

EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2007

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 Eastmont Junior High School, located at 905 – 8th Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Present:

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

Present:

Stephanie Lehman, Fernando Lara, Diane Oberg, Connie Burkhart, LeeAnn Ulrich, Shelly Skaar, Sandee Andrus, Pat Brockwell, Ed Hickok, Polly Schneider, Dawn Fisher, Danell Reiman, Rickie Yopp, Tom McRae, Jamea Connor, Mary Lopez, Judy Graham, Josie Calhoun, Rhonda Kinzebach, Jennifer Lange, Rachel Schleif

INFORMATION

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda and Superintendent News

Superintendent Christensen reported there was only one change to the agenda – Approval of Travel.

Superintendent Christensen reported that he had visited several schools this past week. He and Malcolm Massey, Director of Transportation, are evaluating the starting and ending times at schools in hopes of finding a better solution for students having to wait up to 50 minutes for buses. Once that evaluation is complete, a week's notice to parents would be made of any changes in school times.

B. Board News

Board President Hawkins reported that he had recently visited Lee Elementary School, met with Principal Bob Busk, several staff members and generally had a good visit to the school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Brockwell, Paraeducator Association President, read a prepared statement concerning bargaining.

Board President Hawkins requested a copy of the prepared statement.

Ms. Brockwell replied that she would need approval from Terry Fitzpatrick.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of August 27, 2007.

B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated August 27, 2007
Warrants No. 7039447 – 7039458 for \$6,519.61
Warrants No. 7039505 – 7039728 for \$874,470.17

C. Approval of Personnel Report.
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated September 10, 2007, including:

1. Resignation - Classified
 - a. Melissa Steele – Eastmont High School
2. New Hires
 - a. April Cheadle – Kenroy Elementary School
 - b. Erin Kelly – Grant Elementary School
 - c. Robert Long – Eastmont High School
 - d. Tracy Ross – Eastmont High School
 - e. Jeffrey Sandberg – Clovis Intermediate School

D. Eastmont YMCA Aquatic Center Use Agreement
The Board of Directors approved the 2007-08 Use Agreement with the Eastmont YMCA Aquatic Center for Eastmont High School Girls Swim Team meets and practice.

E. Resolution No. 2007-9 – Removal of Ballot Proposal.
The Board of Directors authorized the Superintendent to immediately transmit to the Douglas County Auditor a copy of Resolution No. 2007-9 in order to withdraw the ballot proposal submitted by Eastmont School District on August 13, 2007.

F. Approval of Travel.
The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Travel Report for September 10, 2007 as presented.

MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion CARRIED with a vote of 4 yes and 1 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.)

REPORTS

A. Enrollment Report

Cindy Ulrich, Director of Finance, reported that September Full Time Equivalent Students for the Grades

K-12 of the Eastmont School District on official count day was 5,172.4. Our budgeted Average Actual Full Time Enrollment for this school year is 5,055. At this point in time, the District's enrollment is 59.9 FTE more than what was budgeted.

Board President Hawkins asked why does enrollment drop approximately 100 students from September to May?

Superintendent Christensen responded that those numbers generally come from the junior high and high school through suspensions and expulsions. Some of those students find that they do not have enough credits to graduate and transition out of school for employment or other family reasons.

BOARD POLICY ISSUES

ACTION/ADOPTION

- A. Policy No. 1620 – Board-Superintendent Relationship and Operating Protocol
The approval of the procedure for Policy No. 1620 reflects the Board's Operating Protocol and contains a Board signature page.

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Eggers to approve the Board's Operating Protocol. The motion CARRIED.

DISCUSSION

- A. Board Email
B. Communication to Citizens

Dr. Christensen opened discussion on the topic of determining how best to handle emails to the board and how the Board should communicate via public comment and/or email.

Board President Hawkins felt that everyone sending an email question/request to the Board must get a response. The Board discussed having an auto response to their group email acknowledging the person's question or request for information.

The Board members asked if the Board's group email could be added to the district-wide site so they can get information that all employees receive. Some members have separate accounts and like receiving the All-District information. They requested that when a reply is given that Board members receive a cc (carbon copy).

Superintendent Christensen reported that he had recently spoken with a legislative intern regarding a political opportunity to support the simple majority issue on November's ballot. He went on to say that School Boards are not allowed to make a political stand using public funds on non-education issues, but the Board could opt to consider a resolution in support of the issue.

The Board was in favor of and authorized Superintendent Christensen to present a resolution to them in favor of the simple majority issue.

Superintendent Christensen reported the District was looking at upgrading what the District website looks like and encouraged the Board to look at other school district websites for ideas on what direction they would like to see Eastmont go.

It was suggested that using the same web template between schools rather than having each school creating their own site would make for a smoother look and ease of finding District/school information.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approval:

Chairperson

Secretary