

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, January 13, 2009

REGULAR MEETING START TIME – 6:30 p.m. - Boardroom

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Paine. Board members present: Paine, McMurray, Phillips, Shields, and Noble.

Student adviser present: Nerissa Taeza

FLAG SALUTE

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2009 (roll call vote)

1. Legislative Representative
Director Paine nominated Gary Noble for the office of legislative representative. The nomination was seconded by Director Shields. All Directors voted aye to approve the nomination.
2. Vice President
Director McMurray nominated Susan Phillips for the office of Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Director Paine. All Directors voted aye to approve the nomination.
3. President
Director Shields nominated Ann McMurray for the office of President. The nomination was seconded by Director Phillips. All Directors voted aye to approve the nomination.

The Board unanimously voted to have the new officers begin their duties at the January 27 Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA and MINUTES (5 minutes for agenda, minutes, consent agenda)

1. Agenda
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director McMurray to approve the agenda. All aye.
2. December 16, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes
It was moved by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Noble to approve the 12/16/08 regular meeting minutes. All aye.
3. December 9, 2008, Special Meeting Minutes/Public Hearing
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director McMurray to approve the 12/9/08 special meeting minutes/public hearing. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA (3 minutes)

It was moved by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Noble to approve the consent agenda. All aye.

1. Approve Personnel Actions & Addendum
2. Approve Bills
Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing office required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded and the listing made available to the Board.

General Fund Vouchers Nos. 201247-201250 and 27619-27649 and 12037-12375 for a total of \$688,394.04. ASB Fund Warrant Nos. 2437-2493 for a total of \$76,226.87. Capital Fund Warrant

Nos. 912-945 for a total of \$3,539,564.84. Private Purpose Trust Fund Warrant Nos. 347 for a total of \$234.80.

3. Single reading, Approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding 1)a 2008-09 salary bonus for National Board for professional teaching standards certification and 2)waiver regarding the number of staff meetings at MDE, Edmonds Education Association.
4. Single reading, approve changes to the 2008-09 pay rates for classified help and substitutes.
5. Single reading, approve field trips:
 - a. Meadowdale High Choir to Vocal Summit, Powell River, BC, April 2-6, 2009.
 - b. Edmonds HRC Forensics Team to national tournament, Stanford University, Feb. 6-9, 2009.
 - c. College Place 5th grades to outdoor education program, Camp Sealth, May 5-7, 2009.

The regular meeting was recessed at 6:45 p.m. by Board President Susan Paine.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:45 p.m.

A public hearing was conducted regarding the proposed closure of Evergreen Elementary School for the 2009-10 school year.

President Paine opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. and provided a statement on the position of the Board related to the need to reduce annual operational costs for the district and school closure effects and plan. She also described the procedures for the meeting related to staff presentation on the recommendation, signup sheet for those wishing to speak, opportunity for people to speak for or against the issue, and the time limit for public speakers. Handouts and maps regarding the proposed closure of Evergreen were provided to those in attendance. Dr. Ellen Kahan provided information on the staff recommendation and read the Citizen Planning Committee approved proposal. The closure steps were also reviewed as they relate to the boundaries of Evergreen being redefined to consolidate into Terrace Park and Mountlake Terrace Elementary Schools, open enrollment for the schools affected, and the choice provided to next year's sixth grade students.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS

There were no public comments for the public hearing. Director Shields moved to place a second public hearing on the January 27, 2009, regular school board agenda. It was seconded by Director McMurray. All Directors voted aye.

Director Paine closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

REPORTS (10 minutes each)

1. Expanded E-Learning Program – Sam Gladstein
Components of the E-Learning Program were described from teachers and students participating in the online program. Mr. Gladstein noted that the program is designed for credit retrieval for grades 9-12 in math, social studies, and English and currently serves approximately 60 students for the first semester. The online program operates under the Alternative Education legislation and the Apex curriculum used is aligned with state standards. Components of the program discussed included academic accountability, final exam parameters, a check-in process, and a performance contract connected to the application process. Timelines, monitoring, orientation, and tracking of student success was also part of the presentation. Mr. Gladstein reported on the areas of intervention, the quality of the program, improvement targets as the program expands, funding, and the future plans of expansion to include elective credits. Questions were addressed related to online programs in other districts and in the private/for profit sector as well as the advantages/disadvantages for students taking online classes.

2. Superintendent's Mid-Year Goals Update – Nick Brossoit

Dr. Brossoit provided the Board with a mid-year status report on his 2008-09 goals and action plans. He noted the Board approved his goals and that he received input on them as well from administrators on the development. The status in each area was progressing along as expected and work continues in several of the areas. The state's financial crisis and budget challenges will require additional focus. Dr. Brossoit continues to provide information to lawmakers, OSPI, the Office of Fiscal Management, and he will continue to advocate and testify on behalf of funding for public education. With the seriousness of the economic crisis, he noted that retirement for some employees may be delayed and could possibly affect the reduction in force numbers and timelines. He anticipates that the district will have a firm budget target by the end of April. The Board will conduct study sessions and hear from the Budget Advisory Committee on the budget development in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS (3 minutes each)

1. Single reading, approve contract modification to commissioning services agreement with Wood Harbinger, Inc. for the new Lynnwood High School project construction phase.
It was moved by Director Noble and seconded by Director Shields to approve the contract modification to commissioning services agreement with Wood Harbinger, Inc. for the new Lynnwood High School project construction phase. Debra Born, Project Manager for the new LHS, described the proposed contract modification to the Commissioning Services Agreement that will provide additional hours to complete the original scope of work and some new tasks not included in the original scope during the construction phase. Funding for this contract modification is available within the approved budget for the project and would not require increasing the total project budget. All aye.
2. Single reading, approve project and budget authorization for design and construction of the office reconfiguration at Edmonds Elementary.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve project and budget authorization for design and construction of the office reconfiguration at Edmonds Elementary School. Brian Harding stated that the proposal is to reconfigure the office space to maximize the use of the existing space. This project was included in the 2006 Bond. All aye.
3. Single reading, approve declaration of emergency regarding water damage at Martha Lake Elementary.
It was moved by Director Noble and seconded by Director McMurray to approve declaration of emergency regarding water damage at Martha Lake Elementary. Brian Harding reviewed the background of the roof design and the water leak that occurred during the December inclement weather. Board members questioned how the occurrence happened, since the construction of the building is recent. It was noted that a downspout was blocked by ice and that water penetrated into seven classrooms. District personnel responded immediately and contractors were brought in to promptly help with the situation. It was noted that eight classrooms were affected but should be fully operational by January 25. All aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes each)

The "public comments" item on the agenda is an opportunity for citizens to address the School Board. Items brought forward during this portion of the agenda will not be acted upon by the Board at this time, but may be addressed during the Superintendent Comments' section of the agenda. Questions may also be referred to the superintendent or superintendent's staff for examination and later response.

The Board encourages public comments; *please limit comments to three minutes*. The Board President may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, or concerning a legal matter.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

All Board members expressed appreciation to staff for the District Information Fair held on January 10 and they enjoyed attending.

Director Phillips provided information to those in attendance on a method to contact their legislator and give input.

Director Noble enjoyed attending the Lynnwood High Diversity/Martin Luther King Jr. assembly, noting that the theme was very inspirational.

Director McMurray thanked the Mountlake Terrace High students for attending the Board meeting as part of their leadership class.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS (5 minutes)

Superintendent Brossoit presented outgoing President Susan Paine with a plaque recognizing her service to the District.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. Board Study Session/Retreat agenda for 1/20/09
The Board suggested topics to be placed on the agenda for their annual upcoming retreat.
2. Continued discussion on the 1000/2000 Policy series.
The Board continued their discussion and review of policies and procedures. It was noted that the 1800 policy will be reviewed together during their retreat.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6:00 p.m., Study Session & Board Retreat.
2. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
3. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
4. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
5. Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
6. Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m., Legislative update/budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Ann McMurray, Board President

Nick Brossoit, Superintendent/Board Secretary

JoAnn Kerns, Recording Secretary

STUDENT ADVISERS FOR 2008-09

Alan Adzhiyev – THS

Stacy Rhynard – LHS

Jessica Scott – EWH

Jeannette Sepulveda – EWH

Nerissa Taea – LHS

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gary Noble

Term expires: Dec. 2011

Director District #3

Ann McMurray, Vice President

Term expires: Dec. 2009

Director District #2

Susan Paine, President

Term expires: Dec. 2011

Director District #1

Pat Shields

Term expires: Dec. 2011

Director District #5

Susan Phillips, Legislative Rep.

Term expires: Dec. 2009

Director District #4