

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 26, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Hoss moved, seconded by Mr. Bradford, to excuse Mr. Thomas' absence due to a business trip. The motion carried unanimously.

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 5:32 p.m. Ms. Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tuesday, June 5, 2007, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
- B. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 11-14, 2007, Special Board Meetings
- C. Tuesday, June 19, 2007, Executive Session
- D. Wednesday, June 20, 2007, Executive Session

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

III. 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.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Loren Sickles, 10316 NE 32nd Circle, Vancouver. Mr. Sickles addressed the Board regarding the third grade swim program and outdoor school.

V. CONSENT AGENDA – PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Supplemental Personnel Report
- C. Approval of Vouchers: General, ASB, Capital Projects, and Expendable Trust Funds

General Fund

Voucher Number 246318 - 246332 in the amount of \$25,433.02 (2007/2008)
Voucher Number 246333 - 246560 in the amount of \$349,909.96 (2006/2007)
Voucher Number 246561 – 246687 in the amount of \$867,859.05 (2006/2007)
Voucher Number 246688 - 246700 in the amount of \$30,342.52 (2007/2008)
Voucher Number 246701 - 246974 in the amount of \$929,068.21 (2006/2007)

Capital Projects Fund

Voucher Number 21315 - 21334 in the amount of \$200,231.93 (2006/2007)
Voucher Number 21335 – 21359 in the amount of \$386,606.82 (2006/2007)
Voucher Number 21360 – 21389 in the amount of \$174,583.06 (2006/2007)

Associated Student Body Fund

Voucher Number 53365 - 53367 in the amount of \$2,233.30 (2007/2008)
Voucher Number 53368 - 53423 in the amount of \$36,076.24 (2006/2007)
Voucher Number 53424 – 53487 in the amount of \$37,954.97 (2006/2007)
Voucher Number 53488 - 53492 in the amount of \$3,461.05 (2007/2008)
Voucher Number 53493 - 53561 in the amount of \$49,437.96 (2006/2007)

Expendable Trust Fund

Voucher Number 242 – Only in the amount of \$500.00 (2006/2007)
Voucher Number 243 – Only in the amount of \$1,000.00 (2006/2007)
D. Renewal of Agreement Between Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF) and the District for Ellsworth Center
E. Renewal of Agreement Between Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF) and the District for Evergreen Center
F. Renewal of Agreement Between Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF) and the District for Orchards Center
G. Approval of Constitution and Bylaws of the Associated Student Body of Union High School
H. Approval of Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Private/Public School District Enrollment Form for Middle and Senior High Schools for the 2007-2008 School Year
I. Resolution 4800 – Renewal of Food Service Contract for 2007-2008
J. Resolution 4802 – Cancellation of Lost Warrants (Accounts Payable)
K. Resolution 4803 – Approval and Certification of Payroll\
L. Resolution 4804 – Cancellation of Lost Warrants (Payroll)
M. Resolution 4805 – Value Analysis and Constructability Reports on New Elementary School Located at Four Seasons Site
N. Resolution 4806 – Approval of Purchase Orders: General, Capital Projects, ASB, Expendable Trust, and Transportation Funds

- O. Resolution 4807 – Staff Travel Requests
- P. Field Trip Requests

Ms. Williams stated that she has a remote interest in Home Depot, Inc., stock and, therefore, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher numbers 246383, 246624 and 246764. In addition, due to her remote interest in Chevron stock, she stated she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 246723.

Mr. Hoss stated that he has a remote interest in Pediatric Services of America, Inc., and, therefore, he would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 246417.

Ms. Bradford moved, seconded by Ms. Skelton, to approve the revised consent agenda, as presented, with the noted abstentions. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. PROPOSAL FOR ACTION

- A. Recommendation for Adoption of Textbook for Career & Technical Education:
AP Environmental Science
- B. Resolution 4801 – Increase in School Meal Prices for 2007-2008

A. Superintendent Deeder addressed the Board regarding the adoption of the AP Environmental Science textbook. Ms. Williams said that she and Mr. Thomas have reviewed the textbook and found it engaging. The Board had no questions for Tom Archer, Science Specialist.

Mr. Hoss moved, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to approve the adoption of the AP Environmental Science textbook. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Mike Merlino, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board regarding the need to increase school meal prices for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Merlino explained the need for a 5-cent increase in breakfast and lunch prices. Mr. Merlino reminded the Board that there was no increase in price during the 2006-07 school year. He said the district's lunch price, which is \$1.75 for next year, is below the average cost in Clark County. The price increase will raise \$45,000 district-wide; however, it will not offset cost of hiring staff for food preparation as part of the opening of Union High School.

Mr. Hoss moved, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to approve the increase in school meal prices for the 2007-08 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Merlino addressed the Board regarding the district's budgetary status. He said the first page of the handout reflected the district's status through the end of May 2007. He estimates the year-end balance in the reserved fund balance will be \$9.2 million. The second page was the final report on the school year with regard to staffing. Elementary, middle, and high school enrollments ended up a little higher than budgeted for, although the special education enrollment count was below the number budgeted. As a whole, staffing ended up 1.6 FTE below what was budgeted for the year.

Mr. Hoss thanked Mr. Merlino for his accurate forecasts and projections. He expressed his personal disappointment that the district could not make more of a contribution to reserved fund balance.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Deeder said he met recently with Chief Cook of the Vancouver Police Department, along with City Manager Pat McDonnell and Vancouver School District Superintendent John Erickson. The meeting's purpose was a discussion of ways the districts can partner with the City and the Police Department to provide School Resource Officers (SRO's) to city high schools. Superintendent Deeder hopes there will be proposal for the Board to review by July 10. Superintendent Deeder said the SRO's have been missed during the last four years at Evergreen and Mountain View High Schools.

Ms. Williams asked if the Police Department is still concerned that they don't have enough personnel to fill the SRO positions. The Superintendent said that Chief Cook is looking at the program differently than his predecessor and that he has the backing of the City Manager and the City Council.

Ms. Skelton asked if grants would be involved in funding the SRO's. The Superintendent said there is a possibility of joint grants from the federal government or from the Public Safety Commission. He said the City of Vancouver is willing to look at funding the SRO's internally in the future.

Heritage High School will continue with SRO funding from the Clark County Sheriff's office.

Superintendent Deeder attended an alternative education meeting with Assistant Superintendent Marilyn Colliflower, Evergreen Internet Academy Coordinator Michele DeShaw, Mr. Merlino, and Jerry Piland, Executive Director of Human Resources. The group met to discuss the IQ Academy, a possible alternative to the EIA program. He said the IQ Academy, which is a virtual school, has more classes to offer students. He plans to bring more information to a future Board workshop.

Superintendent Deeder was a presenter at the Washington Association of School Administrators' spring conference in Spokane this week. His topic was the use of data to help students, i.e., Socrates. He said the presentation was well attended.

Ms. Williams asked the boy scout in the audience to identify himself. Peter Rasmussen, from Troop 48, attends Mountain View High School and is working on his Communications Merit badge.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

X. RECESS

The meeting was recessed at 6 p.m. for the signing of documents. Ms. Williams stated that the Board's Workshop would begin at approximately 6:15 p.m. in the Green Complex Conference Room and would be followed by an Executive Session.

XI. BOARD WORKSHOP

A. Counseling Update

Susan Follmer, Manager of Academic Programs and Secondary Counseling, addressed the Board regarding a presentation she and five secondary counselors would be presenting to the Board. Counselors present included Renee Coyle, Eve Eden, Chelinda Dettorre, Lance Frodsham, Marise Scott, and Todd Spike. The counselors presented information on their work in relation to master schedules, the results of the senior survey, Navigation 101, helping students become college ready, and preparation for the class of 2008.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel

Superintendent Deeder and Board members discussed a personnel item.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 p.m., the regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors
July 10, 2007