

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Holly Williams, President; Victoria Bradford, Vice President; Schuyler Hoss, Director; Joan Skelton, 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, September 25, 2007, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
- B. Tuesday, October 2, 2007, Special Board of Directors' Workshop
- C. Wednesday, October 3, 2007, Special Board of Directors' Meeting

Mr. Hoss moved, seconded by Mrs. Skelton, 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.

Superintendent Deeder drew the Board's attention to the fact that Carol Fenstermacher will be honored by the Portland Metro chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for achieving her "Accreditation in Public Relations" designation.

Superintendent Deeder noted the number of staff receiving awards, as reflected in the Good New Report, saying the honors point to the quality of Evergreen Public Schools' staff members.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Russ Williams, 4915 NE 21st Avenue, Vancouver, Washington. Mr. Williams has been a volunteer at Orchards Elementary School for over ten years. Mr. Williams read a letter he had written to Governor Gregoire regarding the reduction of class size in elementary schools.

Mr. Hoss thanked Mr. Williams for addressing the Board and for all his years of dedicated volunteer service to the students of Evergreen.

V. CONSENT AGENDA – PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Personnel Report

B. Approval of Vouchers: General, ASB, and Capital Projects Funds

General Fund

Voucher Number 249182 – 249264 in the amount of \$30,158.71 (2006/2007)

Voucher Number 249265 – 249376 in the amount of \$464,860.55 (2007/2008)

Voucher Number 249377 – 249554 in the amount of \$1,002,832.77 (2007/2008)

Capital Projects Fund

Voucher Number 21811 – 21838 * in the amount of \$265,890.40 (2007/2008)

Voucher Number 21840 – 21870 in the amount of \$568,861.50 (2007/2008)

Associated Student Body Fund

Voucher Number 53979 – 53982 in the amount of \$1,985.75 (2006/2007)

Voucher Number 53983 – 54027 in the amount of \$29,314.27 (2007/2008)

Voucher Number 54028 – 54085 in the amount of \$26,411.20 (2007/2008)

C. Resolution 4836 – Approval of Purchase Orders: General, Capital, and ASB Funds

D. Resolution 4837 – Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Everett Public Schools for the Purchase of District to Parent/Staff Messaging System #2007-172

E. Resolution 4838 – Acceptance of Completion of Union High School

F. Revised Resolution 4839 – Staff Travel Requests

G. Field Trip Requests

Ms. Williams said that due to her remote interest in Home Depot stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher numbers 249310, 249448, and 54056; and due to her remote interest in Chevron stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 249280.

Ms. Bradford moved, seconded by Mr. Hoss, to approve the consent agenda as amended with the removal of the travel request by Director Thomas and with the noted abstentions. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. POLICY DEVELOPMENT

A. Policy 1110 – Election – 3rd Reading

(Revision of Existing Policy)

Superintendent Deeder asked Rick Melching to address the Board regarding the wording in Policy 1110 – Election. Mr. Melching said Board members had asked what happens when a board member resigns before his/her term is over.

Mr. Melching said he had consulted with Clark County Elections Supervisor Tim Likness, as well as the district's attorney, Lawrence Ransom. Mr. Likness and Mr. Ransom concur in the opinion that if a board member resigns and a new board member is appointed by the board, and if the appointment takes place after the election filing deadline, the newly appointed board member would serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

Mr. Melching said he is awaiting information from the Washington State Auditor's Office, as well as Mr. Ransom, on the operational definition of "remote interest." Specifically, what would happen if three board members had to abstain from voting on a warrant voucher or purchase order due to their remote interest in the company to be paid.

Mrs. Skelton moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to approve Policy 1110 – Election. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Recommendation for Textbook Adoption: Chinese 1-2, "Learn Chinese with Me"

Superintendent Deeder recommended that the Board adopt the Chinese 1-2 Textbook "Learn Chinese with Me." Mr. Thomas said that he had studied the textbook and related materials and thought the book would be a good educational tool.

Ms. Williams asked that the adoption of the Chinese 1-2 textbook be considered a Proposal of Action. Mr. Hoss moved, seconded by Ms. Bradford to consider the adoption a Proposal for Action. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Mrs. Skelton, to approve the adoption of "Learn Chinese with Me" for the Chinese 1-2 class.

VIII. PROPOSAL FOR ACTION

A. Approval of Boundary Committee Members

Superintendent Deeder reviewed the procedures for choosing the boundary committee with Board members. Tom Nadal, Director of Elementary Education, advised the Board that Marcia Fromhold, consultant, would be chairing the committee meetings, which begin Monday, October 15, 2007.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Deeder informed the Board about an upcoming panel discussion organized by Representative Deb Wallace, to be held on October 25, 2007, 7 p.m., at Clark College. Deputy Superintendent Susan Enfield will serve as one of the panel members.

The Superintendent said the Community Relations Department has planned the Evergreen High School rededication for November 8, 2007, at 6 p.m.

Superintendent Deeder drew the Board's attention to a correspondence from Dean Lookingbill, Transportation Director of RTC (Reduce the Commute). The RTC asks the school district to participate in reducing the number of car trips to district high schools. Superintendent Deeder said he will be in contact with Mr. Lookingbill regarding this effort.

Superintendent Deeder has been asked to participate on the Advisory Committee for the Pupil Transportation Study. The committee was appointed by the state legislature to study the costs and efficiencies in school transportation statewide. The committee's first meeting was held Monday, October 8, in Olympia. The committee's recommendations are due to Governor Gregoire in December 2008.

Ms. Williams drew the Board's attention to the materials in their folders regarding the recent Supreme Court decision on using race in student assignments. Deputy Superintendent Susan Enfield attended a workshop in Washington, D.C., recently, to learn more about the ruling and its implications.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

XI. RECESS

The meeting was recessed at 6:08 p.m. for the signing of documents. Ms. Williams stated that the Board's Workshop would begin at approximately 6:25 p.m. in the Green Complex Conference Room.

XII. BOARD WORKSHOP

- A. Health and Biosciences Academy Update
- B. Middle School Update
- C. Legislative Update

Rick Melching updated the Board members on the status of the Health and Biosciences Academy.

Marilyn Colliflower, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Mark Ross, Director of Secondary Education; Gary Price, Principal of Cascade Middle School; Kathy Stellfox, Principal of Pacific Middle School; Gary Tichenor, Principal of Wy'east Middle School; Lisa Wagner, Principal of Frontier Middle School; Byron Molle, Principal of Covington Middle School; and Renee Bernazzani, Principal of Shahala Middle School, presented the Board with an update on middle schools.

Marcia Fromhold presented a legislative update to Board members.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors
October 23, 2007