

EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 15
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 9, 2008

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

The Board met in executive session from 6:00-6:28 p.m. to discuss property matters. Board members present: Paine, Phillips, Noble, McMurray, and Shields.

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

Board President Paine reconvened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

FLAG SALUTE

OATH OF OFFICE FOR STUDENT ADVISERS

Board President Paine administered the oath of office to student advisers that were in attendance.

Alan Adzhiyev – THS (absent)

Nerissa Taea – LHS

Stacy Rhynard – LHS

Jessica Scott – EWH

Jeannette Sepulveda – EWH

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

1. Agenda

The agenda was amended to remove New Business item #5. Director Shields moved to approve the amended agenda and Director Phillips seconded. All aye.

2. August 12, 2008, Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Director Noble and seconded by Director Shields to approve the August 12, 2008, regular meeting minutes. All aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Director McMurray 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.

ASB Fund warrant nos. 3378-3385 for a total of \$6,282.20; 3386-3409 for a total of \$62,297.86. General Fund warrant nos. 25930-25975 and 200738-200843 and 50037-50038 and 9975-10276 for a total of \$11,753,340.88; 25544-25560 and 50033-50036 and 25561-25929 and 9722-9974 for a total of \$1,183,297.63. Capital Fund warrant nos. 747-781 for a total of \$5,774,939.59 and 707-746 for a total of \$2,027,984.25.

3. Single reading, approve Memorandum of Understanding regarding permitting provision of speech/language pathologist (SLP) services, Edmonds Education Association.

4. Single reading, approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Edmonds Community College and Edmonds School District for the Edmonds Career Access Program (EDCAP) for the 2008-09 school year.

5. Single reading, approve Superintendent's goals for 2008-09

6. Single reading, approve certain nonpublic agencies as contracting agencies for a three-year period, 2008-09 through 2010-11.
7. Single reading, Approve assurance statements for the yearly update to the Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education application for Edmonds School District Career and Technical Education Program, 2008-09.
8. Single reading, approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Washington Schools Information Processing Cooperative for technical services and software maintenance, Resolution #08-39.
9. Single reading, approve Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement with Snohomish School District for special education services, Resolution #08-40.
10. Single reading, approve justification for sole source declaration Q0801GF for safe and civil schools program.
11. Single reading, approve shop rates for transportation.
12. Single reading, approve field trip rates for transportation.
13. Single reading, approve shop rates for maintenance.
14. Single reading, approve Mountlake Terrace Theater rental rates.
15. Single reading, approve 2008-09 food service prices for catering (adult) menus.
16. Single reading, approve authorizing establishment of interlocal cooperative purchasing agreement with Vancouver school district #37, Resolution #08-41.
17. Single reading, approve field trips:
 - a. Edmonds Woodway, Meadowdale, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood High Schools DECA programs to Fall Leadership Conference, Bellevue, October 26-28, 2008.
 - b. Edmonds Woodway, Meadowdale, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood High Schools DECA programs to Regional Leadership Conference, Phoenix, November 19-23, 2008.
 - c. Edmonds Woodway, Meadowdale, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood High Schools DECA programs to State Career Development Conference, Bellevue, March 5-7, 2009.
 - d. Edmonds Woodway, Meadowdale, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood High Schools DECA programs to International Career Development Conference, Anaheim, April 28-May 3, 2009.
 - e. Lynnwood High School science students to Spitzer Science Center, Pasadena, Sept. 28-30, 2008.

REPORTS

1. Teaching and Learning report – Dr. Tony Byrd
 Assistant Superintendent Tony Byrd provided the Board with update in the area of Teaching and Learning. The update included the Adequate Yearly Progress goal and plan, the identifying of specific students with specific needs to help design the support, and the timeline to have the Plan completed and implemented. The Math goal included the work to fully implement the new math curriculum, the professional development provided by coordinators, and support for schools through site visits. The reading goals were also summarized and included the enhancement to the ELL program, use of current WASL/AYP data, and the ongoing meetings to use the data to help design the district's model.
2. Enrollment update – Marla Miller
 Assistant Superintendent Marla Miller provided the Board with 4th day count enrollment data for each school. She stated the good news regarding the enrollment projections for 2008-09. Although the district is still declining in overall enrollment (about 200 fewer student fte this year than last), our Budget department did an excellent job of accurately predicting the number of students who were present and accounted for last Friday (the proverbial "4th Day" of school, which is our first official day of reporting attendance for the new year). The report included enrollment by school, by grade level, and trend data from 2004-05

At the district level, we appear to be within 20 student fte out of a total projection of 19,025.85. She noted that this is great news because it means the budget balancing work done last spring was just right - not overly cautious or overly optimistic – and we are able to proceed for the year with a stable financial plan. We understand that, as always, the projections for some individual schools are off slightly compared to actual enrollment – some are higher than predicted and some lower. The Assistant Superintendents and HR department will be working with principals at those schools to review classroom assignments and make adjustments if necessary. Ms. Miller also noted that more investigation into the decline of secondary numbers would continue. The Board questioned the number of split classes across the district due to some of the enrollment issues and they requested the information be provided at an upcoming board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (2 minutes each)

1. Single reading, approve project and budget authorization, final design of 2004 Levy earthquake safety phase #4 projects for construction in 2009.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve project and budget authorization, final design of 2004 Levy earthquake safety phase #4 projects for construction in 2009. All aye.
2. Single reading, approve budget authorization, final design and construction of traffic and parking revisions at Brier Elementary.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve budget authorization, final design and construction of traffic and parking revisions at Brier Elementary. All aye.
3. Single reading, approve architecture agreement with Greene-Gasaway Architects for design and construction of Phase #4 earthquake safety structural upgrades at various locations.
It was moved by Director Noble and seconded by Director McMurray to approve architecture agreement with Greene-Gasaway Architects for design and construction of Phase #4 earthquake structural upgrades at various locations. All aye.
4. Single reading, approve agreement with Greene-Gasaway Architects for final design and construction administration for the traffic and parking safety revisions at Brier Elementary.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director McMurray to approve agreement with Greene-Gasaway Architects for final design and construction administration for the traffic and parking safety revisions at Brier Elementary. All aye.
5. Single reading, approve Agreement with Community Transit for establishment of a bus pass sales and service agreement, Resolution #08-42. (removed from the agenda).
6. Single reading, approve revision to Student Extracurricular Activities regulation #7385R1.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Phillips to approve revision to Student Extracurricular Activities regulation #7385R1. Jan Beglau reviewed the changes in the regulation as mandated by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) regarding the academic eligibility requirements. All aye.
7. Single reading, approve resource conservation program.
It was moved by Director Shields and seconded by Director Noble to approve the resource conservation program. George Marschall, Maintenance Manager, described the recommendation that will allow the District's participation in the program and the hiring of a Resource Conservation Specialist by using an existing, unfilled Professional Technical position. The program will take advantage of resource conservation program in concert with local utility companies by using the PSE

and PUD offer of incentives and assistance for improving buildings performance. Funding for the position requires no additional budget capacity. All aye.

8. *First reading, approve revisions to policies 1260 and 6810 – Conflicts of Interest.*
The proposed revisions to both policies address conflicts of interest for board members and employees and comply with state law. While both policies comply with state law, Policy 6810 did not acknowledge that RCW 42.23.030 authorizes the spouse of a board member to be employed by the district, if that spouse was under contract with the district prior to the board member's assumption of office. The proposed changes have been reviewed and approved by legal counsel. This was a first reading without action. A second reading and action is scheduled for Sept. 23, 2008.

ADDENDUM

9. Single reading, approve a third party administrator for the District's 403(B) Program. It was moved by Director McMurray and seconded by Director Phillips to approve a third party administrator, National Benefits Services, LLC, as the District's third party administrator for the 403(b) plan administration. It was confirmed that this fulfills the new IRS regulations for Plan sponsors. 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, provided a letter to the Board and expressed his concerns with the changes to the Facilities Use Policy specifically related to that of fundraisers by PTAs and other parent groups.

Jenny Cain shared her concerns for the reduction in the librarian's time at Woodway Elementary. She provided an article titled "Powerful Libraries Make Powerful Learners" and asked the district to reconsider the reduction to the position. She also asked if the district had done any research regarding the cost savings if we went from five days of instruction to four per week to help save on transportation costs.

Megan Hudson shared her support for the middle school component of Terrace Park K-8. She described her feelings that it should be a parent choice on what she sees as an optimal environment for her children. She supports a small school structure and what it can provide for maximizing student potential.

Jennifer Herrmann spoke in support of the Terrace Park 7th & 8th grade program. She shared her views regarding the importance of a K-8 program that is not lottery based and provides options for gifted learners. She stated that staff for the 7th & 8th grades have attended specialized training and that many students benefit from this environment. She asked the Board to consider moving their timeline out to further evaluate the 7 & 8 grade component of Terrace Park.

Alvin Rutledge shared his opinions related to the property by Alderwood Mall, transportation services, upcoming hearings, and funding. He asked the district to research how many students live within the district boundaries but attend private schools.

Steve Schermer expressed his opposition to the district's plan to dismantle the middle school component of Terrace Park. He shared his concerns for students that thrive in a small environment and then have difficulty being placed into a large population of middle school students. He also questioned whether there was available space at other area schools to take the Evergreen students.

Derek Simkoviak shared his concerns regarding the lack of information regarding the plan to move 7th & 8th grades from Terrace Park, the timeline, and lack of community feedback. He questioned if the data from the official 4th day count enrollment will impact the plans.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (10 minutes)

The student advisers were welcomed by the Board and they were encouraged to ask questions, provide input, and share what is happening in their schools.

All Board members thanked those that spoke under public comments and confirmed that their input was valued and listened to.

Director Phillips shared with the other Board members that she would like to attend the WSSDA Legislative Conference in Wenatchee and encouraged them to provide her with feedback on topics that she will take to the assembly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS (5 minutes)

The superintendent's comments included:

- the district had a smooth opening and he complimented the work of staff to have projections come in very close to budget.
- appreciation for the comments on facility use fees related to the structure of the fee schedule, general practice, fund raising events, and stated that Marla Miller would be gathering additional information.
- confirmed that the district does care for all students and that he would not be recommending restoring fulltime services for the librarian at Woodway Elementary.
- stated that the district is discussing services to middle school gifted students and is working on several suggestions to accommodate different models and how best to service and support that program.
- acknowledged that the Board action on consolidation proposals in December is still the schedule. The district has no other alternative but to reduce operational costs.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

1. November, July, August Board meeting dates
The Board discussed and determined they would leave the November 4 Board meeting date as scheduled. They discussed the possibility of having an additional meeting in July.
2. 1000 Policies
The Board continued their discussions and review of the 1000 Board Policies. There were suggested changes to 1245 and legal counsel will review the revisions before it is brought back for action.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m., study session – Performance Audit report.
2. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board meeting.
3. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6:00 p.m., public hearing – Woodway Elementary consolidation.
4. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board meeting.
5. Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:00 p.m., public hearing – Evergreen Elementary consolidation.
6. Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board meeting.
7. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m., Regular Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Susan Paine, Board President

Nick Brossoit, Board Secretary/Superintendent

JoAnn Kerns, Recording Secretary

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>