

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

January 14, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Clovis Intermediate School, located at 1855 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, East Wenatchee, Washington.

As per RCW 42.30.220(g) the Board moved immediately into executive session for the purpose of evaluating the performance of an employee and possible contract changes.

Board Members Present: Brad Hawkins, Jan Cetto, Chris Gibbs, Annette Eggers, Cindy Wright  
Superintendent Garn Christensen

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to come out of executive session. The motion CARRIED.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. No action was taken.

**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 library at Clovis Intermediate School, located at 1855 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, East Wenatchee, WA.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present:

Brad Hawkins, President  
Annette Eggers, Board Member  
Chris Gibbs, Board Member  
Jan Cetto, Board Member  
Cindy Wright, 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:

Donna Regan, Kathy Hamilton, Leonora Kniffen, Jack Kiesel, Ed Hickok, Kelley Hopkins, Dewey Stedman, Jeff Lange, Karl Myers, Annie Gerber, Judy Graham, Kari Weis, Jennifer Lange

## INFORMATION

### A. Changes/Additions to Agenda and Superintendent News

The agenda was revised to reflect the executive session at the end of the meeting was not needed.

Superintendent Christensen thanked the many transportation people in attendance and for their support of their new supervisor Malcolm Massey. Superintendent Christensen reported he recently received a certificate from the State commending the Eastmont Transportation Department for outstanding bus inspections for winter and summer. He added that bus inspections are some of the most rigorous of inspections.

Transportation Director Malcolm Massey credited mechanics Jimmy Fisher and Phil Jones.

### B. Board News

There was no board news to report.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dewey Stedman issued a thank you from PSE for all those who supported the Simple Majority issue. He reported he would be attending a legislative session later in the month and if anyone had concerns he could pass along to Senator Parlette or Representatives Condotta and Armstrong to let him know.

## CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of December 10, 2007.

### B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated January 14, 2008

Warrants No. 7042389-7042677 for \$637,880.37  
Warrants No. 7042678-7042857 for \$3,250,087.82  
Warrants No. 7042921-7042927 for \$12,145.51  
Warrants No. 7042932-7042940 for \$4,234.78  
Warrants No. 7042941-7043081 for \$431,255.71  
Warrants No. 7043093-7043101 for \$51,220.91  
Warrants No. 7043082-7043092 for \$7,016.23

### C. Approval of Personnel Report.

The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated January 14, 2008, including:

1. Classified Resignations
  - a. Heidi Ontiveros – Cascade Elementary School
  - b. Kristie Mahre – Kenroy Elementary School
2. New Hires
  - a. Susanne Wall – Eastmont Junior High
  - b. Ed Thornton – Eastmont Junior High

### D. Approval of Travel Report.

The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the revised Travel Report dated January 14, 2008.

### E. Learning Improvement Day Request.

The Board of Directors approved the following 2007-08 Learning Improvement Day request:

1. Wee Wildcat Preschool – February 2, 2008

### F. Resolution No. 2008-01 – Policy No. 7321 – Procurement Cards.

The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2008-01 authorizing the issuance of individual Procurement Cards.

### G. Field Trip Request.

The Board of Directors approved the following field trip request:

1. Eastmont High School "Eclipse" Jazz Choir – January 31-February 1, 2008 – Bellevue Community College

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion CARRIED with a vote of 3 yes and 2 abstain. (Board Member Hawkins removed himself from voting on the consent agenda because of a payment of vouchers to Valley Tractor, a company his father co-owns. Board Member Eggers removed herself from voting because of a reimbursement of travel expenses to WSSDA Conference)

## **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 January Full Time Equivalent Students for the Grades K-12 of the Eastmont School District on official count day was 5,128.22. This is decline of 12.73 FTE from the December enrollment count.

K-12 average enrollment through January is 53.29 FTE more than the actual average FTE at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

- C. 2007-08 School Reports
  1. Director of Food Services Suzy Howard provided a District Food Services Report based on 2006-07 data.
  2. Director of Transportation Malcolm Massey provided the Transportation Report based on 2006-07 data.

Board President Hawkins asked if the district would still need additional buses, even with the addition of the 5 new buses. He also asked how it would they be paid for?

Director Massey responded that the five new buses would only replace existing high polluting older buses, but the District still needs to add to the fleet because the district is growing, buses are full and many at capacity, and start/end times implemented in order to have the capacity to transport students.

Cindy Ulrich, Director of Finance, reported that the depreciation from five new buses should more than pay for our 50% of the costs. She added the district may need to do a budget extension to gain the capacity to buy these buses as well as borrow the money for our share of the costs. This loan would be paid back with the depreciation revenue.

Superintendent Christensen reported that Eastmont currently has 668 students who live within a mile radius of a school who are transported and that is something the district needs to look at. This costs the District approximately \$700 per student, which the State does not cover. He added the State may change how transportation is funded on routes, so the district will wait to review and make a determination.

## **BOARD POLICY ISSUES**

### **DISCUSSION/FIRST READING**

- A. Policy No. 3413 – Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions.  
The District's current practice is to allow home baked food items and we do not screen and approve food items brought in by students or employees.

Superintendent Christensen reported that the District's liability regarding food allergies has been addressed by our insurance company. He added that the plan is to implement Canfield's guidelines as Eastmont's

guidelines. These will focus on preparation and response rather than guaranteeing parents an allergy free environment for their child. They do recommend no homemade food items because of allergies and food cleanliness.

School Nurse Annie Gerber added that the nurses are encouraging teachers to provide non-food items as treats or store bought food items. She highlighted the process taken when students register, Emergency Care Plans, and yearly follow-up with those students having plans. She reported there are currently over 100 students in the district with life-threatening conditions.

B. Policy No. 3144 – Release of Information Concerning Student Sexual and Kidnapping Offenders. This new policy came as a result of a recent concern of a board member regarding juvenile sex offenders attending our schools and the absence of a policy addressing that issue.

Board Member Wright asked if those students have the right to attend activities, and if so, who monitors them.

Superintendent Christensen responded that those students are given expectations and typically, those students do not attend activities. In the event one would choose to attend, the administrator is responsible to make sure the student is monitored throughout the activity.

### **ACTION REQUIRED**

A. Policy No. 2340 – Religious-Related Activities or Practices - Adoption  
The only changes to the policy were an update of legal references. (There were no other changes to the policy.)

MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Cetto to approve Policy No. 2340 for adoption. The motion CARRIED.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Superintendent 2008-11 Contract. That the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent 2008-11 Contract.

Board President Hawkins reported that the Board was adding a year to Superintendent Christensen's contract with the commitment he will be with the District for three years. He expressed appreciation to Superintendent Christensen for all he has accomplished this year.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to approve the Superintendent 2008-11 Contract. The motion CARRIED.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Approval:

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Chairperson

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Secretary