

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Possible Quasi-Judicial Session– 5:45 p.m. – Rm. 102 - Cancelled

The Board may need to meet in closed session hearing to conduct an appeal regarding a student discipline matter. This session was cancelled at the request of the parents.

Board President Susan Paine called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that the Board would recess to an executive session that would last until 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Rm. 201 - 6:00 p.m.

The Board met in executive session from 6:00-6:30 p.m. to discuss the performance of employees.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:33 p.m. Board members present: Paine, McMurray, Phillips, Shields, and Noble.

Student advisers present: Jeannette Sepulveda & 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 Noble to approve the agenda. All aye.

2. November 4, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director McMurray to approve the November 4, 2008, regular meeting minutes. Directors voting aye: Phillips, McMurray, Shields, and Paine. Director Noble abstained.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introductions of remaining Bargaining Group Presidents – Debby Carter
Assistant Superintendent Debby Carter introduced the following:

- Scott Barnes, President Edmonds Managers Association
- Jason Diamond, President Service Employees' International Union Local 925 – Maintenance
- Ellen Kahan, President Superintendent's Staff
- Ruby Klasell & Sharon Stumpf, Co-Presidents Service Employees' International Union Local 925 – Food Service
- Pete Rasmussen, President Service Employees' International Union Local 925 – Custodians
- Pam Corby, Bony Larson, & Cathy Ward, Shop Stewards Public Professional & Office/Clerical Employees and Drivers Local 763 Bus Drivers
- Linda Shipp, Administrative Assistants

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Personnel Actions
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 Warrant nos. 26605-27103 and 201044-201148 and 50064-50068 and 10663-11150 for a total of \$11,899,420.59. Capital Fund Warrant nos. 813-849 for a total of \$516,732.03. ASB Fund Warrant nos. 2233-2303 for a total of \$110,466.24.

3. Single reading, approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding sick leave conversion medical reimbursement plan (VEBA), Edmonds Education Association.
4. Single reading, approve recommendation to increase snack prices.
5. Single reading, approve recommendation to increase food service catering prices.
6. Single reading, approve waiver regarding equal department chair stipends at Brier Terrace Middle School, Edmonds Education Association.
7. Single reading, approve field trips:
 - a. Meadowdale Middle School Science students to Salish Sea Expedition, Spring 2009.
 - b. Westgate 5th grades to outdoor education program, Camp Killoqua, May 11-13, 2009.
 - c. Edmonds Woodway High Deaf Academic Bowl Team to West Regional competition, Fremont, CA, February 12-15, 2009.
 - d. Edmonds Woodway High play production class to theatrical tour, New York City, February 13-17, 2009.
 - e. Edmonds Woodway High marketing students to Marketing Experience, Portland, OR, Dec. 10.

CELEBRATION (5 minutes)

The School Board will recognize 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.

The following will be recognized at this Board meeting:

- Jennifer Blackstone (WAEA Elementary Art Teacher of the Year)
- Pat Cordova (Community Member/Rotary Hispanic Center)

The nomination for Pat Cordova recounted her tireless commitment to the Rotary Hispanic Center -- a place where students and members of our community can find the additional help they may need in a variety of ways to be successful.

The nomination for Jennifer Blackstone recognized her outstanding professionalism, service, promotion and support of the visual arts program. Her commitment to being a dedicated teacher, helping all students learn, create, and express themselves was also commended. Mr. Barnes stated that she received the WAEA Elementary Art Teacher of the Year award.

REPORTS

1. T & L Update – Tony Byrd
Assistant Superintendent Tony Byrd provided the Board with an update on the work in our Teaching and Learning Department. He reviewed the accomplishments related to the new math materials, the professional development support, the differentiated support based on school needs, and areas of learning as the District moves along with the implementation of the new math adoption. He noted that he is hearing positive feedback from staff and parents and that there is support for the commonality of the math curriculum. Additional updates included the program for English Language Learners (ELL) and the work of the ELL Task Force; the Highly Capable Middle School

Task Force recommendations for gifted students in middle school, and the learning occurring as site visits are conducted in other districts. Building walk-throughs are continuing, programs examined for best practices, and research investigated. Dr. Byrd also outlined the focus for the November “district day” event and what is being planned as next steps. He described the parent night that focused on high school expectations for 8th grade parents and how well attended it was. He commended the secondary administrators for their facilitation of this event.

2. Fiscal/Property Update – Marla Miller

The Board received reports on the General, ASB, Capital Projects, Debt Service, and Transportation Vehicle Funds for September 2008 which are all tracking as predicted and as well as the final reports for 2007-08. Ms. Miller noted the following regarding the final report that all funds closed within budget, the GF budget extension in August provided more expenditure capacity than ultimately needed and that affected the ending reserve, the ASB fund reduced the ending fund balance, the TVF ended with a fund balance that will be used to support the bus replacement plan, and there was not authorization to sell bonds in the CPF so revenues and expenditures are less than budgeted. The Board also received information on the District’s tax rates and assessed valuation for 2009, the Capital Projects Change Order and Project Summary reports, and discussed the State budget deficit for the next biennium. The response recommendations regarding the Performance Audit will be proposed at the December 2nd Board meeting, and Ms. Miller described the community meetings that have been scheduled regarding funding and financial planning. The property update included information on negotiating an athletic fields’ agreement with the City of Lynnwood for the new Lynnwood High site and the possibility that the city’s budget reductions may eliminate programs that will affect the agreement. It was confirmed that the fields at the new Lynnwood High site will be available for community use. Additionally, the Board received an update on current investments and the State Investment Pool Interest rates from 2000-2008.

3. CPC Report regarding Woodway and Evergreen School closures.

CPC representatives Laura Barnes-Johnson and Kate Shelby Martin reported on the CPC work to develop the recommendation to the School Board for the closure of Woodway and Evergreen Elementary Schools and the realignment of the Terrace Park middle school program to Brier Terrace Middle School. Sue Venable, Ken Limon, and Ellen Kahan provided a summary of the development process, the different map options and student numbers, the enrollment numbers projected at the impacted schools and capacity, the final recommendations from CPC, the timeline of work, and the subcommittees and task force meetings was all shared. Discussion continued related to the option for 6th grade students to attend one school for next year, the proposal to close the impacted schools for open enrollment students for a period of two years, the work with the Human Resources Department in determining options for placement of staff, and the placement of some special programs currently in the schools impacted by consolidation. Additionally, the CPC is recommending that the Terrace Park middle school program move to Brier Terrace Middle School which will realign Terrace Park from a K-8 program to a K-6 program. It was acknowledged that transitional plans, equitable transition of staff and instructional materials, staff training where appropriate, transportation details, are all areas of work that are ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS (2 minutes each)

1. Single reading, approve Acceptance of Public Works Contract, District Support Center - early site grading package, Resolution #08-47.

It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve the acceptance of public works contract – District Support Center early site grading package, Resolution #08-47. It was confirmed that there was no soil contamination on the site and that the early site grading was complete. All aye.

2. *First reading, Woodway Elementary School Closure (no action)*
3. *First reading, Evergreen Elementary School Closure (no action)*

The Board heard a report on both New Business #1 & #2. A second reading and action is scheduled for December 16, 2008.

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.

Tanner Gregory student from Mountlake Terrace High and a member of the Hawkeye student newspaper staff, spoke to the Board about the reduced revenue from the vending machines for ASB activities as a result of federal changes to the food service policy. He also thanked the Board and District for upholding the freedom of speech right.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

Board member comments included:

- Interest in the conversations regarding the HiCap and ELL programs.
- Appreciation for the CPC work.
- Request for a future report on the District’s multi-cultural efforts.
- Thanked the student newspaper staffs for their responsible reporting.
- Acknowledged the importance of problem-solving, particularly with the collective wisdom of a group—especially regarding the work of CPC.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS (5 minutes)

Superintendent Brossoit thanked the School Board, CPC, and administrative staff for their work on the difficult topic of school closures. He acknowledged the courage needed to face the difficult budget challenges ahead, noting that the overall State and National economic picture is very bleak as is the dilemma of a large revenue shortfall. He encouraged Tanner to meet with Assistant Superintendent Ken Limon and explore ideas regarding the questions he had.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. Continued discussion on the 1000 Policies
The Board continued their discussion on the 1000 policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will meet in an executive session to discuss a personnel matter related to the evaluation of a performance of an employee. This item was moved to 6:00 p.m.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
2. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing – 2nd for Evergreen Elementary consolidation.

3. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
4. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
5. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6:00 p.m., Study Session & Board Retreat.
6. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular Board meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Susan Paine, 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

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