13,743.04 (Pay date: May 25, 2011)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant numbers 3746 – 3749 in the amount of \$17,907.56 (Pay date: May 25, 2011)

C. Payroll (Pre-authorization, May 2011)

D. Budget Status (April 2011)

E. Personnel Report

F. Contracts

G. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 14, Instructional Materials Program

H. Policy Governance, Executive Limitation 15, District Calendar

I. Travel

J. Field Trips

K. Donations

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

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. High School Graduation 2011

WHS graduation will take place on Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 and the Excelsior High School (EHS) ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10 at 4:00.

B. Career and Technical Education Program

Marsha Spencer presented information about the WHS career and technical education (CTE) program. She spoke of the program's mission and the dedicated CTE staff and building support, thanking everyone involved. Marsha highlighted the program's funding sources, its non-traditional field trips, and student recognition and opportunities, as well as how the tech prep credits and equivalency credits work for the students taking the courses. The board thanked Marsha for all that she does for district students.

C. Washington State Prototypical Funding Model

Rosann Lassman presented information explaining SHB 2776, which will become effective September 1, 2011. She stressed that the prototypical funding model is a model only, and does not provide any additional funding. She shared examples of the changes in funding categories and calculations. The board was very appreciative of this information.

D. Board Policy 6220, Bid Requirements – second reading

Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Jim Gadberry, to approve board policy 6220 regarding bid requirements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Resolution 2010-11-15: Approval of Board of Director Districting Boundaries

The proposed board of director districting boundary changes were presented at an open public hearing at the May 10, 2011 board meeting. Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Terrie Hutchins, to approve Resolution 2010-11-15 regarding the new boundaries. The motion carried unanimously.

8. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. Executive Limitation 16, *Student Conduct and Discipline*

Teresa Baldwin presented evidence in support of Executive Limitation (EL) 16 regarding student conduct and discipline. She will bring back to the next regular meeting additional information about the category of offenses listed in the discipline report. The board asked for enrollment numbers at each school to show the percentages of students receiving discipline.

9. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. 2011-12 General Fund Budget Planning

Teresa Baldwin presented a 2011-12 general fund budget blueprint. Blaine Peterson commented that much feedback has been received regarding the proposed elimination of a WHS associate principal position. Teresa gave a listing of the principal/assistant principal reductions and reorganizations over the past few years. She explained that the reduction of one FTE associate principal was listed under the “worst-case scenario”, and the district really hopes not to have to make that cut. She also explained the possible restructuring of Mr. Washburn’s position, which would capitalize on his strengths at WHS. Sue Conway expressed sadness at the prospect of the cut, noting that there are 659 Facebook posts in support of Gordon’s position. Heather Christopherson spoke of the low morale of WHS students due to the proposed cut. Jay Bennett asked for further clarification of the cut and movement of staff. Jim Gadberry expressed concern over the elimination of a principal position between Cape Horn-Skye and Canyon Creek schools that would likely result in the reduction of one assistant principal position. Sheila Good asked the board to look for places other than staff cuts to save money, perhaps in facilities, fields and other “wish list” items. Elaine Pfeifer proposed keeping the principal structure as it is this year and looking for cuts elsewhere. The board also discussed the reduction that resulted in re-posting the Assistant Superintendent position as a Curriculum Director position. Amanda Klackner encouraged the board to use facilities and fields funds to help with the budget situation next year. Terrie Hutchins assured all present that the board is working hard to balance the budget while maintaining the best service to Washougal students possible. Teresa expects the funding pivot tables to be available from the state within two weeks. There will be a large block of time devoted to budget decisions at the next regular meeting. Terrie asked to include Dawn Tarzian, incoming superintendent, in that discussion. Elaine clarified the necessity for facilities funding. The board agreed by consensus to remove the reduction of one associate principal position from the “worst-case scenario” proposed budget cuts. Teresa will update the blueprint to reflect the board’s decision.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The budget will continue to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

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

Elaine Pfeifer moved to recess to executive session, returning for adjournment only with no action after approximately 30 minutes, at 8:18 p.m. Jim Gadberry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RCW 42.30.110(A)(7) Performance of an Employee

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

The board returned from executive session at 9:28 p.m. for adjournment only. Ron Dinius moved, seconded by Jim Gadberry to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 14th day of June 2011

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results												
May 24, 2011						board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1. The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.							4	5	4	3	4	4.0
2. The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.							5	5	5	4	5	4.8
3. The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.							5	5	5	4	4	4.6
4. The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.							3	4	5	3	4	3.8
5. The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.							5	5	4	5	5	4.8
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	4	5	5	4.8
9. Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.							5	5	5	5	5	5.0
Point scoring system:												
1 Failed												
2 Unacceptable												
3 Acceptable												
4 Commendable												
5 Met Best Expectations												