

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 23, 2008

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

The regular meeting was called to order by President Paine at 6:32 p.m. Board members present: Paine, McMurray, Shields, Noble, and Phillips.

Student advisers present: Alan Adzhiyev and Stacy Rhynard.
The oath of office was given to Alan Adzhiyev.

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. September 9, Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Phillips to approve the September 9, 2008, regular meeting minutes. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Personnel Actions and 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 Warrant Nos. 50039-50043 and 25976-26189 and 200844-200940 and 1-331 for a total of \$10,443,937.56. ASB Fund Warrant Nos. 2000-2028 for a total of \$59,032.23. Capital Fund Warrant Nos. 1-36 for a total of \$1,884,468.87.

3. Single reading, approve 2008-09 Memorandum of Understanding regarding stipends for ELL and Title I Specialists, Edmonds Education Association.

4. Single reading, approve 2008-09 Memorandum of Understanding regarding reduction of base work year to 175 days for certain Prof-Tech employees, Professional-Technical Employees.

5. Single reading, approve revised 2008-09 Certificated Employees' Salary Schedule

6. Single reading, approve field trips:

- a. Mountlake Terrace Elementary to outdoor education program, YMCA Camp Orkila, March 17-20, 2009.
- b. Edmonds Woodway, Mountlake Terrace, Meadowdale and Lynnwood High Schools to annual WASC Conference, Richland, October 10-12, 2008.
- c. Lynnwood Elementary 6th grades to outdoor education program, IslandWood, November 24-26, 2008.
- d. Meadowdale Middle ASB officers to leadership training, Cispus Learning Center, September 26-28, 2008.
- e. Lynnwood High Cross Country team to Mt. Baker Invitational Meet, October 3-4, 2008.

- f. Meadowdale High Journalism students to JEA national convention, Phoenix, April 15-19, 2009.

REPORTS

1. Fiscal/Property Update – Marla Miller

The Board received a July, 2008 report on the General, ASB, Capital Projects, Debt Service, and Transportation Vehicle Funds. Ms. Miller noted that in July the Board approved a General Fund budget extension and that was not reflected in this report. The budget extension allowed the purchase of math textbooks in 07-08. The Expenditure report still includes encumbrances and will be totally liquidated on the August reports. The Capital Projects Fund reflects capacity associated with Meadowdale Middle construction and will carry forward and include budget capacity to sell additional bonds. The Performance Audit has not yet been issued by the State Auditors' office and the public hearing must be held within 30 days after the final report is issued. Ms. Miller provided an update on information regarding the fixed costs of operating an elementary school. The budget office calculated the 08-09 cost of "overhead" of an elementary to just over \$722,000.

An update on the Food Service IOU policy was reviewed and discussed. Ms. Miller provided a summary of the meetings held with staff, parents, & community and the recommendation to adopt a practice of providing "safety net" meals for elementary and secondary students. Ms. Miller provided the Board with a draft proposal and noted that the target implementation date is October 1. Discussion continued related to staff and student training, reducing embarrassment to students, content and cost of providing safety net meals, maximum debt allowed, and the parent options. The repayment of delinquent accounts, communication information in different languages, evaluation of new procedures, information from surrounding school districts and how they implement an IOU procedure, and the different locations of cashiers in elementary and secondary schools were also topics discussed. A property update was also provided to the Board, but did not reflect much change from the last report.

2. Facility Use Report – Marla Miller

Ms. Miller noted that the Facility Use policy/procedure continues to be evaluated and new recommendations will likely come to the Board for approval in October. She noted that a survey of surrounding school districts reflected that the PTA groups are not charged for the use of school facilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (2 minutes each)

1. *Second reading, approve revisions to policies 1260 and 6810 – Conflicts of Interest.*
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director McMurray to approve revisions to policies 1260 and 6810 – Conflicts of Interest. Director Noble abstained. Directors Shields, McMurray, Phillips and Paine voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS (2 minutes each)

1. First reading, approve revisions to Policy #8315 and regulation 8315R1 – Accommodating students with Life Threatening Conditions.
Dr. Ellen Kahan described the revisions to Policy 8315 & 8315R1 that outline procedures for staff to refuse or comply with Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) or Do not Intubate (DNI) orders. The revisions proposed have been carefully reviewed by the Washington Risk Management Pool and follow the WSSDA guidelines. The revisions outline that parents/guardians who request that emergency care be withheld for their child or who present DNR-DNI orders shall be advised of and shall be given a copy of this policy. A second reading is scheduled for Oct. 7.

2. Single reading, approve revisions to School Board regulation 9620R1 – Procedures for working with the divisions of Children and Family Services.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve revisions to regulation 9620R1 – procedures for working with the divisions of Children and Family Services. Dr. Ellen Kahan noted that the revisions are required to better align with changes in the regulations from the Division of Children and Family Services. Some of the other recommended language changes have been simplified or clarified for better understanding. The Board suggested a couple of changes to clarify “school personnel” classifications. All aye.
3. Single reading, approve revisions to School Board regulation 8500R1, Student Records Procedures.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve revisions to School board regulation 8500 R1 – Student Records Procedures. Assistant Superintendent Ellen Kahan confirmed that the P-170 Elementary Permanent record card was replaced and the student profile data would be stored electronically in the TetraData system, printed, and placed in the student’s cumulative file. All aye.
4. Single reading, approve authorization for contract award – General Contractor/Construction Manager for the new Meadowdale Middle School.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Phillips to approve authorization for contract award – General Contractor/Construction Manager for the new Meadowdale Middle School. Ed Peters reviewed the recommendation to award services to Skanska USA Building, Inc. He shared the selection committee’s interview process, the criteria, and provided the interview ratings. All aye.
5. Single reading, approve authorization for pre-construction services budget – general contractor/construction manager for the new Meadowdale Middle School.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve authorization for pre-construction services budget – general contractor/construction manager Skanska USA Building, Inc., for the new Meadowdale Middle School. All aye.
6. Single reading, approve authorizing establishment of a bus pass sales and service agreement with Community Transit, Resolution #08-42.
It was moved by Director Noble and seconded by Director McMurray to approve authorizing establishment of a bus pass sales and service agreement with Community Transit. Transportation Director, Craig Christensen, reviewed the agreement with regard to the rights and duties of both parties and the monthly pass pricing related to the costs associated with the yellow buses. Assistant Superintendent Ken Limon noted that for the first six years of the agreement with CT that there was a significant cost savings, and even with rising fuel costs it still is financially advantageous to use the CT service for EWH students. Students from other high schools in the district also qualify for CT passes and last year approximately 900 students received and used them. All aye.
7. *First reading, approve revisions to Policy #1245, Board Member Resignation and Replacement.*
Superintendent Brossoit noted that the revisions were reviewed by legal counsel and were brought forward as a result of the Board’s review of the 1000 policy series. A second reading is scheduled for the next Board meeting.

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.

Megan Hudson raised her questions from another board meeting that included documentation on savings for the move of Terrace Park 7th & 8th grades to Brier Terrace Middle with regard to transportation. Additionally, she asked about educational quality, evaluation of other options, and the short timeline of the directive to CPC for a recommendation to the board.

Andrea Strickland expressed her concern for the lack of communication to the Woodway parents on the upcoming decision to close the school. She also questioned decisions regarding the proposal to move students living in the Ballinger area, which is located in the City of Edmonds, into a Mountlake Terrace school.

Rick Jorgensen thanked the Board for conversations and discussions related to the revisions of the Facility Use policy. He appreciates the willingness of the district to look at what other school districts have implemented related to charging parent groups for the use of school buildings. He did seek clarification on the "for profit/not for profit group classifications" of the policy.

Steve Schermer opposes closing the 7th & 8th grade program at Terrace Park and moving them into Brier Terrace Middle School. He questioned the district's mission of advocating for all students and whether the district's "broad brush" approach is the best to use for this decision. He asked the Board to consider the impact to students in moving the middle school program.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

Student advisers commented and questioned components of the new food service policy proposal.

All Board members expressed appreciation to the citizens that presented their comments and they acknowledged that upcoming budget reduction decisions would be extremely difficult. They confirmed they will continue to listen, evaluate, and make decisions based on the overall good of the district.

Director Phillips acknowledged the work of volunteers and the community to help raise funds that support the varied activities and programs of the district.

Director McMurray attended the September 17th meeting on developing new food service guidelines. She expressed appreciation to all those that attended and shared their suggestions and comments.

Director Paine also attended the September 17th meeting and commented that the meeting was collaborative and that there were many constructive comments that will be used in helping to structure the food service process. She stated that the district has costs associated with renting out facilities to the public and that those costs are full costs not determined by a "for profit/non profit rating."

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS (5 minutes)

Superintendent Brossoit summarized the process, timing, and communication associated with the consolidation of schools project. He described the upcoming four public hearings that are scheduled beginning with Woodway on September 30. He noted that some of the details of the proposal will continue to be evaluated and reviewed. Superintendent Brossoit acknowledged the concerns of citizens as they have formed allegiances with the neighborhood schools, and that the decisions the district is faced with regarding reduced funding will be extremely difficult. He expects that the Facility Use policy will have additional revisions.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. Processes for District Changes
The Board discussed how the district makes changes related to policies and procedures, how they are implemented, communicated, and evaluated. Expectations for the roles of administrators, as well as Board members were also discussed. Discussion also continued related to collaboration, difficult decisions, how to bring in outside perspectives, and time constraints.
2. WSSDA Legislative Proposals
Legislative Representative, Susan Phillips, provided the Board with WSSDA legislative priorities and asked them to provide her with suggestions as she prepares to attend the Legislative Assembly in Wenatchee. The purpose of the Assembly is to approve and prioritize WSSDA’s legislative positions which will become the focus of next year’s advocacy efforts.
3. Continued discussion on the 1000 Policies
The Board continued their discussion on policies & procedures in the 1000 series.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing – Woodway Elementary consolidation.
2. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board meeting.
3. Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing – Evergreen Elementary consolidation.
4. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board meeting.
5. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. Regular Board meeting.
6. Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing – 2nd for Woodway Elementary consolidation.
7. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Regular School Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Susan Paine, Board President

Nick Brossoit, Superintendent/Board Secretary

JoAnn Kerns, Recording Secretary

STUDENT ADVISERS FOR 2008-09

Alan Adzhiyev – THS
Nerissa Taeza – LHS
Stacy Rhynard – LHS
Jessica Scott – EWH
Jeannette Sepulveda – EWH

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