

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, November 4, 2008

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

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

Student Advisers present: Nerissa Taeza

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 Phillips to approve the agenda. All aye.

2. October 23, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director McMurray and seconded by Director Shields to approve the October 23, 2008, regular meeting minutes. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Shields 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. 50057-50063 and 755-1278 for a total of \$1,606,652.22; ASB Fund Warrant nos. 2174-2232 for a total of \$86,049.39; Capital Fund Warrant nos. 782-812 for a total of \$4,130,000.22.

3. Single reading, approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding sick leave and vacation conversion medical reimbursement plan (VEBA).
4. Single reading, approve declaration of surplus bus.
5. Single reading, approve recommendation to call for bids for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act transportation services.
6. Single reading, approve recommendation to call for bids for Charter Bus services.
7. Single reading, approve field trips:
 - a. Edmonds Woodway High Jazz Ensemble 1 & 2 to Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, Moscow, ID, Feb. 27-March 1, 2009.
 - b. Terrace Park 6th grades to outdoor education program, Camp Orkila, May 11-13, 2009.
 - c. Edmonds Woodway High wrestling team to retreat, Marysville Kellog Marsh Grange Hall, November 22-23, 2008.
 - d. Edmonds Woodway High Bel Canto Concert Choir to retreat, Camp Burton, January 23-24, 2009.
 - e. Lynnwood High bands and orchestras to concert tour, Honolulu, June 17-22, 2009.
 - f. Lynnwood High Chantels Jazz choir to Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, Moscow, ID, Feb. 26-28, 2009.

- g. Lynnwood High FBLA students to state leadership conference, Spokane, April 9-11, 2009.
- h. Scriber Lake High students to Close Up Program, Washington D.C., May 16-22, 2009.
- i. Edmonds Woodway High FBLA students to state leadership conference, Spokane, April 9-11, 2009.
- j. Maplewood K- 8 PCEP 7th & 8th grade students to Music in the Parks festival, Coeur d'Alene, May 15-17, 2009.

INTRODUCTIONS

At the School Board's request, Assistant Superintendent Debby Carter introduced some of the Employee Group Presidents that included:

Pam Lux, President Edmonds Association of Paraeducators

Andi Nofziger-Meadows, President Edmonds Education Association

Greg Schwab, Co-President (with Michelle Trifunovic) Edmonds Principals Association

Nalin Sood, President Edmonds Coaches Association

Annette Thornhill, Professional-Technical Employees

Lauri Velasquez, President ESD Association of Office Personnel

Andi Nofziger-Meadows commented that she appreciates working in a district that is collaborative and respectful.

Additional Employee Group Presidents will be introduced at the November 18 Board meeting.

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 were recognized at this Board meeting:

-Jan Phillips and Doug McCardle (Meadowdale Middle teachers)

Meadowdale Middle Principal Christine Avery recognized Jan Phillips and Doug McCardle for their endless dedication and tireless commitment to the teaching of mathematics and especially to students that are in need of extra help. Principal Avery described their enthusiasm, passion to promote student success, and overall goal to improve mathematics instruction.

REPORTS

1. Online HR Application Processing – Debby Carter and Kirk Barney

As a result of a self study done in Human Resources several years ago, one recommendation to move the district to an online application process has been implemented. An overview of the process, rational for selection, and conversion and phase-in to the user-friendly "Fast Track" software was described by Debby Carter and Kirk Barney. They shared that the software is a product of Skyward and will integrate directly into our system with greater efficiency, flexibility, convenience, and cost savings related to the application process.

A demonstration of the online process was provided. It was noted that currently the new software was being used for classified staff and that the next steps include adding coaches, substitutes, certificated, and administrative position postings with the goal of having all groups online by spring of 2009. The online process was further discussed related to confidentiality, site security, convenience of application screening, and the ease for applicants in filling out the forms. The demonstration included viewing position listings, preview of questions, attachments, submitting

transcripts, confirmation of receipt of application, changing data online before closing date of position, and ability to use saved information for other applications. It was noted that feedback has been very positive regarding the new online process and the easy access of information.

2. Bus Purchase Proposal – Craig Christensen

Director of Transportation Craig Christensen provided the Board with information regarding the Transportation Vehicle Fund (TVF), the State's 13 year Depreciation Schedule for bus purchases, and our bus fleet numbers and condition. He shared his Finance and Fleet Management plan for buying buses on a seven year schedule that will perpetuate the condition of our current fleet, surplus buses that will keep our fleet size the same when purchases are finalized, and a contingency plan for unexpected purchases. He explained his rationale and experience for buying buses in smaller increments rather than all at once that included reducing the likelihood of having major design flaws in great numbers, fewer buses falling off the depreciation schedule at once, and spreading out improved technology for bus/fuel efficiency. Discussion continued regarding repair costs to older buses, inflation factor, the proposal for not needing a TVF levy to support the purchases, and a TVF budget extension that will be needed so purchases can be made this year. The Board expressed support for this proposal. Mr. Christensen stated that the proposal is to purchase 20 large and 4 medium sized buses in 2009. He also confirmed a random inspection by the Washington State Patrol occurred and they inspected 25% of the district's buses that passed the inspection at 100%.

NEW BUSINESS (2 minutes each)

1. Single reading, approve revisions to Policy and Administrative Regulation - Graduation Requirements and Implementation of Graduation Requirements, 7510 and 7510R1.

It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director McMurray to approve the revisions. Dr. Ken Limon summarized the proposed revisions, noting that they include the same practice for offering a one-half credit for passing the WASL to successful completion of the Collection of Evidence (COE). Other revisions are to provide clarity on expectations and update to the newest State requirements with math. All aye.

2. Single reading, approve contract award for various wood floor refinishing projects.

It was moved by Director Phillips and seconded by Director McMurray to approve the contract award for various wood floor refinishing projects to Cougar Mountain Wood Floors, the lowest responsive bidder. 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.

Rick Jorgensen, Lynnwood resident, shared his opinions regarding the inability to have open dialogue with the School Board.

Students Beatrice Gerrard, Heather Mahurin, Ariel Lopez-Santillna, and Sam Brick all spoke in support of the middle school component of Terrace Park K-8 School. They shared their observations and experience of the program.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

Director Paine responded to Mr. Jorgensen’s comments by stating that he has a misconception of an informal conversation with regards to the difference between a Board and District that is collaborative versus “rubber stamping.”

Board Members thanked those that attended the meeting and expressed their opinions.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS (5 minutes)

Superintendent Brossoit thanked the students that spoke in support of the middle school (7th & 8th grade) at Terrace Park. He encouraged them to meet with Assistant Superintendent Ken Limon to obtain more information about the proposal to move the middle school grades from Terrace Park to Brier Terrace Middle School.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

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

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

1. Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing – 2nd for Woodway Elementary consolidation.
2. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
3. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.
4. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing – 2nd for Evergreen Elementary consolidation.
5. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Susan Paine, Board President

Nick Brossoit, Board Secretary/Superintendent

JoAnn Kerns, Recording Secretary

STUDENT ADVISERS FOR 2008-09

<i>Alan Adzhiyev – THS</i>	<i>Stacy Rhynard – LHS</i>	
<i>Jessica Scott – EWH</i>	<i>Jeannette Sepulveda – EWH</i>	<i>Nerissa Taeza – LHS</i>

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>Gary Noble</i>	<i>Term expires: Dec. 2011</i>	<i>Director District #3</i>
<i>Ann McMurray, Vice President</i>	<i>Term expires: Dec. 2009</i>	<i>Director District #2</i>
<i>Susan Paine, President</i>	<i>Term expires: Dec. 2011</i>	<i>Director District #1</i>
<i>Pat Shields</i>	<i>Term expires: Dec. 2011</i>	<i>Director District #5</i>
<i>Susan Phillips, Legislative Rep.</i>	<i>Term expires: Dec. 2009</i>	<i>Director District #4</i>