

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

June 23, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

As per RCW 42.30.110(g) the Board executive session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at the district administration office, 460 Ninth Street NE., East Wenatchee, Washington, for the purpose of reviewing the performance of an employee.

Attendance:

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

At 6:40 p.m. MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to come out of the executive session. The motion CARRIED.

The executive session adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

**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, 460 Ninth Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present:

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

Present:

John Westerman, Judy Graham, Jack Kiesel, Rachel Schleif

**INFORMATION**

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda and Superintendent News

Superintendent Christensen reported a field trip request and a discussion item had been added to the revised agenda. He reported it was a good end to the school year and shared two thank you cards from retirees and

a letter from the mayor of our Japanese sister city, Misawa.

**B. Board News**

Board President Hawkins thanked Beverly Jagla for all her efforts the past two years since coming out of retirement to help the district out. (Ms. Jagla goes into her second retirement with 33 years of service to Eastmont School District.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of June 9, 2008.

B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated June 23, 2008  
Warrants No. 7047164-7047534 for \$612,459.89  
Warrants No. 7047535-7047702 for \$3,604,368.01  
Warrants No. 7047703-7047765 for \$3,378,344.69

C. Approval of Personnel Report.  
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated June 23, 2008, including:  
1. Classified Resignations  
a. Don Moser  
b. Christina Lehman  
c. Barbara Gomez  
d. Benjamin Brownlow

D. Travel Report.  
The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Travel Report as presented.

E. Field Trip Requests. The Board of Directors approved the following field trip requests:  
1. EHS Summer Journalism Workshop – Central Washington University – Ellensburg – August 6-9, 2008  
2. NCCEP/GEAR UP Conference – Washington, DC – July 19-24, 2008  
3. EJHS Leadership Camp – Randle, WA – August 10-13, 2008

F. Resolution No. 2008-9 – Imprest Accounts. The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2008-9 to reflect the current amounts of the district's imprest accounts.

G. Surplus Textbooks/Reading Materials. The Board of Directors declared the textbooks/reading materials surplus and authorized the Superintendent to advertise the items for sale in the local newspaper.

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

**REPORTS**

A. K-12 Financial Outlook – Cindy Ulrich  
Cindy Ulrich, Executive Director of Financial Services, reviewed and highlighted in a PowerPoint presentation on the K-12 Financial Outlook report as presented by OSPI for the Basic Education Finance Task Force and how the comments made impact Eastmont's budget development.

Ms. Ulrich reported Eastmont's budget hearing would be held on July 14, 2008.

B. K-12 Curriculum Adoption Cycle – Beverly Jagla

Assistant Superintendent Beverly Jagla reviewed the Eastmont K-12 Curriculum Adoption Cycle highlighting each subjects research/pilot and implementation cycles. She reported that the selection of curriculum is being driven by what the State will be requiring. She added that Bob Busk will be guiding the process next year.

Ms. Jagla also highlighted the variety and quality of staff development opportunities that have been available for staff during the 2007-08 school year.

**BOARD POLICY ISSUES**

NO ACTION – DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Policy 7020 – System of Funds and Accounts

The State Auditors Office recommends that a written policy exists to provide guidance for current practice relating to accounting and internal control procedures in the District.

**ACTION – SECOND READING/ADOPTION**

A. Policy No. 1733 – Board Member Compensation – Second Reading/Adoption

RCW 28A.343.400 allows board members to receive compensation for attending Board of Director meetings. This is common practice in districts throughout Washington. No other changes, corrections, or concerns have been expressed to date.

Board Member Gibbs asked if there had been any follow-up regarding waiving the compensation in order to provide funds for a program without a funding source?

Finance Director Ulrich responded there was no easy internal way to do that. Either the board member would sign a waiver to not receive compensation or they would receive the compensation and donate it back to the district to be used for a specific program or athletics. She would verify that with the auditor's office.

MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to approve Policy No. 1733 as presented for second reading/adoption. The motion CARRIED.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A. 2008-09 Junior High Student Handbook

The Board reviewed the changes highlighted by Principal John Westerman to the 2008-09 Eastmont Junior High Handbook. He reported that Spanish versions of portions of the handbook were provided upon request.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Cetto to approve the 2008-09 Eastmont Junior High Handbook as presented. The motion CARRIED.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

A. Letter - Limitation on Levies Collection

Superintendent Christensen reviewed a draft letter requesting Legislative and WSSDA support for an amendment regarding the collection of levies. Earlier this year the District posed a question to our legislators that if the constitution were modified to allow a levy to be collected up to eighteen months from the date of a successful election rather than twelve months, the cost to local voters would be reduced. It costs the school district approximately \$60,000 to run a levy election (the net savings is about equal to the

annual cost of a teacher). Superintendent Christensen proposed the draft letter be circulated to legislators for consideration as a possible amendment to the constitution.

Superintendent Christensen reported on feedback regarding a resolution submitted to the State Board of Education and the District's request to be added to their agenda. The State Board of Education responded that they will not add the resolution to their agenda, but will allow public comment on this topic. Superintendent Christensen felt the State Board of Education is well aware of the issues and suggested additional work on this when it is under review by the Legislature would be helpful.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approval:

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Chairperson

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Secretary