

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

September 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Work Session was called to order at 5:55 p.m. in the library at Eastmont Junior High School, 905 – 8th Street NE, East Wenatchee, Washington for the purpose of reviewing Annual Goals for the Superintendent/Board.

Attendance:

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

MOVED by Board Member Eggers to adjourn the Board Work Session, SECONDED by Board Member Wright. The motion CARRIED.

The work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Eastmont School District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Eastmont Junior High School, 905 – 8th 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
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:

Ivon Slowe, Jr., Mark Marney, Ed Hickok, Stephanie Lehman, Stacia Hardie, Dan White, John

Westerman, Judy Graham, Tom Graham, Jack Kiesel, Tammy Grubb, Brian Frank, Doug Bramelette, Steve Huylar, Rachel Schleif

INFORMATION

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda

Superintendent Christensen reported the only change to the agenda was the addition of Resolution 2008-13 to item VII.A.

MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to approve the September 8, 2008 Board Agenda as presented with the addition. The motion CARRIED.

B. Board News

Board Member Gibbs commented that in the District's attempt to shift boundaries and balance class sizes, it was nice to see people working together in the best interest of students. He also thanked Superintendent Christensen, Bob Busk and Malcolm Massey for their efforts to make the transition work.

Board President Hawkins noted that the agenda looks somewhat different with the implementation of using the Strategic Improvement Plan to reflect items on the agenda. He added that it helps the board focus on meetings knowing agenda items are aligned with the Strategic Improvement Plan. He encouraged staff to refer to the Strategic Improvement Plan and how their agenda item meets those criteria.

C. Superintendent News

Superintendent Christensen reported efforts have been made to continue the orchestra offerings for students at Sterling and Clovis and transportation issues from Sterling to Clovis have been resolved. An orchestra program is now available for grades 5-7 at Sterling and Clovis. Tara Abbott has been hired and will be the instructor. Her schedule will be rearranged to allow her to be at Sterling. Vinny Lee will be the full-time instructor at Kenroy Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ivon Slowe, Rock Island parent addressed his concern of the District discontinuing bus service just two weeks before school started at Rock Island. He reported that the current construction planned at Rock Island has no sidewalk provision which directly links the school to his residence, adding that students don't have a safe walk route to school. Mr. Slowe presented a petition signed by 32 parents and pictures of the area of concern.

Superintendent Christensen reported he had been out to look over the area four different times and felt it is a safe walking area. He also felt there was a high awareness among parents and community members of students walking. The project should be completed in about eight weeks. He assured Mr. Slowe that the District will do what it can to assure the safety of students.

Mr. Slowe said that with the bus stops eliminated, their expectation would be a safe walking path home for kids.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the special Board Meeting of August 5, 2008 and the regular School Board Meeting of August 11, 2008.

- B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated September 8, 2008
Warrants No. 7048533-7048634 for \$3,384,507.77
Warrants No. 7048635-7048697 for \$3,177,226.21
Warrants No. 7048698-7048842 for \$541,115.95
Warrants No. 7048874-7049130 for \$915,495.21
- C. Approval of Personnel Report.
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated September 8, 2008, including:
1. Certificated Resignations
a. Barbara Sandum
b. Angel Torres
c. Melissa Dake
- Classified Resignations
a. Jolene Gayle
b. Jodie Moore
c. Margaret Forseth
d. Esperanza C. White
e. Becky Gabaldo
f. Michelle Huguenin
g. Donna Regan
2. New Hires
a. Allisen Ellis
b. Kimberly Beason
c. Laura Fulbright
d. April Cheadle
e. Shannon Weldy
f. Tara Abbott
g. Edward Baugh
h. Karin Olson
i. Audra Rinke
j. Bob Long
- D. Travel Report. The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Travel Report as presented for September 8, 2008.
- E. Collective Bargaining Agreement – SECA. The Board of Directors approved the 2008-2012 Collective Bargaining Agreement with SECA (Supplemental Employment Contract Association).
- F. Approval of Gifts – North Central Technical Skills Center. The Board of Directors approved the receipt of the following two gifts suggested for donation to the North Central Technical Skills Center: (1) pneumatic tools, and (2) a vehicle.
- G. Approval of Surplus Sale – Resolution No. 2008-12. The Board of Directors authorized the Superintendent to surplus five buses and arrange for the sale or disposal.

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

REPORTS

A. Facility Committee Report – Mitch Delabarre

Committee Chair Mitch Delabarre provided a summary report for the Board. He reviewed the process used to identify and prioritize facility improvement needed to enhance instructional opportunities, provide additional space where needed, and improve the condition of existing facilities. The group targeted expansion and renovation of Eastmont High School and Sterling Intermediate School, because they would have the best chance at receiving state grants.

Based on the prioritized scope of improvement work identified at Cascade, Grant, Kenroy and Lee Elementary Schools, it was recommended to reserve state matching fund eligibility (at these schools) to a later phase of the fifteen year improvement plan.

Superintendent Christensen said that between now and the end of October the Board will need to make a decision regarding moving forward with a bond issue. The board can ultimately decline action, or approve Scenarios G or H, both include additions to the High School and Sterling, or ask the committee to make new recommendations.

Board President Hawkins thanked Mr. Delabarre for his efforts in heading the meetings and discussions the past nine months. He also thanked Board Member Cetto for participating as a board representative on the committee.

B. Extra-Curricular Activities Junior High Report – Stacia Hardie

Stacia Hardie, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Eastmont Junior High, provided the Extra-Curricular Activities Junior High Report based on 2006-07 data.

C. Extra-Curricular Activities High School Report – Dan White

Activities Director Dan White provided the Extra-Curricular Activities High School report based on 2006-07 data.

D. Enrollment Update – Cindy Ulrich

Cindy Ulrich, Executive Director of Financial Services, reported that September Full Time Equivalent Students for the Grades K-12 of the Eastmont School District on official count day was 5,108.88. Official Count Day was September 5. The District's budgeted Average Actual Full Time Enrollment for this school year is 5,062. That is 117 more students than the District budgeted for. The District typically experiences an enrollment decline of 50-70 FTE students from September to May.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. The Board of Directors discussed and considered approval of a proposal by Douglas County Road Department to reconfigure the current storm water drainage swells and drains on the Cascade Elementary Playground to meet 2008 storm water drainage requirements.

Doug Bramlette, County Engineer, was on hand to answer questions.

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to approve Resolution No. 2008-13 in order to donate an easement and agree to the improvements in recognition of the donation with Douglas County Transportation and Land Services Department. The motion CARRIED.

B. The Board of Directors discussed and considered the duration and amount of the 2009 Levy Election.

At 8:00 p.m. Board President Hawkins declared a 15 minute open discussion session to allow audience participation.

Mr. Delabarre reported the Facility Committee would like to see the board consider extra dollars for the levy in order to take care of some priority maintenance and repair needs in the District.

On hand and offering full support of the levy were association presidents Steve Huylar (SECA), Tammy Grubb (EEA), John Westerman (Administrators), Jack Kiesel (PSE), Mark Marney (Administrators), and Dan White (Athletic Director).

Community Member Judy Graham said she was concerned how the bond issue would weigh in with the levy. She felt it makes it more of a complex decision and more complicated for citizens.

Community Member Tom Graham encouraged the District to also visibly reach out to those students who are involved in the arts, music, and other non-sports activities.

At approximately 8:15 the Board returned to regular session.

Superintendent Christensen reviewed with board members two levy options for consideration. Discussion followed regarding whether to proceed with a three or four year levy using the Option 2B or 2C.

Consensus of the Board was to opt for a levy amount in order to add more dollars for curriculum, textbooks and maintenance issues.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Cetto to approve a 4-year levy using Option 2C. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

BOARD POLICY & RESOLUTION ITEMS

A. Action and Second Reading on Revised Policy 1220 – Board Officers and Duties of Board Members.

The policy was revised in order to synchronize board elections. No other changes, corrections, or concerns have been expressed to date.

MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to approve revised Policy 1220 for second reading/adoption. The motion CARRIED.

B. Action and Second Reading on Revised Policy 3510 – Students – Associated Student Bodies.

Cindy Ulrich, Executive Director of Financial Services, said the revision was in response to recommendations to add ASB to all schools by the State Auditor. There was brief discussion. No other changes, corrections, or concerns were expressed.

MOVED by Board Member Cetto and SECONDED by Board Member Eggers to approve revised Policy 3510 for second reading/adoption. The motion CARRIED.

C. Discussion and First Reading on new Policy 5001 – Personnel – Hiring of Retired School Employees.

The new policy reflects current practice of hiring retired employees only if other non-retired qualified and satisfactory applicants are not available.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Approval:

Chairperson

Secretary