

**EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Holly Williams, President; Victoria Bradford, Vice President; Joan Skelton, Director; Schuyler Hoss, Director; Troy Thomas, Director; John Deeder, Superintendent; Kaye Chamberlain, Executive Assistant.

**I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Holly Williams called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Evergreen Public Schools to order at 5:35 p.m. Ms. Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Tuesday, February 27, 2007, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
- B. Tuesday, March 6, 2007, Board Workshop

Ms. Bradford moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve all of the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

- A. Proclamation of Classified Employee Week

Carol Fenstermacher, Director of Community Relations, introduced Cate Seem-Ruggiero, Evergreen PSE Chapter President, and Cori Kelly, Evergreen PSE Office Clerical Chapter President, who accepted the Proclamation of Classified Employee Week on behalf of district classified employees. Ms. Bradford read the Proclamation signed by Governor Gregoire pronouncing March 12-16, 2007, as Classified Employee Week. Superintendent Deeder thanked the classified employees of the district for their dedication to the students in Evergreen School District.

- B. Proclamation of School Retirees Appreciation Week

Ms. Fenstermacher introduced Sherry Boose, WSSRA Local Unit President, and Kathleen Lisignoli and Don Rifenberg, Local Representatives of WSSRA and retired school employees. Ms. Williams read the proclamation signed by Governor Gregoire pronouncing March 19-25, 2007, as School Retirees Appreciation Week. Mr. Rifenberg addressed the Board and thanked them for the recognition. Ms. Skelton thanked the attendees for their service to children.

- C. Evergreen Foundation Auction Committee

Ms. Fenstermacher introduced Gail Spolar, President of the Evergreen Foundation, who addressed the Board regarding the mission of the Foundation.

Ms. Fenstermacher introduced members of the Evergreen Foundation Auction Committee, who were in attendance at the Board meeting:

- Cara Cantonwine, Auction Chair
- Cheri Eckstein
- Christie Dudley
- Jim Schaeffer
- Cynthia Gaussoin

- Cheryl Evans
- Jim Schaeffer
- Holly Williams

Ms. Bradford thanked the committee members for their excellent work. Ms. Fenstermacher announced the net income from the auction, which will be used in classrooms, is over \$68,000.

#### **IV. CURRICULUM PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation by Silver Star Elementary School Marimba Band
- B. Presentation by Evergreen High School Orchestra
- C. Proclamation of "March is Music in Our Schools Month – Music Touches Lives"

Don Nelson, Manager of Fine and Performing Arts, introduced Silver Star music teacher Carinn Ormson, who conducted the Silver Star Marimba Band in three musical arrangements. Mr. Nelson then introduced Matt Mandrones, Fine & Performing Arts teacher at Evergreen High School. Mr. Nelson noted this is the first year of a strings program at Evergreen High. The group of musicians, who formed the orchestra that accompanied the "South Pacific" production presented at Evergreen, entertained the audience with two arrangements.

The Board members thanked the teachers and students for their hard work and excellent performances.

Ms. Williams read the "March is Music in Our Schools Month" proclamation focusing on the theme "Music Touches Lives."

Ms. Williams called for a 5-minute recess in order to remove the musical instruments and allow the children and parents to leave.

When the meeting resumed, Ms. Ruggiero screened a public service video regarding Washington Learns that was produced by the Public School Employees of Washington. Ms. Ruggiero read a statement prepared by the PSE regarding staff funding ratios.

Ms. Williams thanked all classified employees for their dedication and hard work.

#### **V. GOOD NEWS REPORT**

The Board reviewed the Good News Report as prepared by the Community Relations Department. Carol Fenstermacher, Director of Community Relations, drew attention to several items that featured accomplishments of Evergreen students and staff, service to others, and school news.

#### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA – PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Revised Approval of Vouchers: General, ASB, and Capital Projects Funds  
**General Fund**

- Voucher Number 243599 – 243743 in the amount of \$295,785.69
- Voucher Number 243744 – 243976 in the amount of \$566,126.57
- Voucher Number 244196 – only in the amount of \$30,000.00

## **Capital Projects Fund**

- Voucher Number 21086 – 21092 in the amount of \$127,399.37
- Voucher Number 21093 – 21104 in the amount of \$486,757.90

## **Associated Student Body Fund**

- Voucher Number 52461 – 52531 in the amount of \$45,419.68
- Voucher Number 52532 – 52599 in the amount of \$41,455.22

C. Approval of Carl D. Perkins Grant for Clark County Skills Center for 2006-07 School Year

D. Resolution 4760 – Approval of Purchase Orders – General, Capital Projects, and ASB Funds

E. Resolution 4761 – Cancellation of Warrants (Payroll)

F. Revised Resolution 4762 – Staff Travel Requests

G. Field Trip Requests

Ms. Williams stated that due to a remote interest in Chevron stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 243614 and that due to a remote interest in Home Depot stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher numbers 243643 and 243821.

Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hoss, to approve the consent agenda, as presented, with the noted abstentions. The motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. PROPOSAL FOR ACTION**

A. Approval of Applicants for Instructional Materials Committee

Melinda Jennings, Executive Director of Instructional Services, addressed the Board regarding the need for two new citizen representatives on the Instructional Materials Committee, replacing two members whose terms have expired.

Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Skelton, to appoint the applicants to the Instructional Materials Committee. The motion carried unanimously

## **VIII. POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

A. Policy 2413 – Instruction – Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses – 2nd Reading

B. Policy 3132 – Assignment of Students to High Schools for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 School Years – 2nd Reading

Superintendent Deeder addressed the Board regarding Policy 2413 regarding equivalency credit for career and technical education courses. Mr. Deeder said all schools in Clark County are in the process of adopting a similar policy so it may apply to courses offered at the Skills Center. He recommended approval.

Ms. Bradford moved, seconded by Ms. Skelton, to adopt Policy 2413. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Deeder drew the Board's attention to Policy 3132 regarding the assignment of students to district high schools during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years. Mr. Deeder said the district will consider hardship cases. He reminded the Board that the goal of this policy is to balance the enrollment in all four high schools. He stated that the policy will continue the philosophy of the school district and school board, which is enrollment by attendance area. Mr. Deeder will send a letter to all 8, 9, and 10th grade parents, along with copy of the policy. The policy does not allow for out-of-district boundary exceptions to Union High School. Mr. Deeder recommended approval.

Ms. Williams called for citizen comments regarding the policy. The following citizens addressed the Board regarding Policy 3132:

Scott Creager, 4009 SE 189th Court, Vancouver, Washington  
Mark Oliverio, 18905 SE 21st Street, Vancouver, Washington

Mr. Hoss thanked the parents for addressing the Board. Mr. Hoss reminded the audience that the Board is committed to supporting four excellent comprehensive high schools. Ms. Skelton reminded the audience that the Board's intention is to be consistent with all students in every school. Ms. Williams addressed the volume of boundary requests that a new school engenders. Ms. Williams said the Board wants to be fair and consistent with all parents and students. Ms. Bradford said all the board members are parents and know what families go through in driving students to activities and supporting them. Mr. Hoss thanked the parents for advocating for their students. He said the Boundary Committee had conducted dozens of meetings involving hundreds of community members in order to set the boundaries. He reiterated the Board's commitment to excellence in all schools.

Mr. Hoss moved, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to adopt Policy 3132. The motion carried unanimously

## **IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Deeder drew the Board's attention to Good News Report's mention of the students from Shahala Middle School. Shahala entered three teams in the Regional MathCounts competition. Shahala finished in the top three places in the competition.

Superintendent Deeder reported invitations from the Vancouver City Council and Clark College Board of Directors to hold joint meetings for brainstorming collaborations.

Superintendent Deeder informed the Board of a Town Hall meeting with Congressman Brian Baird to be held on Friday, March 16, at Clark College. The meeting will focus on the National Science Foundation's efforts to help the community create a K-16 seamless science process.

The Superintendent announced the May 15 Evening of Excellence, which will be sponsored by all Clark County school districts. The event will honor the community's academic scholars.

Superintendent Deeder drew the Board's attention to the "Adopt-a-School" program created by Assistant Superintendent Becky Fleming and a number of administrative interns. At present, 35 Administrative Service Center classified employees are going out to schools Sifton, Burnt Bridge Creek, Burton, and Orchards Elementary Schools to help in classrooms. The program gives staff who are not directly involved with students everyday a chance to be in the classroom and experience the district's core mission.

Mr. Hoss thanked the Superintendent for all his has done in creating collaborative relationships with other school districts, the community, and governmental agencies in an effort to support children.

Ms. Skelton drew the Board's attention to the collaborative effort by Battle Ground School District and the City of Battle Ground to obtain school sites. She attributed the effort to the work of the Quality Education Task Force.

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – None presented.

#### **XI. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Linda Ball, 2216 SE 106th Avenue, Vancouver, Washington, invited Board members to the Vancouver Games for Physically Challenged on Tuesday, March 27, at the Mountain View High School gym. Ms. Ball also addressed the Board regarding the WASL and special needs students, encouraging Board members to work with the state to make the WASL developmentally appropriate.

Charles Jenkins, 18234 NE Cedar Drive, Battle Ground, Washington, a special educator in the district's Choice Program, invited the Board to attend the 3rd Annual Agency Fair on Wednesday, March 21st.

#### **XII. RECESS**

The meeting was recessed at 7:05 p.m. for the signing of documents. Ms. Williams stated that the Board's Workshop would begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Green Complex Conference Room.

#### **XIII. BOARD WORKSHOP**

- A. Marketing Plan Update
- B. School Calendar 2007-08
- C. Community Engagement
- D. Informational Presentations

Ms. Fenstermacher updated the Board on the district's marketing plan. Jerry Piland, Executive Director of Human Resources, discussed the proposed 2007-08 school calendar with Board members. Superintendent Deeder and Board members discussed community engagement and upcoming informational presentations.

#### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:10 p.m., the regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned.