

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 6, 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 5:30 p.m. Ms. Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Tuesday, October 23, 2007, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
Ms. Bradford moved, seconded by Mr. Hoss, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A. Community Pride Design Award 2007 – Union High School
- B. Proclamation – New Library at King Car Foundation English Village in Taiwan

Superintendent Deeder displayed the framed Community Design Award for 2007, which was awarded to Union High School. The award was one of 6 given in Clark County. Superintendent Deeder congratulated the Board and Vaughn Lien, of LSW Architects, on their tenacity in seeing that the design met the needs of the learning community.

Superintendent Deeder reported on sending Susan Enfield, Deputy Superintendent; Carol Fenstermacher, Director of Community Relations; and Director Troy Thomas to Taiwan to attend the opening of the English Village. He noted that Mr. Thomas is traveling at his own expense. The group will present the Proclamation, along with a container of books, to English Village Library. Mr. Thomas read the Proclamation to the audience.

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

- A. Lauren Hopson, Distinguished Principal of Southwest Washington
- B. Kathleen Larson, Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for the State of Washington
- C. Gwen Thompson, Washington State Science Teacher of the Year
- D. Karen Huebschman, Outstanding Media Specialist of the Year

Superintendent Deeder introduced Lauren Hopson and Kathleen Larson to the Board and congratulated them on their awards. He said he would present Ms.

Huebschman's award the next day at a staff meeting at Fisher's Landing Elementary School. He noted the Ms. Thompson is a part-time teacher at Heritage High School, who lives in Hood River, Oregon, and was unable to attend the Board meeting.

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. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None presented.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

A. Personnel Report

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

General Fund

Voucher Number 249937 – 250127 in the amount of \$347,412.38

Voucher Number 250128 – 250473 in the amount of \$1,336,892.61

Capital Projects Fund

Voucher Number 21943 – 21986 in the amount of \$980,436.33

Voucher Number 21987 – 22021 in the amount of \$340,868.09

Associated Student Body Fund

Voucher Number 54199 – 54262 in the amount of \$53,323.36

Voucher Number 54263 – 54338 in the amount of \$35,402.66

C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Educational Service District #112 and Evergreen School District for Mentoring Advanced Placement Services for the 2007-2008 School Year

D. Approval of Carl Perkins Grant for Career and Technical Education for the 2007-2008 School Year

E. Resolution 4844 – Approval of Increasing the District's Line of Credit for the Procurement Card Revolving Account Balance

F. Resolution 4845 – Approval and Certification of Payroll

G. Resolution 4846 – Approval of Cancellation of Lost Payroll Warrants

H. Resolution 4847 – Approval of Purchase Orders: General, Capital Projects, and ASB Funds

I. Resolution 4848 – Approval of Union High School Commissioning Report

J. Resolution 4849 – Approval of PTO and Support Group Activities for the 2007-2008 School Year

K. Resolution 4850 - Approval of State Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program Budget and Title III Budgets

L. Resolution 4851 – Staff Travel Requests

M. Field Trip Requests

Ms. Williams stated that due to her remote interest in Chevron stock she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 250165 and that due to her remote interest in Home Depot stock she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher numbers 249987, 250223, 54296 and purchase order number 7022.

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

VIII. PROPOSAL FOR ACTION

A. Change in Criteria for Boundary Review Decision Making

Superintendent Deeder addressed the Board regarding the need for a change in the criteria for boundary decision making. He noted that the first criterion is changed to read "anticipating future enrollment growth and decline" and that the last criterion reads "Consider space and stability for special programs."

Ms. Bradford said she would like to see the last criteria further defined to narrow the focus to academic programs such as such as special education and Excel.

Mr. Hoss moved, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to approve the proposed changes to the Criteria for Boundary Review Decision Making. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. BUDGET UPDATE

Mike Merlino, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Board regarding financial information on ending balance. He presented a hand-out showing the original budget forecast, along with the ending balances for the 2006-07 school year. He noted the increase in the fund balance, as well as the increase in enrollment over predictions.

In answer to a Board member's question regarding the levy lid, Mr. Merlino explained that the district is currently about \$1.5 Million under its levy lid due to the fact that the levy was based on a 12 percent increase in assessed value; however, last year's actual increase was 28 percent. The district was not able to

collect more money than was estimated in 2006; consequently, the district is below its levy lid. He said the assessed value increase also will impact the district's equalization funding by about \$1 Million for 2007.

Mr. Merlino noted that the voter-mandated performance audit is being conducted this week. Auditors are meeting with managers, principals, and some classified staff.

Mr. Hoss expressed his desire to see an increase in the unreserved fund balance, but noted that it will be difficult to achieve during the 2007-08 school year due to tight budget constraints.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Deeder reminded the Board that the Clark County Quality Education Coalition would be meeting Wednesday, November 7, in the Evergreen Room. He said the group will be looking at issues common to all participating districts and possible legislative actions.

Superintendent Deeder reported on the Bond Committee's efforts to hold information meetings in each school regarding the results of the Facilities Study and Survey. He said the feedback has been positive.

The Superintendent said he has spoken at every school staff meeting, except one, discussing the Board's Declaration and Beliefs. He thanked Board members for accompanying him to the meetings and speaking with the staff members.

The Superintendent reported he has visited with every principal to discuss the support they need for this school year. He plans to visit every school again before the Winter Break to observe classrooms and talk with principals.

Ms. Williams thanked Susan Enfield, Deputy Superintendent, for participating as a panelist at Representative Deb Wallace's community meeting.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., the regular meeting was adjourned.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors
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