

**EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

April 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Rock Island Elementary School, 5645 Rock Island Road, Rock Island, Washington.

At 6:00 p.m. as per RCW 42.30.110(i) the Board moved immediately into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation regarding McCoy vs. Eastmont School District.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Brad Hawkins, Jan Cetto, Chris Gibbs, Annette Eggers, Cindy Wright
Superintendent Garn Christensen, Mary Ellen Sparman, Vicki Trainor
Jerry Moberg, District Counsel

At 6:57 p.m. MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to adjourn the executive session. The motion CARRIED.

The executive session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Eastmont School District was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the library at Rock Island Elementary School, Rock Island, East Wenatchee, WA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Brad Hawkins, Chairperson
Annette Eggers, Board Member
Chris Gibbs, Board Member
Jan Cetto, Board Member
Cindy Wright, Board Member
Garn Christensen, Superintendent/Secretary
Cindy Ulrich, Director of Financial Services
Vicki Trainor, Director of Human Resources
Mary Ellen Sparman, Assistant Secretary

Present: Mary Graves, Dona Potter, Connie Shaver, Anne Frank, Donna Dawson, Cheryl Hornbeck, Lisa Cook, Jane Searles, Dave Starkenburg, Joan Rankin, Teresa Burns, Shannon Duncan, Jody Brender, Carol Rockstad, Diane Musilek, Diane Brace, Rickie Yopp, Cheryl Rupp, Susan Moser, Deena Driver, Sue Wetherald, David Owens, Anita Guenther, SaBrina Swanson, Linda C. Dial, Anita Malone, Brad C. Ulrich, Mark Churchman, Scott Rennie, Jack Kiesel, Mary Harsh, Sharon Lytle, Marci Walker, Kim Radke,

Rhonda Kinzebach, Verna Fichtner, Eric Burns, Maggie Forseth, Anita DeWitt, Katy Keiser, Rebecca Alvarez, Marisol Lee, Rosemary Hevley, Cheri McMillan, Bob Spurrier, Teresa Mendoza, Josie Calhoun, Ellen Pell, Sylvia Montoya, Jeannette Owens, Harriet Fox, Selma Miller, Roxanne Christopherson, LeeAnne Ulrich, Joyce Burts, Dena Craig, Shannon Connery, Lisa Blue, Kerri Tschritter, Roberta Rennie, Gary Dexter, Katy Luttrell, Lisa Congdon, Annie Horan, Emily Horan, Cheryl Tomco, Stephanie Lehman, Mary Lopez, Judith Yates, Melody Field, Terry Fitzpatrick, Bonnie Cleveland, Pam Steinburg, Don Lehman, Maria Barnes, Joyce Wilson, Lesley Stewart, Laurie Burbank, Diane Oberg, Gail Komm, several signatures illegible

INFORMATION

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda and Superintendent News

Superintendent Christensen announced the Board has been selected as the recipient of the annual North Central ESD "Board of the Year" award. The award conceived by the North Central ESD Board of Directors to honor school board members for their contributions of making a difference in the lives of students. The Board will receive their award on the evening of Monday, April 21 at Campbell's in Lake Chelan. Congratulations!

Superintendent Christensen went on to report the District's Resolution regarding re-districting school director districts has been reviewed and approved by the Prosecuting Attorney's office and provided a ballot title for review and comments. Other good news included Cashmere Valley Bank recently donating \$500 for the education of students.

The superintendent reported changes to the Consent Agenda reflected two additional certificated resignations and the travel report.

B. Board News

Board President Hawkins said he and the board were proud of their "Board of Year" recognition. The board had worked hard, made some tough decisions and made great strides over the past couple of years. He thanked the district office staff for the nomination and looked forward to the awards dinner on April 21.

Board Member Gibbs reported that he had recently visited the district bus barn and visited with Director Malcolm Massey. He also visited the Tech department, checked out the server and found all of it interesting. Board Member Gibbs went on to say that he was pleased the contract with the teachers had been settled. It looked to be a fair and equitable 3-year contract. He thanked everyone for their hard work in getting that accomplished.

Board President Hawkins reported the Board had received an invitation to visit a classroom at Rock Island.

Rock Island paraeducator Rhonda Kinzebach extended an invitation to board members to stop by her classroom anytime to see what students are doing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Hawkins stated the board would not accept comments regarding specific contract negotiations with paraeducators.

Katy Kaiser, Special Education teacher at Sterling Intermediate School, spoke on behalf of EEA. She stated that paraeducators were greatly valued by teachers and appreciated for the assistance they provide.

Michelle Churchman, paraeducator, said she was concerned over negotiations. She stated that paraeducators are an intricate part of the student learning process.

Barb Golden addressed the hardship changing the school boundaries would have on their family. She indicated that there were only three grade school children on their block and asked the board to reconsider putting Airport Way back into the Grant School boundary.

Joyce Wilson addressed the issue of school boundaries. They live two blocks from Sterling and had purchased a home in an area that would be a walking school for their children. Now they will have to be bused.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of March 24, 2008.
- B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated April 14, 2008
Warrants No. 7045116-7045178 for \$3,091,488.69
Warrants No. 7045179-7045211 for \$16,296.08
Warrants No. 7045212-7045488 for \$403,393.48
Warrants No. 7045499-7045501 for \$2,721.03
Warrants No. 7045502 for \$64,748.00
- C. Approval of Personnel Report.
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated April 14, 2008, including:
1. Classified Resignation
 - a. Janet Long – NC Technical Skills Center
 2. Certificated Resignations
 - a. Mike Gomez – Cascade Elementary School
 - b. Jane E. Smith – District Speech-Language Specialist
 - c. Nikki Harris – Grant Elementary School
 3. Retirement
 - a. Corey Schott – Maintenance and Facilities
- D. Field Trip Requests
The Board of Directors approved the following field trip requests:
1. EHS State VICA Skills USA Contest – Olympia – April 25-26, 2008
 2. EJHS Spirit Squad – UCA Summer Cheer Camp – University of Puget Sound – July 18-20, 2008
 3. EHS Cheerleaders – UCA Cheerleading Camp – University of Puget Sound – July 28-31, 2008
- E. Pandemic Plan. The Board of Directors approved the District Pandemic Plan as presented.
- F. Contract Amendment. The Board of Directors approved the contract amendment to the Superintendent’s Contract (Article V) to include personal benefits accorded other professional employees of the School District.
- G. Approval of Travel Report. The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Travel Report as presented.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion CARRIED.

REPORTS

- A. Budget Status Report – Cindy Ulrich
(A copy of the Budget Status Report is on the district website.)
- B. Enrollment Report – Cindy Ulrich
Cindy Ulrich, Director of Finance, reported that March Full Time Equivalent Students for the Grades K-12

of the Eastmont School District on official count day was 5,081.52. This is a decrease of 9.39 FTE from the March enrollment count.

C. Maintenance and Facilities Report – Garn Christensen

Superintendent Christensen reviewed the District Maintenance report highlighting recent and future improvements (Copy on the district website). Gary Dexter added comments regarding future improvements.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Bond Resolution – Resolution No. 2008-5

Cindy Ulrich, Director of Finance, reported the District has received a grant to assist in replacing five buses, and in addition, is purchasing three additional buses. It is determined to be in the best interest of the District to issue, sell and deliver a limited general obligation bond in the principal amount of \$625,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of acquiring the school buses.

Jim McNeill, Foster Pepper LLC, was on hand to answer questions from the board.

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Eggers to approve Bond Resolution No. 2008-5 as presented and authorized execution of the Engagement letter by the Superintendent. The motion CARRIED.

B. Attendance Areas Review and Approval

Superintendent Christensen reviewed the adjustments to school boundaries which may be adjusted as needed to balance class sizes at elementary and intermediate schools. He reported that Choice students currently attending a school other than their assigned school shall be allowed to continue at the school, as well as incoming siblings of the choice student, as long as both students shall attend the same school during the same academic year.

Choice students may ride buses to and from their preferred school on designated routes and at designated stops. If a bus is not available to the choice school, parents are responsible for transportation.

Following discussion the Board concluded they would like more time to consider the adjustments to the boundaries and would make a decision on April 28.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Cetto to adjourn the meeting. The motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approval:

Chairperson

Secretary