EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Eastmont School District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at the district administration office, located at 460 Ninth Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Present:
Brad Hawkins, Acting President
Chris Gibbs, Board Member
Jan Cetto, Board Member
Annette Eggers, Board Member
Garn Christensen, Superintendent/Secretary
Beverly Jagla, Assistant Superintendent
Cindy Ulrich, Director of Finance
Vicki Trainor, Director of Human Resources
Mary Ellen Sparman, Assistant Secretary

Present:
Bonni Martin, Cindy Wright, John Wright, Ashley Wright, Jack Kiesel, Ron Skagen, Nathan L. Scott, Tammy Grubb, Steve Piccirillo, Judy Graham, Tom Graham, Rachel Schleif, Tom Cashman

INFORMATION

A. Budget Update – Cindy Ulrich
Director of Finance Cindy Ulrich provided a detailed Monthly Status Report and Final Year End Report. (A copy of the Monthly Status Report is on the district website.)

B. Board News
There was no Board news to report.

C. Superintendent News
Superintendent Christensen reported that all directors and administrators would be attending a Leadership Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Junior High. He said he has continued to meet with directors

and administrators as well as visit schools and special programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nathan Scott brought and read parts of emails written by board members and the inappropriateness of it. He voiced his displeasure on how he had followed district protocol, but had not received a response. Mr. Scott reported that his original concerns included his belief that grading practices in our schools do not provide an accurate representation of student learning. He felt there is a difference in the performance of students at the highest level compared to the lowest level and grades should reflect that. Mr. Scott said board members involved in the inappropriate emails should resign.

Tom Graham noted that he was pleased to see the District Strategic Plan was on the agenda and being discussed. Mr. Graham reported that he and others had spent a lot of time on the development process of the Strategic Plan and he looked forward to continued discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of July 16, 2007.

B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated August 13, 2007
Payroll for the Month of July – Warrants No. 29478-29708 for $2,997.878.69
Capital Projects Fund Voucher No. 356-360 for $61,789.87
Associated Student Body Fund Voucher No. 5158-5193 for $22,393.66
General Fund Voucher No. 29296-29477 for $423,256.71
August 6, 2007 Warrants No. 7038977-7039125 for $282,237.18

C. Approval of Personnel Report.
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated July 16, 2007, including:

1. Resignations
   a. Kelven May – Eastmont High School
   b. Scott McGlynn – Sterling Intermediate School
   c. John Linder – North Central Technical Skills Center

2. Leave of Absence Request
   a. Natalie Hoback – Kenroy Elementary School

3. Separation of Employment
   a. Paul Floyd – Clovis Intermediate School

4. New Hires
   a. Tracy Gelb – Clovis Intermediate School
   b. Mark Henson – Eastmont High School
   c. Michaela Rigelman – Sterling Intermediate School
   d. Kaycie Tuttle – Sterling Intermediate School
   e. Tessa Evenhus – Cascade Elementary School

D. 2007-2008 School Board Meeting Calendar
The Board of Directors approved the 2007-2008 School Board Meeting Calendar as presented.

E. Surplus Textbooks.
The Board of Directors approved the used textbooks as surplus described in the August 2, 2007 surplus textbook list.

F. Field Trip Request. The Board of Directors approved the following field trip request:
1. Kenroy Summer School Program – Silverwood Theme park, Athol, Idaho – August 16, 2007

G. Contract for Services. The Board of Directors approved a contract with KJM & Associates to provide construction management services for the North Central Technical Skills Center.

H. Resolution No. 2007-8 – The Board of Directors authorized the Superintendent to proceed with the letting of contracts as soon as possible by Resolution 2007-8, in order to complete the remodel of the North Central Technical Skills Center Culinary Arts Kitchen.

I. Agreement for Services – The Board of Directors approved the Agreement with The DOH Associates related to the completion of projects at the North Central Technical Skills Center.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Eggers to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion CARRIED with a vote of 3 yes and 1 abstain. (Board Member Hawkins removed himself from voting on the consent agenda because of a payment to vouchers to Valley Tractor, a company his father co-owns.)

ACTION ITEMS

A. School Board Appointment
In order to fill the unexpired term of Director District No. 3 vacated by Dixie Randall, the Board reviewed the appointment of Cindy Wright, the lone applicant, to serve until the November election.

MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Cetto to approve the appointment of Cindy Wright to fill the unexpired term of Director District No. 3 by roll call vote:
Board Member Eggers – Yes
Board Member Cetto – Yes
Board Member Gibbs - Yes
Board Member Hawkins – Yes
The motion CARRIED unanimously.

Superintendent Christensen administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Cindy Wright. Ms. Wright was seated at the Board table.

B. Reorganization of the Board.

Acting Board Chair Hawkins announced the Election of Officers per School Board Policy No. 1210

The election of school board officers was held. Term of office began as soon as elections were completed.

Acting Board Chair Hawkins opened the nominations for the position of school board president to serve the next one-year term.

Board Member Eggers nominated Brad Hawkins as school board president. Board Member Gibbs seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations Acting Chair Hawkins closed the nomination for president. By roll call vote:

Board Member Cetto – Yes
Board Member Gibbs – Yes
Board Member Eggers – Yes
Board Member Wright - Yes

The roll call vote was unanimous for Brad Hawkins to serve as school board president. Board President Hawkins resumed the elections.

Board President Hawkins opened nominations for the position of vice president. Board Member Gibbs nominated Annette Eggers to serve as school board vice president. The nomination was seconded by Board Member Cetto. Hearing no other nominations Board President Hawkins closed the nomination for vice president. By roll call vote:
Board Member Hawkins – Yes
Board Member Cetto – Yes
Board Member Gibbs – Yes
Board Member Wright - Yes

The roll call vote was unanimous for Board Member Eggers to serve as school board vice president.

The legislative representative position is a two year term. Board Member Gibbs was elected to this position on September 12, 2006 and would serve until July 2008.

Board President Hawkins requested the Board reaffirm the selection of Board Member Gibbs to the legislative representative position. Board Member Cetto nominated Chris Gibbs to continue to serve as the legislative representative. The nomination was seconded by Board Member Wright.
Board Member Hawkins - Yes
Board Member Cetto - Yes
Board Member Eggers - Yes
Board Member Wright - Yes
The roll call vote was unanimous for Board Member Gibbs to serve as the legislative representative.

Board President Hawkins opened nominations for the position of WIAA Representative. Board Member Eggers nominated Cindy Wright to serve as the WIAA Representative. The nomination was seconded by Board Member Cetto.
Board Member Hawkins - Yes
Board Member Cetto - Yes
Board Member Eggers - Yes
Board Member Gibbs - Yes
The roll call vote was unanimous for Board Member Wright to serve as the WIAA Representative.

Congratulations to the new school board officers!

C. Re-districting School Director District – Resolution No. 2007-7.
In order for the Douglas County Auditor to take the procedural steps required by law to assure this proposition shall be submitted to voters of Douglas County on November 7, 2007 requires the Board of Directors to approve Resolution 2007-7, which authorizes the Superintendent to transmit said resolution to the Douglas County Auditor.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Cetto to authorize the Superintendent to immediately transmit to the Douglas County Auditor a copy of Resolution No. 2007-7 in order for the Auditor to take all procedural steps required by law to assure that this proposition shall be submitted to voters of Douglas County. The motion CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

A. District Strategic Improvement Plan
Superintendent Christensen encouraged continuing participation in restructuring the District's plan and stressed the importance of the entire district taking ownership in the process. After reviewing the plan, he felt the District had a good start, but would like to see the finished plan as a short and concise document. The plan needs to follow state and federal guidelines. Superintendent Christensen reported that he would request school presentations reflect how the program fits and/or relates to the strategic plan.

B. Board Operating Protocol
Board members were provided a packet of copies which included the latest draft of School Board's Operating Protocol, Policy 1011 – Code of Ethics, and Policy and Procedure 1620 – Board-Superintendent Relationship. Superintendent Christensen requested the board review and determine whether to keep them as individual documents or mesh the three into one document. The consensus was to look at a draft combination of the three documents.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approval:

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Board President

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Secretary