

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Schuyler Hoss, President; Joan Skelton, Vice President; Victoria Bradford, Director; Troy Thomas, Director; Holly Williams, Director; John Deeder, Superintendent; Barb Seekins, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Schuyler Hoss called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Evergreen Public Schools to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Hoss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Tuesday, March 25, 2008, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting

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

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Proclamation of National Librarians' Week

Superintendent Deeder stated that teacher-librarians are critically important to the education process. He noted that they provide research, support teachers and other staff, promote higher levels of thinking, and offer technology and printed materials for all students in the district. He went on to say that those students who learn to use school libraries effectively and to access information in different ways will be able to utilize those skills for many years to come.

The Superintendent introduced Gary Simondson, Evergreen High School's Librarian. He stated that Mr. Simondson is known as a leader of librarians at the district and state level.

On behalf of the district's teacher-librarians and library assistants, Mr. Simondson thanked the Board for its recognition and continued support. He noted that the Board's proclamation recognizes the teaching and consulting roles that the librarians take on in the school buildings. He went on to say that librarians around the country are taking on the challenge of developing and presenting curriculum and instruction to help prepare students to

navigate the world of information retrieval. Mr. Simondson invited board members to drop by and visit the new Evergreen High School library.

Mr. Thomas read the proclamation which proclaims March 13–19, 2008, as National Librarians Week. Several board members told stories about how school librarians had provided support and positive experiences to their children over the years. Mr. Deeder noted that the district has always made the media centers a focal point of our schools because they represent such a critical part in the learning process.

IV. 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.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Several students from the Evergreen High School theatre group addressed the Board.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

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

General Fund

Voucher Number 254338 – 254633 in the amount of \$728,332.19

Voucher Number 254636 – 254851 in the amount of \$1,101,628.09

Capital Projects Fund

Voucher Number 22448 – 22462 in the amount of \$91,270.41

Voucher Number 22463 – 22477 in the amount of \$94,319.78

Associated Student Body Fund

Voucher Number 55558 – 55619 in the amount of \$62,733.25

Voucher Number 55620 – 55701 in the amount of \$74,817.13

Trust Fund

Voucher Number 257 – 259 in the amount of \$2,376.40

- D. Approval of Delegation of Authority to Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA)
- E. Approval of Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Private/Public School District Enrollment Form for Senior High Schools for the 2008-2009 School Year
- F. Resolution 4895 – Approval of Cancellation of Warrants (Accounts Payable)
- G. Resolution 4896 – Approval of Cancellation of Warrants (Payroll)
- H. Resolution 4897 – Approval of Purchase Orders: General, Capital Projects, and ASB Funds
- I. Resolution 4898 – Staff Travel Requests
- J. Field Trip Requests

Ms. Williams stated that, due to her remote interest in Home Depot stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher numbers 254406, 254704, 254705, 55582, and 55660 and purchase order number 8086 and that, due to her remote interest in Chevron stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 254359.

Noting the addition of a supplemental personnel report and the noted abstentions, Ms. Skelton moved, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. BUDGET UPDATE

Mike Merlino, Chief Financial Officer, presented a budget update. He noted that, because of the late enrollment reporting date this month, not much change is reflected from last month's report related to staffing. He noted that the district is over its staffing allocation a little more than expected – by 4.4 FTE. Financially, by August the district should be within \$100,000 - \$200,000 of the \$10.1 million budgeted ending reserve fund balance.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Deeder announced that the Community Foundation Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 20, from 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Vancouver Hilton and that the keynote speaker will be Rick Melching, Evergreen's former Superintendent. Board members should notify Barb Seekins if they wish to be registered for the luncheon.

Mr. Deeder stated that he, Mr. Hoss, and Ms. Skelton had recently attended the NSBA Conference in Orlando and that the experience had been very worthwhile. He noted that additional information would be shared during the workshop this evening.

The Superintendent indicated that he attended a luncheon last week sponsored by Northwest Natural Gas. Approximately 70 community leaders heard presentations about the future of energy: concerns about much higher costs, lack of availability, higher demand, etc. He noted that the district will need to continue budgeting for higher energy prices.

Superintendent Deeder reviewed the WASL testing schedule for next week.

Mr. Deeder noted the retirement, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year, of two of Evergreen's elementary school principals, Gloria Pappas (Crestline Elementary School) and Holly Myers (Pioneer Elementary School).

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Bradford stated that a firm has been selected through the district's Request for Proposals (RFP) process and work will begin April 15, 2008, to interview community stakeholders, board members and staff regarding the effectiveness of district communications. Their recommendations will be available by the end of May 2008.

Mr. Hoss reported that he recently participated in the exit interview with the state auditors and district staff. He noted that the audit was 100 percent perfect, which reaffirms the district's financial controls and its responsible management of resources.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

XI. RECESS

The regular meeting was recessed at 6:15 p.m. for the signing of documents. Mr. Hoss stated that the Board would meet in a workshop session in the Green Complex Conference Room beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

XII. BOARD WORKSHOP

The Board workshop began at 6:30 p.m.

A. Budget Assumptions

Mike Merlino, Chief Financial Officer, led a discussion with the Board regarding the budget and budget assumptions.

B. Report on National School Boards Association Annual Conference

Mr. Hoss, Ms. Skelton, and Superintendent Deeder discussed their recent attendance at the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference with the other members of the Board.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors
April 22, 2008