

**EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**  
September 24, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board work session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the board room at the district administration office, located at 460 Ninth Street NE, East Wenatchee, WA. The topic was Board/Superintendent 2007-08 Expectations & Goals, Superintendent Evaluation, policy and draft procedure regarding communication with citizens.

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

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

The Board work session adjourned at 6:50 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 board room at the district administration office, located at 460 Ninth Street NE, 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 Interim Superintendent  
Cindy Ulrich, Director of Finance  
Vicki Trainor, Director of Human Resources  
Mary Ellen Sparman, Assistant Secretary

Present:

Jack Kiesel, Ed Hickok, John Westerman, N.L. Scott, Deneé Scott, Cheryl Rupp, Jennifer West, Derek Scott, Jennifer Lange, Chrisy Clay, Tim Cetto, Traci Hunsaker, Kelley Hopkins, Stephanie Lehman, Maria Barnes, Mitch Delabarre, LeeAnne Ulrich, LeeAnn Scott

## **INFORMATION**

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

Additions to the agenda include Item B. Construction bid for the North Central Technical Skills Center and Refunding Bonds was deleted.

### **B. Board News**

Board Member Eggers reported that she had attended the Grant Elementary and Eastmont High School Open Houses. She visited CWT (Curriculum with Technology) a math and writing computer class at Grant School. She said she enjoyed attending the Salmon Fest in Leavenworth with Grant School 4<sup>th</sup> graders and reported attending the Wenatchee/Eastmont football game.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nathan Scott said he was still waiting for a response regarding the District's public comment policy and voiced his displeasure on the way the district has handled his and his daughter's request for records. He asked the board to apologize to his daughter, Deneé, who was in the audience.

Board President Hawkins addressed Deneé Scott by saying he was sorry if she had been affected in any way.

Chrisy Clay voiced concern regarding the change in the half-day kindergarten schedule and the issue of kindergartner's not getting library time and recess time.

Maria Barnes, parent of a kindergartener at Kenroy, expressed disappointment that kindergarten students wouldn't be able to use the library.

Traci Hunsaker felt that two recesses twice a week was not enough time. Kids need more time to burn off energy and kindergarten teachers agree. She didn't want to see a precedent set in cutting that activity out.

Assistant Superintendent Beverly Jagla responded that the District is responsible for making sure students receive 450 hours of instruction for kindergarteners as mandated by state law. It came to Superintendent Christensen's attention that the District was out of compliance. Kindergarten students lose 10 days for parent/teacher conferences in the fall and spring, plus 4 early release days. She went on to say that they looked at a ways to increase instructional time. They were able to pick up 85 minutes instruction time per week by having recess three times a week instead of daily and specialist time on the other two days. It was never the District's intention to leave out library.

Kenroy Principal Jon Abbott said they want kids reading books! Teachers have the option of taking students to the library for check-out of books. Currently, students see specialists for music and PE and teachers read in their classrooms. He said he was open to discussion regarding the issue.

Superintendent Christensen urged parents to work with their building principal and to contact Assistant Superintendent Beverly Jagla with questions regarding curriculum.

Superintendent Christensen asked to respond to the Para Educators concern at the last board meeting that Para Educator's had not received any raises other than the flow through from the state for the past six years. He said he had not received a copy of their association president's comments from the last Board meeting.

Superintendent Christensen provided a copy of the Para Educator Wage Analysis from the year 2000 to current, which clearly reflects a 5.99% average percentage increase due to movement in the schedule and a

9.43% increase in health care allocation, in addition to the 3.7% State flow through. He reported that the information as presented conveyed all the details regarding their wages.

Board President Hawkins asked if every employee received the 3.7% increase from the State?

Cindy Ulrich responded yes. However, only 82% of staff is covered by funds from the state because of the State's complex funding formula based on average enrollment and staffing mix. The remaining employees wages are covered by levy dollars, program and grant dollars.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of September 10, 2007.
- B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated September 24, 2007  
Warrants No. \$701,710.36
- C. Approval of Personnel Report.  
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated September 24, 2007, including:
  - 1. Resignations
    - a. Classified - Penny Brockwell – Eastmont High School
    - b. Certificated – Tony Trina – Eastmont High School
  - 2. New Hires
    - a. Eric Duffey – Eastmont Junior High
    - b. Melissa Quilter – Eastmont Junior High
  - 3. Family Medical Leave Requests
    - a. José Vivanco
    - b. Jennifer Byrd
- D. Fund Raiser Request
  - 1. Kenroy Elementary School PTO – Annual Raffle and Fall/Winter Carnival – October 27, 2007
- E. Field Trip Request
  - 1. Eastmont High School Chamber Choir – Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp – October 5-6, 2007
- F. Resolution No. 2007-3 Amendment  
Resolution No. 2007-3 was amended to correct the appropriation level of expenditures of the ASB fund to reflect \$1,172.626.

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

#### **REPORTS**

- A. Budget Update – Cindy Ulrich  
Director of Finance Cindy Ulrich provided a detailed Monthly Status Report. (A copy of the Monthly Status Report is on the district website.)
- B. Summer School Activities – Garn Christensen and Beverly Jagla  
Assistant Superintendent Beverly Jagla presented the 2006-07 Summer School Board Report.

Board President Hawkins asked Ms. Ulrich to explain how the levy amount we project that the voters will

pay differs from what taxpayers actually end up paying.

Finance Director Cindy Ulrich responded that Eastmont's Operation and Maintenance levy is part of the property tax and is a set dollar amount - in other words the district is only allowed to collect the total that the voters approved in that particular calendar year. When the voters are asked to support the levy, the school district determines the impact to taxpayers by calculating the cost per thousand based on assessed value. It was estimated that the 3 year levy passed for 2007 -2009 would be a small increase to the taxpayer. However, due to increased valuation in the school district service area, the actual cost to the taxpayer declined. The school district collected an average of \$3.00 per thousand in calendar year 2006 compared to \$2.75 per thousand in 2007 and an estimated \$2.69 per thousand in 2008. The number of homes in our area has grown in such a manner that the amount is spread among more homeowners.

C. Special Education

Director of Special Education Ron Hage reported the Special Education School Board Report.

Board President Hawkins emphasized that these services are mandated by the State.

Mr. Hage responded yes and he was pleased to report that there is evidence of increases in achievement and scores for students with disabilities and this is improving every year.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A. Selection and Consulting Service Agreement – Study and Survey

In an effort to look to the future regarding school facilities, the District advertised a Request for Qualifications for School Facilities Advanced Planning (Study & Survey) Consulting Services. ALSC Architects completed the District's last comprehensive Study & Survey in 1998 and were the architects for the Eastmont Junior High School and Clovis Intermediate School.

Dr. Christensen introduced Mitch Delabarre, Citizen Chair of the Facilities Study Committee, who reviewed with him the proposals, selected the final three and narrowed it to ALSC Architects. Superintendent Christensen felt the firm has the background and knowledge of our district. Mr. Delabarre concurred with the Superintendent's recommendation for ASLC Architects to provide this service.

Superintendent Christensen introduced Steve Walther with ASLC Architects.

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to approve the selection and Consulting Service Agreement with ALSC Architects. The motion CARRIED.

B. Approval of Construction Bid for North Central Technical Skills Center.

Bid openings took place earlier in the day to complete the construction of the Culinary Arts Kitchen project at the North Central Technical Skills Center. The bids were reviewed by the Superintendent, John Hultman and Skill Center Director Jon Torrence.

Superintendent Christensen reported that last summer the Board through resolution had declared an emergency to allow the bypass of competitive bid laws in order to proceed with the letting of contracts as soon as possible in order to complete the remodel of the North Central Technical Skills Center Culinary Arts Kitchen.

Superintendent Christensen introduced John Hultman, KJM - A Hill International, who will provide construction management services for the North Central Technical Skills Center project. Their recommendation was GG Richardson.

MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to approve the bid to GG Richardson to complete the construction of the Culinary Arts Kitchen project. The motion CARRIED.

C. Resolution No. 2007-11 – Simple Majority Resolution

The Board of Directors, through Resolution 2007-11 strongly supports EHJR 4204 to allow citizens throughout the state to support student learning and success through simple majority approval of school levies.

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to approve Resolution 2007-11 Support of Propose Constitutional Amendment Engrossed House Joint Resolution 4204 Simple Majority for Schools. The motion CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approval:

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Chairperson

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Secretary