

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Joan Skelton called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Evergreen Public Schools to order at 5:32 p.m. Ms. Skelton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD RESIGNATION

Ms. Skelton read a letter from Board President, Schuyler Hoss, in which he tendered his resignation from the School Board effective immediately, explaining that he has accepted a position to serve as Governor Chris Gregoire's Regional Representative for Southwest Washington. Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to accept the resignation. Board members and the Superintendent commented that the opportunity to work for the Governor is an amazing one for Mr. Hoss; however, his contributions to the school district in terms of his membership on the Board, his volunteerism, his involvement in the schools as a parent, his loyalty, etc., will truly be missed. It was noted that Mr. Hoss will now be a champion for schools and kids at the state level. In his letter, Mr. Hoss stated that he will continue to be an active community volunteer in supporting the district and its students. Ms. Skelton noted that it had been moved and seconded to accept Mr. Hoss' resignation. The motion carried unanimously.

III. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Vice President Elevates to Presidency

Joan Skelton, Vice President, stated that, as provided in Board policy, the vice president moves into the presidency upon the resignation of the president. Therefore, Ms. Skelton was elevated to the presidency of the Board of Directors.

B. Election of Vice President

Mr. Thomas moved that Victoria Bradford be named as the Board's vice president to succeed Ms. Skelton. Ms. Bradford accepted the nomination. Ms. Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Process for Appointing New Board Member

Superintendent Deeder reviewed the process that will be followed to fill the school board vacancy in Director District #4 due to the resignation of Schuyler Hoss:

- ✓ Mr. Hoss' resignation is accepted this evening. (The resignation must be accepted by the Board at a regularly-scheduled meeting.)
- ✓ A letter will be mailed tomorrow, May 14, to all patrons residing in Director District #4 announcing the vacancy and providing details about the application process. Similar information, including a map, will be posted on the district's website tomorrow, as well. A legal notice will appear in The Columbian next Monday, May 19. Principals whose schools reside in Director District #4 will be asked to contact potential candidates.
- ✓ Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, May 28.
- ✓ Upon receipt of an application, a form will be forwarded to the applicant requesting biographical information to be submitted to the Board of Directors. Biographical information from all applicants will be due on Friday, June 6.
- ✓ The Board will consider the candidacy of applicants and begin interviewing select candidates by Tuesday, June 17. Interviews for the vacancy will be in a meeting open to the public; however, evaluation of the qualifications of the candidates will occur in executive session.
- ✓ It is the intention of the Board to seat the new member of the Board of Directors at its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

Mr. Deeder noted that the successful applicant will be appointed for a term of approximately 17 months. In November 2009, the new director will be required to run for a two-year term, until November 2011, to serve out the remainder of Mr. Hoss' term. In November 2011, then, the new director would be eligible to run for a full, four-year term.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tuesday, April 22, 2008, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
- B. Monday, May 12, 2008, Special Board of Directors' Meeting

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

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Proclamation: Teacher Appreciation Week

Superintendent Deeder shared that he had visited several classrooms earlier in the day and was heartened by what he'd seen. He gave several examples, including seeing students with disabilities making pottery in an art class; visiting students who had entered a science and math competition at WSU-Pullman with their plans to create a new type of car with a new type of engine; seeing students truly engaged in a World History class; and listening to students in a middle school center-based classroom reading poetry. He stated that this kind of learning is happening because of the great teaching that is taking place in our district. He extended his appreciation to Evergreen's teachers. Mr. Thomas spoke of teachers having a true gift to work with students. Ms. Bradford noted that her daughter, now in college, aspires to be a teacher. Ms. Skelton stated that teaching has changed over the years and that she feels as though Evergreen's teachers have risen to the challenge.

Ms. Bradford read a proclamation which proclaimed the week of May 5 – 9, 2008, as Teacher Appreciation Week in Evergreen Public Schools. *(It was noted that there was not a board meeting during the week of May 5 – 9 and that is why the recognition is taking place after the fact.)* Dave Boroughs, EEA President, who was present at the meeting this evening, was asked to convey the Board's and Superintendent's appreciation to the teachers.

B. Proclamation: School Nurse Day

Amber Evans, Nurse Coordinator, addressed the Board and provided information about nursing services in the district. She stated that the district currently has 17 school nurses and four registered nurses who provide medical procedures. One statistic Ms. Evans mentioned was that there are currently 1,368 life threatening conditions in the district that nurses must manage. Ms. Evans introduced three nurses present this evening: Donna Burr, Anne Battson, and Pat Orr. Board members thanked the nurses for their hard work and dedication to the students in the district and expressed admiration because of the many challenges they face and handle each day. Ms. Williams read a proclamation proclaiming Wednesday, May 7, 2008, as School Nurse Day. *(It was noted that there was not a board meeting during the week of May 7 and that is why the recognition is taking place after the fact.)*

VII. 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. Ms. Skelton pointed out that Ms. Williams' son, Ian Williams, who is a student at Mountain View High School and a Washington Scholar, had recently attended a recognition ceremony in Olympia for Washington Scholars.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dave Boroughs, President of the Evergreen Education Association, expressed appreciation, on behalf of the teachers, for the Board's proclamation proclaiming May 5 – 9 as Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. Boroughs encouraged the Board to adopt a resolution to join in a lawsuit with other school districts in the state, including Vancouver School District, to call for the legislature to fully fund public education as provided for in the state constitution.

Jolene Dudley addressed the Board about concerns she has related to portable classrooms at Pacific Middle School. Additionally, she expressed concern about the modified schedule at Pacific. Ms. Skelton referred the matter to district staff and stated to Ms. Dudley that she would be contacted.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA – PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

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

General Fund

Voucher Number 255275 - 255421 in the amount of \$514,492.98

Voucher Number 255422 – 255634 in the amount of \$449,502.13

Voucher Number 255635 – 255884 in the amount of \$1,120,569.43

Capital Projects Fund

Voucher Number 22510 - 22521 in the amount of \$972,446.03

Voucher Number 22522 – 22532 in the amount of \$112,407.71

Voucher Number 22533- 22554 in the amount of \$143,813.41

Associated Student Body Fund

Voucher Number 55815 - 55868 in the amount of \$22,047.02

Voucher Number 55869 – 55939 in the amount of \$40,355.18

Voucher Number 55940 – 56025 in the amount of \$53,613.87

Transportation Vehicle Fund

Voucher Number 112 – Only in the amount of \$90,071.52

Expendable Trust Fund

Voucher Number 260 – Only in the amount of \$305.00

- D. Resolution 4907 – Approval of Cancellation of Warrants (Payroll)
- E. Resolution 4908 – Approval of Cancellation of Warrants (Accounts Payable)
- F. Resolution 4909 – Approval of Purchase Orders: General, Capital Projects, and ASB Funds
- G. Resolution 4910 – Declaration of Surplus: Bus #2008-181
- H. Resolution 4911 – Evergreen High School Building Commissioning Report
- I. Resolution 4912 – Renewal of Custodial Services Contract 2008-2009
- J. Resolution 4913 – Right of Way Dedication – Evergreen High School
- K. Resolution 4914 – Waterline Easement – Evergreen High School
- L. Resolution 4915 – Storm Sewer Easement – Evergreen High School
- M. Resolution 4916 – Sight Distance Easement – Cascade Middle School
- N. Resolution 4917 – Sight Distance Triangle Easement - Cascade Middle School
- O. Resolution 4918 – Right of Way Dedication - Cascade Middle School
- P. Resolution 4919 – Right of Way Dedication – Cascade Middle School
- Q. Resolution 4920 – Staff Travel Requests
- R. Field Trip Requests

Ms. Williams stated that, due to her remote interest in Fedex Kinko's stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 255469; and, due to her remote interest in Comcast stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 255671; and, due to her remote interest in Sysco stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 255774; and, due her remote interest in Home Depot stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher numbers 255325, 255478, 255716, 55900, 55979 and purchase order number 84386; and, due to her remote interest in Federal Express stock, she would abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher number 255316.

Noting Ms. Williams' abstentions, along with the addition of a supplemental personnel report, Ms. Bradford moved, seconded by Ms Williams, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

X. PROPOSAL FOR ACTION

- A. Textbook Adoptions: Chinese 3-4, "Learn Chinese with Me"; Chinese 5-6, "Chinese Link" Level 2, Part 1; and Chinese Advanced Placement, "Chinese Link" Level 2, Part 2

Mr. Thomas reported that he had reviewed the written comments made by staff and citizens who had participated in the Instructional Materials Committee review process for the Chinese language program textbook adoption. He noted that the new materials flowed logically with the original textbook and materials for this class. Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Bradford, to approve the textbook adoption as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. BUDGET UPDATE

Mike Merlino, Chief Financial Officer, presented end-of-year information related to staffing and enrollment. Elementary and middle school enrollment numbers are coming in slightly higher than budgeted for, with high school enrollment numbers coming in slightly lower than what was budgeted for. He noted that staffing was allocated at 1,084 FTE and that the district is currently over that number by 3.5 FTE. Related to the district's budget, Mr. Merlino stated that, financially, the district will be within approximately \$100,000 - \$200,000 of where it started the beginning of the school year.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Deeder reported as follows:

- ✓ A Community Tour is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Clark County Skills Center. Approximately 22 individuals have signed up for the tour. Ms. Skelton noted that she plans to participate.
- ✓ The Evening of Excellence will take place Thursday, May 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at Frontier Middle School.
- ✓ Jane Wilson, the district's Math Manager, will represent the district at a Math Proficiency Forum on Thursday, May 15, at the Public Library. Scott Keeney, President and CEO of nLight, along with representatives from the Vancouver School District and WSU-Vancouver, will also participate. This event will be videotaped.
- ✓ The District Art Show will be held at Heritage High School on Monday, May 19, beginning at 6 p.m.
- ✓ The Community Foundation Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, beginning at 11:45 a.m. at the Vancouver Hilton. Several board members are registered to attend.
- ✓ The AVID dinner and end-of-the-year celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 21, beginning at 5 p.m. at the University of Portland (Terrace Room). Ms. Skelton, Ms. Bradford, and Superintendent Deeder plan to attend.

- ✓ A countywide evacuation drill is scheduled for Thursday, May 22. This is a reunification activity and will take place at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Heritage High School, along with other schools countywide, will participate. Approximately 1,000 students from throughout the county will be transported to the Fairgrounds.
- ✓ The *We the People* competition will be held on Friday, May 30, at Sunset Elementary School. Ms. Bradford will participate as a judge.
- ✓ A Building Healthy Communities forum, *Moving Clark County from Good to Great* will be held on Saturday, May 31, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the First Church of God, 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver. The program being presented is entitled, *Making the "Front Porch" Connection: How do we create safe, active communities?*
- ✓ Board members interested in seeing a draft of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Columbia River Crossing should contact the Superintendent's office. An open house to receive more information and to provide input is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Red Lion at the Quay. The open house will be followed by a public hearing at 8 p.m. The same opportunity will be offered on Thursday, May 29, at the Portland Expo Center. Mr. Deeder stated that a decision has to be made soon, as the federal funding window will be closing.

Mr. Deeder referred to items included in the packet of information provided to board members:

- ✓ A memo from Tom Nadal, Executive Director of Elementary Education, entitled *Full Day Kindergarten at Orchards Elementary School*.
- ✓ A memo from WSSDA entitled *Request for Legislative Proposals*. Marcia Fromhold will be working with the Board on what the district needs to consider and how it should respond.
- ✓ A copy of the Chamber newsletter which includes an article written by Lisa Dow, Chair of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee, pertaining to Evergreen's bond measure.
- ✓ Information regarding the WSSDA Annual Conference, which will be held November 19-22, 2008, in Spokane. Board members are already registered for the main conference but need to advise Barb Seekins of their pre-conference selections.
- ✓ Registration information for NSBA's T+L (Technology and Learning) Conference, which will be held in Seattle October 28 – 30, 2008. Mr. Deeder stated that, unless board members notify him otherwise, they will be registered to attend this conference.
- ✓ A flyer for the School Bus Safety Competition, which will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Evergreen High School.

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Skelton noted that there were several students present at the meeting this evening. The students introduced themselves and all stated that they were at the meeting as part of their Teaching Academy Class at Heritage High School. The teacher of the class, Mary Thompson, was also present.

Ms. Bradford stated that she wished to publicly thank the Vancouver City Council for meeting with the Board of Directors last evening. Discussion took place regarding partnerships with the City, Evergreen's upcoming bond election, the economic impacts of the bond, and after-school programs/potential partnerships.

XIV. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

How full-day Kindergarten compares to half-day Kindergarten – Ms. Skelton

XV. RECESS

The regular meeting was recessed at 6:37 p.m. for the signing of documents. Ms. Skelton stated that the Board would meet in a workshop session in the Green Complex Conference Room beginning at approximately 6:50 p.m. and that the workshop would be followed by an executive session.

XVI. BOARD WORKSHOP

The Board met in a workshop beginning at 6:45 p.m.

A. Shahala Middle School's School Improvement Plan Presentation

Shahala Middle School Principal Renee Bernazzani; Ruth Beggs and Marc Nelson, Associate Principals; and Carole Lueth, Administrative Intern/teacher, presented information on Shahala's School Improvement Plan. They then responded to questions from the School Board.

B. Special Education Update

Candace Baker, Director of Special Services, and Sara Paul, Assistant Director of Special Services, presented an update regarding Special Education. They then responded to questions from the School Board.

The workshop was recessed at 8:50 p.m.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in executive session beginning at 8:52 p.m. to discuss property.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors
May 27, 2008