

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 17, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
District Board Room, 364 S. Park Street

PRESENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Jim Lehmann, President
Mr. Max Carrera, Vice President
Mr. Dan Hess
Mrs. Cindy Meyer
Mrs. Anne Golden

ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Mick Miller, Superintendent
Dr. Linda Boggs, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Pat Johnston, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Mark Higgins, Director of Communications
Mrs. Laure Quaresma, Assistant Superintendent

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators, and guests, approximately 26 were in attendance. The press was not represented at the meeting.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular board meeting was called to order in the district board room at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Dr. Lehmann, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute and pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Hess, Board of Directors.

III. **ROLL CALL**

All board members were present.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Carrera moved the consent agenda items be approved or authorized as appropriate: 1) a Personnel Report; 2) Out-of-State Travel; 3) May 17 Accounts Payable & May Payroll; 4) Minutes of May 3, 2011 Board Meeting; 5) Head Start/ECEAP Grant Application; 6) April Financial Report; 7) Request to Issue Administrative Contracts; 8) Renew Dairy Bids 2011-12; 9) 2011-12 Student Insurance; and 10) Use of Equipment for Summer Sports Camps. Mrs. Meyer seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

VI. **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Gear Up Career Showcase: Pioneer Middle School 8th grader Brelynn Hess presented her first place award winning presentation for the GEAR UP Career Showcase contest: *Architecture: Designing and constructing my future*. She won a trip to the GEAR UP National Conference in San Francisco and a computer desk. GEAR UP site director Ms. Margaret Thomas noted Garrison Middle School 8th grade student Reed Curcio, who was unable to attend the board meeting, took second place and also won a trip to San Francisco. He focused on a career as an agriculture engineer.

Partners in Learning Month: May is Walla Walla Public Schools *Partners in Learning Month*. Four of the district's community partners were introduced and honored with a plaque engraved with words of appreciation from the district: Children's Home Society (Meagan Anderson-Pira, Director), Whitman Mission (Mike Dedman, Education Specialist), American Association of University Women (Mary Schumacher & Gretchen Hormel-Tompkins); and Tony's Sub Shop (Owner Tony Wenham was unable to attend, however, he was recognized). President Lehmann and Superintendent Miller thanked these agencies and individuals for their support and partnership with Walla Walla Public School.

VII. **COMMUNICATIONS**

VIII. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

IX. **REPORTS**

Board of Directors Report: Mr. Hess thanked Mr. Miller for the letter he composed and sent to OSPI Superintendent Randy Dorn requesting OSPI consider translating into Spanish the MSP and HSPE for those students who are English language learners; Dr. Lehmann noted he and Mrs. Golden are currently serving on the WWVEA/WWPS negotiating team which is using an interfaced bargaining model. The team has met several times during the past weeks and will meet again in the near future.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Miller thanked WWVEA President Richelle Palmer and Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma for their collaboration using the interfaced bargaining model for WWVEA/WWPS. This new bargaining model intends to develop win-win situations for both sides. Superintendent Miller noted a strategic plan work session will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at the Port of Walla Walla Commissioners Conference Room, 310 A Street, Walla Walla, WA. The purpose of the work session is to plan and discuss the district's new strategic plan. The meeting will be facilitated by consultant Susan Newton, Development Strategies Plus and is open to the public.

Homelink Annual Report: Berney/Homelink Principal Donna Painter provided an annual report of the Homelink program. The program is a parent partnership program and is accessible to all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade, including those with disabilities. The Homelink program provides services to 172 students, which equates to 149 full-time equivalent students for budgeting purposes. Homelink offers art, science, geography, writing and physical education support as part of the program located at Berney Elementary School. Homelink has five part-time teachers and two full-time certificated staff members who work closely with parents to monitor student learning plans. Mrs. Painter noted the program needs a different facility to better serve students and families. The program serves an important need in Walla Walla and is successful.

Revision/First Reading – Policy 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying: Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma presented a revision/first reading of current Policy 3207. In 2010 the Legislature amended and added new sections to the Washington State anti-bullying law. The new law requires school districts to adopt the state's model harassment, intimidation, and bullying policy. The board received for review the proposed revisions to Policy 3207. Mrs. Quaresma plans to present the second reading/request for adoption of revisions to Policy 3207 at the June 7, 2011 board meeting.

X. **ACTION ITEMS**

Curriculum Adoption: *High School Financial Algebra, South-Western Cengage Learning, Publisher; copyright 2011:* Assistant Superintendent Dr. Linda Boggs and Walla Walla High School teacher Scott Reardon presented a brief overview of the proposed adoption. This is a vocational math course and the recommendation will 1) provide students at high school another option to continue in mathematic literacy and 2) focus on finance has been an area of interest both at high school, the community, and the state. The curriculum and materials for the adoption proposal were reviewed and approved by the district Curriculum Advisory Committee, Instructional Materials Committee, and were made available for public review and comment.

Mrs. Golden moved, and Mrs. Meyer seconded adoption of *High School Financial Algebra: South-Western Cengage Learning, Publisher; copyright 2011* as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 07-2011: Edison Project Final Commissioning Report: Director of Facilities and Operations Dan Johnson briefly reviewed the executive summary of the final Commissioning Report from Welsh Commissioning for the Edison Elementary project. All outstanding issues have been resolved. In order to close out the Edison project, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Miller recommended the board adopt Resolution No. 07-2011 accepting the Commissioning Report. Once the resolution is approved, the district will submit a D-11 form to the state and ask OSPI to release the \$20,000 retainage to general contractor Chervenell Construction. The board had an opportunity to review the commissioning report and resolution prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Meyer moved, and Mrs. Golden seconded approval of Resolution No. 07-2011 Acceptance of Building Commissioning Report Edison Elementary School as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Lehmann declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on June 7, 2011.

APPROVED:

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

Jim Lehmann
President of the Board

