

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2011

Public Work Session - 3:00 to 6:25 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

District Board Room, 364 S. Park Street

I. **CALL TO ORDER & RECESS TO WORK SESSION** – 3:00 p.m.

The regular board meeting was called to order in the district board room at 3 p.m. by Board President Dr. Lehmann. The board immediately recessed to public work session to interview three architectural firms for preliminary facility planning of Walla Walla High School, Lincoln Alternative High School, and other potential projects. The work session concluded with a discussion of budget philosophy for 2011-2012.

All five board members were present. Let the record show when the board recessed to work session at 3 p.m. board member Anne Golden immediately recused herself from the work session/architectural interviews to avoid any potential conflict of interest. The interview team included four board members, Superintendent Mick Miller, Chief Financial Officer Pat Johnston, and Director of Facilities and Operations Dan Johnson. The audience included several district administrators/staff members and interested citizen Ruth Ladderud. The press was not represented.

3:00 to 3:50 – Architect West presentation & interview

3:55 to 4:45 – BLRB/USKH presentation & interview

4:50 to 5:50 – NAC – presentation & interview

5:50 to 6:25 – Break/Dinner/Budget Work Session

The board is expected to select and hire an architect at the February 1 board meeting.

Mrs. Golden joined the work session for the budget discussion.

The budget work session included an update on the 2011-12 school year budget planning process by Chief Financial Officer Pat Johnston. The district hopes to maintain the same level of service next year despite state cuts to this year's funding and forecast of additional reductions for 2011-12. The press was represented for the budget work session discussion.

II. **RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING** – 6:30 p.m.

**Regular Board Meeting
January 18, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Jim Lehmann, President

Mr. Max Carrera, Vice President

Mr. Dan Hess

Mrs. Anne Golden

Mrs. Cindy Meyer

ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Mick Miller, Superintendent

Dr. Linda Boggs, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Laure Quaresma, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Pat Johnston, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Mark Higgins, Director of Communications

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators, and guests, approximately 48 were in attendance. The press was not represented at the meeting.

III. **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute and pledge of allegiance was led by Mrs. Meyer, Board of Directors.

IV. **ROLL CALL**

All board members were present.

V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Golden moved, and Mr. Carrera seconded approval of the agenda as presented; the motion carried.

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Meyer moved the consent agenda items be approved or authorized as appropriate: 1) a personnel report; 2) out-of-state travel; 3) January accounts payable & payroll; 4) November financial report; 5) December financial report; 6) minutes of the December 14, 2010 board meeting; and 7) minutes of the January 4, 2011 special board meeting. Mr. Hess seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lehmann noted the personnel report included the resignation of Justine Taylor who has been a teacher in the district for 34 years. Her retirement will be effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year. He thanked Ms. Taylor for her many years of service longevity and dedication to Walla Walla Public Schools and its students.

VII. **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Pacific Power & Light Energy Award Recognition: Pacific Power & Light Regional Manager Bill Clemens presented the district with two Certificate of Energy Resource Stewardship awards in recognition of the district's installation of energy efficiency improvements at Edison Elementary. He said this recognition highlights the district's commitment to energy efficiency and the sustainability of resources.

National Board Certification/Recognition: National Board Certification is part of the growing education reform movement that is advancing student learning, improving teaching and making schools better. Teachers who achieve a National Board Certification have met high standards through study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review. Mr. Miller described the rigorous process these honored teachers have undergone to achieve this status. He commended them in their efforts. Dr. Lehmann and Mr. Miller presented pins to Colleen Chamberlain (Green Park), Lynne Junke (Pioneer) and Scott Reardon (Wa-Hi) for receiving National Board Certification.

Blue Ridge Dual Platooning/Math Coach Update: Blue Ridge Principal Kim Doepker, math coach Jeremy Hubbard, and after-school math program coordinator Ruben Hernandez provided an overview of teaching and learning strategies in place to improve student achievement. This year Blue Ridge has developed a "Platooning" model which has 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students rotating to different classrooms for core content instruction. This model allows teachers to broaden their subject knowledge and take the necessary time to expose the students to more materials. The presenters said assessment data indicates the program is very effective and staff, students and parent feedback has been amazingly positive.

School Board Appreciation Month: Mr. Miller announced January is National Board Appreciation Month. He thanked board members for their tireless service to the district and recognized their efforts to continually improve the educational program for students, staff and the community. He called attention to various banners, cards, and gifts presented to school board members by the school community. Mr. Miller presented to each board member a Certificate of Appreciation. Dr. Lehmann thanked everyone for the gifts and tokens of appreciation.

VIII. **COMMUNICATIONS**

IX. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

X. **REPORTS**

Board of Directors Report: President Lehmann said this report will be included on the agenda of each regular meeting. It is an opportunity for board members to be more transparent and provide an opportunity to publically recognize what is happening in the district, ask questions and make comments. Dr. Lehmann reported he recently visited Green Park for Math Day and observed many parents working with students during various math assignments and activities. Dr. Lehmann announced Director of Communications Mark Higgins will be honored on January 20 as a co-recipient for the Education Outreach Award sponsored by the Walla Walla County Traffic Safety and DUI Task Force.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Miller thanked staff and students for a successful and productive first semester which ends on January 21. Mr. Miller said the architect interviews held during the work session prior to this meeting were very engaging and each firm had an outstanding presentation. Mr. Miller said he has had the opportunity to speak to several school staffs and community groups during January as part of the *Educate, Listen and Plan Facilities Planning* campaign. He will continue this effort through February 2011.

Board Appointments to District Committees for 2011: Dr. Lehmann announced board member appointments to district committees as follows:

Mr. Carrera: Safe Schools, Career/Technical Education, Classified Negotiations, Head Start Policy Council.

Mr. Hess: Community Facilities Task Force, Extra-Curricular Supervisors Negotiations, Administrative Negotiations, School-Based Health Clinic.

Mrs. Golden: Curriculum Advisory/Instructional Materials, Certificated Negotiations, Legislative Representative, District Calendar (back up), WWVEA

Dr. Lehmann: WIAA Liaison, Certificated Negotiations, Technology/Telecommunications, District Calendar, WWVEA

Mrs. Meyer: Explorer Advisory Committee, Parent Advisory, Classified Negotiations, Citizens for Schools Liaison

XI. **ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution 01-2011/To Support the Network for Excellence In Washington Schools (NEWS): Superintendent Miller said this resolution resolves that the Walla Walla School District joins and supports the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS) coalition as NEWS moves forward to defend of the Superior Court's Final Judgment against the State in the *McCleary v. State* case. Superintendent Miller said he supports the resolution and asked the board to adopt Resolution 01-2011/ To Support the Network for Excellence In Washington Schools (NEWS).

Mrs. Meyer moved, and Mrs. Golden seconded approval of the resolution as presented; the vote was four in favor and one against; the motion passed.

Resolution 02-2011/Resolution Agreement for Adopting Walla Walla County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Walla Walla Public Schools is one of the various jurisdictions represented in the Walla Walla County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The HMP has successfully passed an intense review and received "pre-adoption" approval by both Washington State Emergency Management Division and FEMA Region 10, pending adoption of the plan by the various jurisdictions represented within. Walla Walla County is asking Walla Walla Public Schools to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan, as detailed in *Resolution 02-2011/Resolution Agreement for Adopting Walla Walla County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan*.

Mr. Carrera moved, and Mr. Hess seconded approval of the resolution as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

2011 School Calendar Date Revision/March 9, 2011: Assistant Superintendent Dr. Boggs said the proposed change to the March 2011 calendar, specifically, changing March 9 from a student day to a morning professional day (1/2 day) for all staff and parent/teacher/student conferences in the afternoon (1/2 day) will allow staff the opportunity to hear Dr. John Medina talk about the brain and the learning experience. Dr. Medina's information has the potential to be one of those pivotal moments in an educators' career. Dr. Boggs said discussions with WWVEA leadership and principals resulted in unanimous support of the proposed calendar revision.

Mr. Carrera moved, and Mrs. Meyer seconded approval of the 2011 calendar revision as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

XII> **ADJOURNMENT**

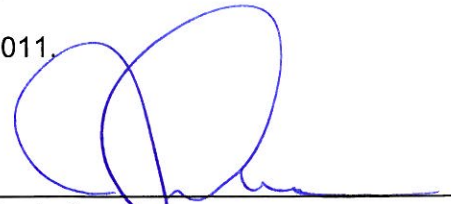
Dr. Lehmann declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on February 1, 2011.

APPROVED:



Mick Miller, Superintendent
and Secretary of the Board
- Elizabeth Adkins, Recorder



Jim Lehmann
President of the Board