

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, January 27, 2009

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

The regular meeting was called to order by President McMurray at 6:32 p.m. Directors present: McMurray, Paine, Phillips, and Shields. Director Noble was out of town.

Student advisers present: Stacy Rhynard

FLAG SALUTE

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

1. Agenda

It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Paine to approve the agenda. All aye.

2. January 13, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes & Public Hearing

It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Phillips to approve the January 13, 2009 regular meeting and public hearing minutes. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA (3 minutes)

It was moved by Director Paine and seconded by Director Phillips 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. 201251-201344 and 27650-28091 and 12376-12562 and 12563-12600 for a total of \$12,913,351.06. ASB Fund Vouchers Nos. 2494-2517 for a total of \$35,032.00. Capital Fund vouchers Nos. 946-970 for a total of \$155,476.76.

3. Single reading, approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with NW Educational Service District #189 for Educational Services at the Snohomish Discovery Program, Resolution #09-05.

4. Single reading, approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with NW Educational Service #189 for Educational Services at the NW Regional Learning Center, Resolution #09-04.

5. Single reading, approve renewal of contract for Tetra Data software.

6. Single reading, approve completion of Terrace Park Play area.

7. Single reading, approve acceptance of public works contract for quote #Q0610PW, water system upgrade at Edmonds Elementary School.

8. Single reading, approve field trips:

- a. Meadowdale High School drama students to WA State Thespian Conference, Western WA University, March 20-21, 2009
- b. Meadowdale Middle School Jazz Choir to Northwest Vocal Jazz Festival, Gresham, OR, May 14-16, 2009.
- c. Meadowdale Middle School Jazz Choir to Columbia Basin Jazz Festival, Pasco, April 17-19, 2009.
- d. Meadowdale Elementary 6th grades to outdoor education program, Camp Killoqua, May 18-20, 2009.

CELEBRATIONS (5 minutes)

Recognition will be given to individuals and groups that have contributed to the children and staff of the District. Nominees can be an employee, a parent, or a community member that have supported students and staff in exceptional ways.

Superintendent Brossoit recognized the School Board at this meeting, noting that it was School Board Appreciation Month. He applauded their service, commitment, and dedication in advocating for all students and to improving student learning.

Board President McMurray recessed the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING –

Board President Ann McMurray opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m. stating that a public hearing will be conducted regarding the proposed closure of Evergreen Elementary School for the 2009-10 school year. President McMurray read a statement of the Board's direction to the Citizens Planning Committee to develop plans to close Evergreen Elementary School. This recommendation was presented to the School Board on November 18, 2008, for a first reading. A second reading will take place on March 24, 2009 and Board action is expected at that time.

Assistant Superintendent Sue Venable read the Citizens Planning Committee's recommendation for the boundaries of Evergreen. The students that currently live in that attendance area will be moved to Mountlake Terrace or Terrace Park Schools. She also stated that choice will be given to all Evergreen students currently enrolled in fifth grade to attend Terrace Park for their sixth grade year with transportation provided. Maps and other related information was made available to those in the audience.

There were no public comments.

Director Shields moved to close the public comments and place the Evergreen Elementary School closure action item as a 2nd reading on the March 24, 2009, meeting. Director Phillips seconded. All aye.

President McMurray closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

REPORTS (10 minutes each)

1. Teaching and Learning Update – Tony Byrd
Assistant Superintendent Tony Byrd provided an update on the work of the Teaching and Learning Division. The update included the continued positive work on the new math curriculum implementation, the progress on the creation of the new highly capable middle school program at Brier Terrace Middle, and the status of the District Improvement Plan. Additionally, a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the program for English Language Learners (ELL). A description of the work of the ELL Taskforce included their study of different models, best practices, data analysis, systematic changes, and development of academic vocabulary. Interventions, language instruction, input from other districts on ELL programs, professional development, and consistency across the district were other areas of discussion. A focus is to have the Taskforce refine the recommendations and implement the changes over the next few years after receiving input from staff, parents, students, and an expert in the ELL program structure. Ultimately, the structure change to the program would be incorporated into the School Improvement Plans. The list of "next steps" for the Taskforce include consulting with schools in the spring to match the recommendation with their plans, ELL plans integrated with SIP plans, monitor our implementation of this plan, and keep ELL Taskforce in place as an implementation/evaluation guidance team. The Board requested another update on the ELL program at a March meeting. They acknowledged the need to create a consistent and well-defined service model.

2. Alumni Association Report

Linda Fitzgerald, Barbara Sivertsen, Gary McCaig, Dorothy Stansberry, and Jack Eschrich provided the Board with information related to the program's mission of contributing to the ongoing academic growth of graduates through scholarships. The Alumni Association is a non-profit organization that awarded last year approximately \$20,000-\$25,000 worth of scholarships. The group described the volunteer work, sources of donations, types of specific contributions, and their ongoing effort to broaden communication and increase participation. The School Board expressed appreciation to the Alumni Association for their commitment and effort in reaching out to assist students with higher education goals.

3. Fiscal Status/Property Update – Marla Miller

Career and Technical Education Director, Mark Madison, and Food Services Director, Barb Lloyd, presented reports to the Board regarding the four comprehensive high schools student store operations and the average daily meal count comparison for breakfast & lunch at the elementary and secondary levels. The reports include the planning that is underway to have implementation of Board Policy 8600 reflect that the sale of competitive foods be totally within the healthy foods category by January 2010.. Information was provided on revenue and profit summaries for each high school, a summary of product inventory, and the design of the stores' management, operations, and product sales. It was acknowledged that the profits from student stores are used to support ASB activities, with a negotiated percentage of store profits designated to support the School's DECA program. The District's Food Service Program has experienced about a 10% decrease in participation in part due to the rising cost of food and supplies, increased cost of meals, some enrollment decline, and overall economic issues. Ms. Lloyd described the continual efforts to reduce labor costs and maintain the goals to provide nutritional integrity of the program. She confirmed that the Food Services program is an enterprise program and addressing the reduced participation and rising costs requires continual adjustments.

Director of Capital Projects Ed Peters, provided the Board with a project status report on the new Lynnwood High School. The Change Order detail sheet reflects the latest information related to the project. The new high school is approximately 75% complete and is on schedule for the start of school in September 2009.

Assistant Superintendent Marla Miller, gave financial reports to the Board for December 2008 for all funds. She noted that WSIPC believes they have corrected the encumbrance problem that has been impacting the financial reports. All funds are on track financially and the first reading on a budget extension for the TVF will be a first step in implementing the plan for the bus replacement proposed by Craig Christensen. The Budget Advisory Committee is planning the budget development for 2009-10. Ms. Miller outlined the Governor's budget impacts for Edmonds and noted that the Budget Advisory targets will have three reduction plans - \$2 million, \$3million, and \$4 million. Board study sessions are scheduled for March 17 and April 14. Community budget meetings in the spring will also be scheduled to obtain input from a variety of sources in the budget development process.

Ms. Miller provided information on the annual audit that is currently underway. A Federal Comprehensive Program Review audit is scheduled for mid-April with Katy Wysocki as the lead coordinator. The District is currently responding to a subpoena for documents to be used in the NEWS lawsuit regarding inadequate state funding for Basic Education.

The property update included status on the Cypress development project and their review of the full square footage of the plan with some likely conceptual changes in the development at the current Lynnwood High site. The City of Lynnwood notified the District that the City's adopted 2009 budget eliminates funding for their softball program at Lynnwood High. The District is committed to facilitating community use of new Lynnwood High fields. Ms. Miller shared a conversation with Edmonds Community College as they have notified the District there is no current funding to do ongoing maintenance of a wing they desired when the current ESC site goes under construction for the new alternative learning center. Ms. Miller confirmed that the entrance conference with Washington State Auditors took place on January 20.

NEW BUSINESS (3 minutes each)

1. Single reading, approve revised WASL schedule for high schools for 2009.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Paine to approve the revised WASL schedule for high schools for 2009. All aye.
2. Single reading, approve budget authorization for construction of traffic and parking revisions at Brier Elementary.
It was moved by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Paine to approve the budget authorization for construction of traffic and parking revisions at Brier Elementary. Ed Peters and Nick Chou provided a site outline of Brier Elementary showing the proposed traffic and parking revisions. All aye.
3. Single reading, approve call for bids for traffic and parking revisions at Brier Elementary.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Phillips to approve the call for bids for traffic and parking revisions at Brier Elementary. All aye.
4. Single reading, approve Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for Spruce Elementary School surface water education program, Resolution #09-02.
It was moved by Director Paine and seconded by Director Phillips to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lynnwood for Spruce Elementary surface water education program, Resolution #09-02. All aye.
5. Single reading, approve selection of appraiser for Lynnwood High School long term lease agreement.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Paine to approve the selection of appraiser for Lynnwood High School long term lease agreement. All aye.
6. *First reading, approve Transportation Vehicle Fund budget extension for 2008-09, Resolution 09-01.* It was acknowledged that the Board received information regarding this TVF budget extension at a previous meeting from Craig Christensen and this will allow capacity for the planned purchase of new buses. A second reading and action is scheduled for February 10, 2009.

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)

Board members expressed appreciation for the reports.

Director Shields acknowledged the new Agenda Quick software that will enable the Board to move into the “paperless” agendas and minutes era was moving along. In seeing the January agendas on the web with all the background information and attachments provided will save resources and expand public access.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS (5 minutes)

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. Continued discussion on the 1000/2000 Policy series. This discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
2. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
3. Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
4. Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m., Study Session – Legislative/Budget Update.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Ann McMurray, Board President

Nick Brossoit, Board Secretary/Superintendent

JoAnn Kerns, Recording Secretary

STUDENT ADVISERS FOR 2008-09

Stacy Rhynard – LHS

Nerissa Taeza – LHS

Jessica Scott – EWH

Jeannette Sepulveda – EWH

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