

WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06
Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Blaine Peterson, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. The prearranged absences of Board Directors Orlan Gessford and Tom Huffman were excused.

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

Teresa Baldwin added **RCW 42.30.140(D)(a) Labor Negotiations** to the Executive Session as agenda item 11.B. Teresa Baldwin removed the principals' contract from the approval of contracts on the consent agenda under agenda item 5.F.

3. COMMENTS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Elaine Pfeifer – It is nice to be back into another school year. Elaine has heard good comments about the new Washougal High School (WHS) counselors, Christina Mackey and Owen Sanford. She has also heard very little negative about the new cell phone policies at the high school.

Ron Dinius – Ron had an opportunity to tour the Oregon Health Sciences University through his daughter's internship, and was very impressed with the work being done there. Next Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25, he will be attending the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Assembly in Vancouver. The WSSDA regional meeting will be held on October 13, 2010 at the Hockinson School District.

Blaine Peterson – Blaine has also heard positive comments regarding the new WHS counselors. He enjoyed the staff welcome back event on August 26. He announced that the *Diversity Inc.* publication recently ranked Sodexo, the district's food services provider, as first in its "Top 50 Companies for Diversity" list. Congratulations to Michael Piekarski, Food Services Director, and Sodexo for this recognition. Blaine spoke about the great coverage of Panther athletics in last week's Post-Record edition. Today's paper has a story about a Washougal student who interned at a dolphin training institute. Football started off well, which has been great for team and student body morale. Friday's game is at home at 7:00 p.m.

Rebecca Miner – Rebecca thanked the transportation staff for excellent first day of school bussing. There was much hard work done on the part of the transportation department to ensure a smooth start for students, families and staff. The rosters for each elementary classroom and the extra administrators and an extra bus at each school building were all part of the well-planned day, and were greatly appreciated. Rebecca has been able to attend both football games so far, as well as a girls' JV soccer game, enjoying all of the competitions. She shared with the board a certificate of appreciation for the district's participation in the summer meals program. She thanked Sandy Ladd and Michael Piekarski for the success of this program. Rebecca closed by sharing data regarding the increased number of users on the Washougal School District (WSD) website. A record-setting number (almost 9,000) of unique hits to the district webpage was tallied in August 2010, a significant increase from years past. Thanks to Les Brown, the WSD Technology Director.

Blaine Peterson added that he has received several very positive comments from district parents of students who participated in the summer reading program. Thanks to Rebecca Miner, Heidi Kleser and Sandy Ladd for their work with the program.

Teresa Baldwin – Teresa spoke about the staff's opening program in August, and the emphasis on the District's key initiative, Professional Learning Communities and the use of intellectually challenging and engaging (ICE) curriculum and instruction in all classrooms. Teresa and Rebecca

held administrative meetings in August where principals reviewed teacher evaluation materials, specifically the Marilyn Simpson components for effective ICE instruction. Teresa shared some of the documents being used, including the “reflections” sheet for teachers to use to identify their own strengths and weaknesses, and set personal goals for professional development and improvement. Teresa expressed appreciation for the Camas Washougal Rotary Club’s donation of 75 backpacks full of school supplies that have been distributed to low-income students at Hathaway, Gause, Cape Horn-Skye and Jemtegaard. She also attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Black Pearl restaurant. She closed with information regarding the Governor Chris Gregoire’s executive order for across-the-board budget cuts to all state programs, which could mean potential budget cuts for school districts. She assures staff and district patrons that superintendents in the region are working in collaboration to minimize the impact of future budget reductions. She will continue to keep the board and staff informed as updates become available.

4. COMMENTS – CITIZENS

Nancy Kutchera – Nancy is the parent of district students, a 6th grader and a kindergartener. She read a prepared letter to the board and superintendent. She congratulated WHS for their 2010 High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) scores, which were above the state average in all four subject areas. She also congratulated Jemtegaard Middle School (JMS) for performing above state averages in math at every grade level. She expressed frustration with the drop in 2010 5th grade scores at Hathaway compared to that cohort’s performance as 4th graders, and with the large 5th grade class sizes at Hathaway last year. Nancy closed by asking the board and superintendent to do everything possible to provide Hathaway with the resources necessary to succeed.

Teresa Baldwin responded that Nancy’s points were well-taken, and that the district is prompting collaboration with higher performing schools around the state who compare similarly in demographics and size to Washougal Schools. She confirmed that Hathaway was currently in touch with a school in Federal Way School District. The district is very aware of the issue, and is studying the assessment results to determine causality factors.

Amanda Klackner – Amanda attended a union meeting tonight where a new Education Jobs bill was discussed. She asked if the district had plans for the money it will be receiving.

Rosann Lassman, WSD Business Services Manager, responded that if the federal money does come through, it will likely be used to supplant state apportionment funds, meaning that districts might not actually see an increase in funding. She will keep the board informed as information becomes available.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Meeting Minutes (August 24, 2010)

B. Accounts Payable (August 2010)

General Fund

Warrant number 180324 in the amount of \$25,000 (Pay date: August 27, 2010)

C. Accounts Payable (September 2010)

General Fund

Warrant numbers 180325 – 180421 in the amount of \$139,396.51 (Pay date: September 15, 2010)

Warrant numbers 180422 – 180468 in the amount of \$288,634.72 (Pay date: September 15, 2010)

ASB Fund

Warrant number 18297 – 18300 in the amount of \$3,927.72 (Pay date: September 15, 2010)

Warrant numbers 18301 – 18315 in the amount of \$31,333.08 (Pay date: September 15, 2010)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant numbers 3693 – 3695 in the amount of \$18,859.33 (Pay date: September 15, 2010)

D. Payroll (August 2010)

Warrant numbers 180273 – 180323 in the amount of \$1,721,654.32 (Pay date: August 31, 2010)

E. Personnel Report

- F. Contracts**
- G. Travel**
- H. Field Trips**

Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the exception of the principals' contract, under agenda item 5.F. Ron Dinius seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Fishback Stadium Field

Teresa Baldwin welcomed Terry Cavender, the Camas High School athletic director, and Doug Cox, WHS's athletic director to speak about the WHS stadium turf field, its current condition and recommendations and timeline for its replacement. Terry noted that the WSD maintenance staff has done an excellent job of maximizing the life of the turf. He then shared his notes from the walking of the field and his recommendations for replacement. The board thanked Terry for taking time out of his very busy schedule to share this valuable information with WSD.

B. September 2010 Enrollment

Doug Bright presented enrollment data comparing the first student count day (September 7, 2010) numbers this year with those from the fall of 2009 for all buildings and grade levels. Doug also shared average classroom sizes at all K-8 buildings and grade levels. He explained that the district is closely monitoring class sizes, and is carefully considering possible remedies for variations in class sizes at different grade levels and schools.

C. State Assessment Data and Adequate Yearly Progress

Rebecca Miner presented the district's 2010 state assessment results to the board. She shared data for the entire district compared to state averages at each grade level, as well as each individual schools as compared to state averages, and 3-year historical trends. She presented cohort class historical data and poverty regression graphs for Washougal High School showing WHS achievement performance compared to area high schools' HSPE scores and free/reduced lunch percentages. Rebecca will also present this data to staff at each school next month. Teresa Baldwin added that the district has a good communication plan to disseminate data to staff and make plans for moving ahead and making gains. Elaine Pfeifer expressed her appreciation for the cohort data.

D. Board Policy Manual 2000 Series – first reading

The board will continue to review the Policy Manual 2000 Series drafts and will bring them back to the next regular meeting for a second reading.

7. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Board Policy Manual 1000 Series

Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the revised 1000 Series board policies as presented. Ron Dinius seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Ron Dinius moved, seconded by Elaine Pfeifer, to delete the old 1000 Series policies that were not revised or presented to the board for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 2010-11-01: Approval of Board Member Absence

Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve Resolution 2010-11-01 regarding the approval of a board member's absences. Ron Dinius seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

8. POLICY GOVERNANCE

A. ENDS 1 Policy, *Educating the Whole Child*

Rebecca Miner presented the Ends 1 Policy, which was originally presented on June 22, 2010. Elaine Pfeifer expressed concern that the district still does not meet the benchmarks set in the Ends document. Blaine Peterson collected the monitoring response forms from board members present.

B. Executive Limitation 1, *Global Executive Constraint*

Teresa Baldwin presented Executive Limitation (EL) 1 regarding Global Executive Constraint. Blaine Peterson collected the monitoring response forms from board members, noting that the approval of EL-1 will be on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting.

9. BOARD WORK SESSION

A. Non-Voted Debt

Teresa Baldwin presented information related to non-voted debt, an option being considered using Federal qualified school construction bonds (QSCB). QSCBs would require an annual payment from the general fund. Teresa recommended to the board not to pursue the QSCBs further, since state funding at its current level is not guaranteed. The board discussed the pending field work needing to be done, and decided by consensus that other possible avenues of funding would be explored, but that the district would not proceed any further with the QSCB funding at this time.

B. Board Annual Work Session

The board agreed by consensus to meet on October 16, 2010 for its annual work session.

C. Business Items Related to Facilities

Teresa Baldwin reported that a buyer is interested in purchasing a fuel tank from the district. The board agreed by consensus to sell the tank. The board also discussed acquiring an appraisal on the current transportation facility property, and decided by consensus to wait until the city's rezoning is completed. Doug Bright reported that the district's energy savings for the summer of 2010 was in the range of 43-65% as compared to 2008.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board will continue the discussion of the stadium turf field replacement. Board members also requested a Special Services presentation at an upcoming meeting.

11. BOARD EVALUATION AND ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Elaine Pfeifer moved at 8:10 p.m. to recess to executive session for approximately 45 minutes, returning for adjournment only. Ron Dinius seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

B. RCW 42.30.140 (D) (a) Labor Negotiations

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ADJOURNMENT OR ACTION

The board returned to regular session at 9:30 p.m. Elaine Pfeifer, seconded by Ron Dinius, moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 28th day of September 2010

President

Secretary to the Board

Board Self Evaluation Results											
September 14, 2010											
					board member:	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1.	The board followed its agenda and did not allow itself to get sidetracked.					5	5	5			5.0
2.	The agenda was well planned to focus on the real work of the board.					5	4	5			4.7
3.	The meeting started on time and proceeded in a timely manner.					4	5	4			4.3
4.	The meeting proceeded without interruptions or distractions.					5	5	4			4.7
5.	The board's deliberations and decision-making processes were public.					5	4	4			4.3
6.	Participation was balanced; all participated; no one dominated.					4	5	5			4.7
7.	Members listened attentively, avoiding side conversations.					5	4	5			4.7
8.	Work was conducted in an atmosphere of trust and openness.					5	4	5			4.7
9.	Meeting participants treated each other with respect and courtesy.					4	4	5			4.3
Point scoring system:											
1	Failed										
2	Unacceptable										
3	Acceptable										
4	Commendable										
5	Met Best Expectations										