

EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #114
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 27, 2008

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

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Joan Skelton called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Evergreen Public Schools to order at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Skelton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to excuse Ms. Bradford's absence from the meeting this evening due to a medical emergency. The motion carried unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
- B. Thursday, May 15, 2008, Special Board of Directors' Meeting
- C. Tuesday, May 20, 2008, Special Board of Directors' Meeting
- D. Tuesday, May 20, 2008, Special Board of Directors' Meeting

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

III. STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

Jerry Piland, Executive Director of Human Resources, reported that, prior to the start of the regular meeting this evening, the Board hosted a reception for staff who had worked for the district for 25, 30, or 35 consecutive years. The reception was held at 4:00 p.m. in the Green Conference Room at the Administrative Service Center. Mr. Piland noted that each staff member was presented with a certificate, a pen, and a pin to commemorate their years of service. He will distribute the certificates and other items to those employees who were unable to attend the reception this evening. Board members and the Superintendent expressed their appreciation to the staff members for their continued dedication to Evergreen Public Schools.

IV. RECOGNITION OF EVERGREEN CITIZENS FOR SCHOOLS MEMBERS

Carol Fenstermacher, Director of Community Relations, introduced Andrea Keniston and Teri O'Hara, who have been the volunteer co-chairs of Evergreen Citizens for Schools for the past five years. Board members and the Superintendent expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the women for the remarkable job they did on the recent bond campaign. Ms. Keniston and Ms. O'Hara were each presented with a plaque. Several other volunteers, not present this evening, were acknowledged for their work on the campaign, as well. They included: Shannon Beecher, Lisa Duerk, Lyn Reames-Pryor, Pat Norby, Gary Thomsen, Brian Grimsted, Jim Hudson, Bruce Nashif, Elaine Sabo, Barb Williams, Barb Smith, Maurice Carroll, Nurmi Husa, and Roman Savchenko.

V. CURRICULUM PRESENTATIONS

A. Heritage High School 3D Animated Presentation

Anne Sosky, Principal of Heritage High School, introduced Darlyn Wendlandt, Teacher of the 3D Animation class at Heritage. Ms. Wendlandt introduced three seniors, Aaron Newbill, Corey Schwehr, and Steve Jackson. These students recently took third place at the Imagine Tomorrow Technological Challenge, which was held at WSU-Pullman. They had collaborated on a project to design a multipurpose vehicle with a detachable back by combining their individual strengths in the areas of engines and bio-diesel fuel (Newbill); physics, math and design (Schwehr); and 3D modeling (Jackson). The students addressed the Board and described how the vehicle, when its back is removed, converts to a two-passenger rather than a four-passenger car and, therefore, becomes more economical to run, uses less fuel, etc. Additionally, they noted that it can also be modified to serve as a pick-up. The students stated that they have been encouraged to get a patent on their invention. Additionally, they will be meeting with engineers in the Portland area to discuss their project. The Board commended the students and their teacher, Ms. Wendlandt, for their excellent work.

B. Harmony Elementary School Healthy Choices 5th Grade Exit Project

Dan Mertz, PE Specialist at Harmony Elementary School and PE coordinator across the district, presented an overview of the Coordinated School Health – 5th Grade Health and Fitness Exit Project "Making Healthy Choices." He

stated that there is a definite link between health and academic achievement. Mr. Mertz introduced Kordell Thompson, Jackson Shinpaugh, and Emily Perkins, all fifth-grade students at Harmony, who presented information to the Board related to their exit projects. Kordell described the process he followed to gain more strength in order to improve his score on the fitness test; Jackson talked about his project to concentrate on healthier eating, going to bed earlier, and exercising more; and Emily described her service project – putting healthy messages on grocery bags – and about her work related to healthier thinking, having positive thoughts as opposed to negative ones, etc. The students answered questions from the Board members.

C. Visual Arts Presentation

Don Nelson, the district's Manager of Fine and Performing Arts, introduced Sue Ann Nystrom, art teacher at Shahala Middle School. He stated that Ms. Nystrom has been instrumental in the formation and leadership of the middle school art professional learning community and that the focus of that group has been assessment, particularly the Classroom Based Performance Assessments in the Visual Arts, which will be required by the state beginning next year. Mr. Nelson went on to say that Nystrom piloted the assessment "The Real You" in her classes this year. Ms. Nystrom addressed the Board and explained how students were asked to draw a self portrait showing expression and then complete a written response describing how they created the expression that they had chosen to portray. She shared information about the scoring guide/rubrics and provided samples of student artwork showing progression from 6th through 8th grade. She commented that art is knowledge, plus skill building, plus practice, and that equals talent.

Mr. Nelson stated that the district's art show was held Monday, May 19, at Heritage High School. He introduced the Superintendent Award Winners as follows: Aaron Ly, second grader at York Elementary School; Delaney Lee, third grader at Burton Elementary School; Amber Lucas, eighth grader at Covington Middle School; and Ann Garcia, ninth grader at Mountain View High School. The students showed their artwork to the Board and answered questions. Board members praised the students for their fantastic work.

VI. 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. She noted that Superintendent Deeder had recently been presented with the Student Achievement Leadership Award by the regional Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA).

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Several parents addressed the Board with their concerns about the CARE program being moved to Endeavour Elementary School next year and indicated that, for some students, this will be the third move in three years. Ms. Skelton stated that the matter would be referred to Superintendent Deeder. The Superintendent indicated that the concerns would be investigated and that the parents would receive a response.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA – PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

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

General Fund

Voucher Number 255885 - 256054 in the amount of \$565,118.10
(2007-2008)

Voucher Number 256055 – Only in the amount of \$129.00 (2008/2009)

Voucher Number 256056 – 256059 in the amount of \$3,370.29 (2008-2009)

Voucher Number 256060 – 256322 in the amount of \$1,191,904.87
(2007-2008)

Voucher Number 256323 – 256324 in the amount of \$508.11 (2007-2008)

Capital Projects Fund

Voucher Number 22555 - 22564 in the amount of \$20,626.49

Voucher Number 22565 – 22578 in the amount of \$50,563.22

Associated Student Body Fund

Voucher Number 56026 - 56093 in the amount of \$32,695.73 (2007-2008)

Voucher Number 56094 – 56096 in the amount of \$507.00 (2008/2009)

Voucher Number 56097 – 56098 in the amount of \$2,999.88 (2008-2009)
Voucher Number 56099 – 56176 in the amount of \$43,378.21 (2007-2008)

Transportation Vehicle Fund

Voucher Number 113 – 114 in the amount of \$232,732.99

- D. Resolution 4921 – Approval of Cancellation of Warrants – Accounts Payable
- E. Resolution 4922 – Approval of Purchase Orders: General, Capital Projects, and ASB Funds
- F. Resolution 4923 – Approval and Certification of Payroll
- G. Resolution 4924 – Storm Sewer Easement – Evergreen High School
- H. Resolution 4925 – Approval of Cancellation of Warrants - Payroll
- I. Resolution 4926 – Staff Travel Requests
- J. Field Trip Requests

Ms. Williams stated that, due to her remote interest in Home Depot stock, she would need to abstain from voting on accounts payable warrant voucher numbers 255931, 256134, and 56132 and purchase order number 8372. Because of the absence of Ms. Bradford this evening, this caused a lack of a quorum in voting for these specific vouchers and this specific purchase order. Therefore, these specific documents only were removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Deeder stated that they would be brought forward for approval at a future meeting. Noting this amendment, along with the addition of a supplemental personnel report, Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Deeder reported that the Evening of Excellence, which was held Thursday evening, May 15, at Frontier Middle School, was a wonderful event. He expressed appreciation and gratitude to Mike Worthy, CEO of the Bank of Clark County, for sponsoring it.

The Superintendent stated that a volunteer in the district, Russ Williams, was awarded a Community Leadership Award at a recent regional WASA meeting. Mr. Williams has volunteered for 12 years, five days a week, dividing his time between Orchards and Sunset Elementary Schools.

Superintendent Deeder reported that he'd attended the district's art show at Heritage High School on Monday, May 19. He said that there were over 240 pieces of art on display from students K-12. He stated that we can never let go

of the fact that creativity, if not developed, is not giving students a full education.

The Superintendent recently attended the AVID celebration dinner at the University of Portland. Juniors from Heritage High School had had the opportunity to spend two nights and three days at the University living the college experience, taking a writing class, staying in the dorms, etc. Ms. Skelton commented that she had spoken to students and their parents and that they'd told her the AVID program had given the students a new focus to work harder on their academics. The Superintendent extended a big thank you to the University of Portland.

Mr. Deeder reminded the Board that the First Citizens Award Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, from 5 – 7 p.m. at The Columbian (415 West 6th Street, Vancouver).

The Superintendent stated that the NAACP Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Vancouver Hilton. Approximately 15 students from Evergreen School District will be recognized at this event. Board members should contact Barb Seekins at 604-4002 should they wish to be registered to attend this event.

The Superintendent reviewed high school graduation information as follows:

Legacy High School

Monday, June 9, 7 p.m. at the Heritage High School Auditorium

Mountain View High School

Tuesday, June 10, 8:30 p.m. at McKenzie Stadium

Heritage High School

Wednesday, June 11, 8:30 p.m. at McKenzie Stadium

Evergreen High School

Thursday, June 12, 8:30 p.m. at McKenzie Stadium

Superintendent Deeder stated that, even though the recent school district bond was not successful, he wished to extend his deepest appreciation to all those individuals who volunteered their time to participate in the campaign.

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Williams stated that Wednesday, May 28, is the last day for residents of Director District #4 to send in letters of application for the vacant school board position.

Ms. Williams stated that, due to the failure of the May 20 bond, pressure will be placed upon the General Fund. She indicated that she looks forward to an analysis and a discussion of where we go from here, and she noted that the district has a big task ahead of itself.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

XII. RECESS

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:20 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 7:45 p.m.

XIII. BOARD WORKSHOP

The Board met in a workshop beginning at 8 p.m.

A. Counseling Update

Samara Gilroy-Hicks, Manager of Secondary Counseling and Academic Support Programs; along with Counselors Todd Spike, Tom Baldwin, Renee Coyle, Lindy LeCoq and Ryan Hovde; presented an update and answered questions from the School Board regarding Secondary Counseling.

B. Math Update

Jane Wilson, Math Manager; along with Heidi Rhodes, Secondary Math Specialist; and Molly Daley and Dave Schaefer, Elementary Math Specialists; presented an update and answered questions from the School Board regarding the district's math program.

C. Board Policy 3207 – Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Superintendent Deeder reviewed the proposed changes to Board Policy 3207 and answered questions from the Board. The policy will be scheduled for first reading at the June 24 Board meeting.

D. State Board Update

Superintendent Deeder reviewed a number of initiatives the State Board is considering and expressed his concerns regarding the State's ability to fund them. He also expressed frustration with the State Board's decision to not hold a public meeting in Southwest Washington to hear testimony regarding the initiatives.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened and immediately adjourned.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors
June 24, 2008