

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

August 11, 2008

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
Jan Cetto, Board Member
Chris Gibbs, Board Member
Cindy Wright, Board Member
Garn Christensen, Superintendent/Secretary
Bob Busk, Executive Director of Curriculum
Cindy Ulrich, Executive Director of Financial Services
Vicki Trainor, Executive Director of Human Resources
Mary Ellen Sparman, Assistant Secretary

Present:

Doug Bramlette, Stephanie Lehman, Rachel Schleif

INFORMATION

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda and Superintendent News

There were no changes to the Agenda. Under Superintendent News, Superintendent Christensen reported the McCoy vs. Eastmont litigation continues at Waterville. Closing statements were scheduled to take place Wednesday morning. He also reported administrators are back in their offices. August 26th is a training day for staff beginning with a vendor fair at 7:30 a.m. at the Junior High and followed by the general meeting and mandatory training at 8:30 a.m.

B. Board News

Board President Hawkins reported the Board would hold a work session at 5:30 on September 8th prior to the regular scheduled Board meeting that same evening. He also noted that Board Member Eggers had an excused absence for tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of July 14, 2008.
- B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated August 11, 2008
Warrants No. 7048023-7048185 for \$342,558.37
Warrants No. 7018021-7048022 for \$7,870.14
Warrants No. 7048186-7048314 for \$3,277,193.58
Warrants No. 7048315-7048377 for \$3,071,056.70
Warrants No. 7048383-7048515 for \$272,489.63
- C. Approval of Personnel Report.
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated July 14, 2008, including:
1. Certificated Resignation
 - a. Debby Hazen
 2. New Hires
 - a. Amy Caulkins
 - b. Elizabeth Sprauer
 - c. Katie Leppanen
 - d. Paul Camden
 - e. Caitlin Schauer
 - f. Kurt Newbry
 - g. Alyson Washington
 - h. Sarah Grim
 - i. Karen Kneadler
 - k. Terri Wynder
 3. Returning Employees
- D. Vocational & Technical Grant Application Approval (Carl Perkins) The Board of Directors approved the Vocational & Technical Grant Application for:
1. Eastmont High School
 2. North Central Technical Skills Center.

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs 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 of vouchers to Valley Tractor, a company his father co-owns.)

REPORTS

- A. Budget Status Report – Cindy Ulrich
(A copy of the Budget Status Report is on the district website.)

BOARD POLICY & RESOLUTION ITEMS

A. Action needed on 2008-2009 Budget Adoption – Resolution No. 2008-12.

Resolution No. 2008-12 authorizes the expenditure parameters for the 2008-09 fiscal year in the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation Vehicle Fund, and Associated Student Body Fund as follows:

General Fund Budget	\$53,069,475.00
Capital Projects Fund Budget	\$ 685,000.00
Debt Service Fund Budget	\$ 3,672,878.00
Associated Student Body Fund	\$ 1,283,490.00
Transportation Vehicle Fund Budget	\$ 186,264.00

A copy of the 2008-2009 Budget is on the district website.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Cetto to Resolution No. 2008-12 adopting the 2008-2009 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation Fund, and Associated Student Body Fund budgets The motion CARRIED.

B. Action and Second Reading on Policy 2412 – Instruction – Diplomas for Veterans

A question was raised at the July 14 meeting regarding why Desert Storm veterans were not included to receive diplomas. The Director of Policy and Legal Services for WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) was contacted and replied that “currently, the law does not contain an honorary diploma provision for veterans of Desert Storm”. No other changes, corrections, or concerns have been expressed to date.

MOVED by Board Member Wright and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to approve Policy No. 2412 for second reading/adoption. The motion CARRIED.

C. Discussion and First Reading on Revised Policy 1220 – Board Officers and Duties of Board Members.

In order to synchronize board elections, the Legislative Representative position will be selected during the annual reorganization of the Board which takes place at the December Board meeting.

D. Discussion and first reading on Revised Policy 3510 – Students – Associated Student Bodies.

The revised policy allows the District to move forward with establishing ASBs at all buildings in the District. The renumbered Policy 3510 reflects WSSDA recommended language and numbering (replaces Policy 3511).

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion of County Road Improvement Project.

The Board discussed the proposal by Douglas County Road Department to reconfigure the current storm water drainage swells and drains on the Cascade Elementary Playground as part of the Baker Street County Road Project.

Doug Bramlette, an Engineer from Douglas County Transportation and Land Services was on hand to provide additional information and answer questions. He reported that the federal dollars earmarked for the project have to be spent during 2009, so they are dealing with some critical timelines. Mr. Bramlette told the Board that if they were to approve the project the District would have the option to grant an easement or sell as an easement. He added that the County would be willing to provide at least \$100,000 in improvements including: placing a 4 ft. or 6 ft. fence around the storm water basin, providing a pull out for school bus drop off along Baker Avenue, replacing playground equipment, improving current water drainage around the school and either providing lawn sod or hydra-seed on the water quality pond and storm water basin surfaces.

The Board will review and make a decision at the September 8th Board meeting.

B. Discussion and possible action on 2009 Levy Election Duration and Amount.
Superintendent Christensen reviewed with board members three levy options for consideration. Discussion followed and general consensus of the four board members was to proceed with a three year levy using the Option 2B or 2C. Even though Board Member Eggers had made her views on the duration and amount clear to the superintendent and board president, the Board agreed to wait until she was back at the September 8th meeting in order for the entire board to make the final decision.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approval:

Chairperson

Secretary