

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 19, 2010

Public Work Session - 4:00 to 5:50 p.m.

Executive Session – 5:50 to 6:05

Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

District Board Room, 364 S. Park Street

I. **CALL TO ORDER & RECESS TO WORK SESSION** – 4:00 p.m.

The regular board meeting was called to order in the district board room at 4 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Meyer. The board immediately recessed to public work session to discuss and review Student Health Options/Lincoln Health Center; Policy: process for revisions and adoptions; Architectural RFP's/Potential Bond Election May, 2011; Strategic Plan; and School Board Meeting Schedule: January – June, 2011. All five board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Mick Miller, Chief Financial Officer Pat Johnston, and several other district administrators. Lincoln Health Center representatives Ms. Holly Howard, Ms. Susan Newton, Dr. Alison Kirby and Blue Mountain Action Council Executive Director Steve Moss, Lincoln High School Principal Jim Sporleder and community member Dan Reid also attended the work session with an audience of approximately 14. The press was not represented. Mrs. Meyer welcomed everyone to the work session.

Student Health Options/Lincoln Health Center: Lincoln Health Center representatives Ms. Holly Howard and Ms. Susan Newton provided a review of LHC. Surveys and interviews were conducted during Summer, 2010 to gather feedback of the Student Health Options/Lincoln Health Center after one full-year of operation. Forty two interviews were conducted and 429 surveys were completed and received. Early conclusions, positive and negative trends and other data were summarized and shared with the work session participants. Feedback overwhelmingly reflects LHC is providing vital medical and mental care services for Lincoln Alternative High School students. Surveys also indicate the desire and need to expand the services to other schools. LHC work session representatives thanked the board of directors for their support and they also expressed hope to build a stronger partnership with Walla Walla School District.

Board Policy/process for revisions and adoptions: Board members and Superintendent Miller discussed bringing board policy adoption/revisions to a board work session for discussion and review prior to the first reading at a regular board meeting. This will allow board members ample time to consider new or revised policy before it is brought to a formal meeting. Discussion included the need for some policy to be adopted or revised more immediately and without time for a work session prior to a board meeting. In general, board members expressed support of the work session review and requested information and background on policy adoptions/revision in Friday Updates or special board postings in ample time to review and ask questions prior to a first/second reading at a regular board meeting.

Architectural RFP's/Potential Bond Election May, 2011: Mr. Miller introduced the idea and a timeline for a potential bond election in May, 2011. The purpose of the bond would be for improvements (remodeling and/or new construction) at Walla Walla High School

and Lincoln Alternative High School. The proposed bond follows the recommendation of the Community Facilities Task Force which on June 15, 2010 reported their final recommendations to the school board: Remodel and expand WWHS in phases, starting with math/science; rebuild Lincoln High School; replace boiler and expand HVAC at Pioneer Middle School; add classrooms/gym to Pioneer Middle School; relocate the preschool; establish a comprehensive facility maintenance program.

Board members did not object to Superintendent Miller's plan to submit a request for proposal (RFP) for architectural services. The target date for selecting an architect is November 23, 2010. Mr. Miller said this level of professional support is needed to advance the district's facilities improvement planning process for a bond in May, 2011. He said even if the board makes the decision to not run a bond election in May, 2011 the preliminary conceptual designs can be used in the future. The district will begin meeting with Walla Walla and Lincoln High School staff members in the coming weeks to begin discussing priorities and needs for improvements on both campuses.

Strategic Planning: The district's current strategic plan was written for the period 2005-2010. Mr. Miller suggested the district and board begin the process of writing a new strategic plan beginning in January, 2011. He named two possible consultants to assist with the process: 1) Judy and Greg Reault, and 2) Susan Newton, Development Strategies Plus. Judy Reault helped the district facilitate the current plan and is very familiar with the district. Susan Newton, who presented earlier in this work session for the Lincoln Health Center, is new to the Walla Walla area but highly regarded in her recent work with the YMCA and Lincoln Health Center. More information will be given and considered by the board as the planning process begins during the next few months.

School Board Meeting Schedule: January – July, 2011: A draft schedule of dates and meeting times was distributed to board members for their consideration and review. The schedule will be presented for board approval at the November 2, 2011 board meeting. The proposed schedule reflects 6:30 p.m. meeting start times, and possibly 4 p.m. start times for the last meeting in June, and the meetings in July and August.

The work session concluded at 5:50 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING & RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:50 p.m.

Board President Mrs. Meyer reconvened the board meeting at 5:50 p.m. and immediately recessed to executive session. All five board members were present. Also present was Superintendent Mr. Miller. The purpose of the executive session was to discuss the performance of a public employee. No decisions or action regarding the discussion was made during the executive session. The executive session concluded at 6:05 p.m.

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

**Regular Board Meeting
October 19, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

ADMINISTRATORS

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

AUDIENCE

Including board members, administrators, and guests, approximately 22 were in attendance. The press was not represented at the meeting.

II. **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Star Spangled Banner was played by members of the Walla Walla High School Orchestra, Directed by Miss Julia Woods, WWHS Orchestra Teacher. An additional selection was played by the orchestra following the National Anthem, Overture to Water Music, Suite in D by G.F. Handel.

III. **ROLL CALL**

All board members were present.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Golden moved, and Mr. Hess 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) October Bills & Payroll; 3) September Financial Report; and 4) Board Minutes of October 5, 2010. Dr. Lehmann seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

VI. **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

RTI/Delaware Board of Education & ACT Study: Walla Walla High School Assistant Principal Mrs. Mira Gobel presented an overview of the RTI (Response to Intervention) *The Walla Walla Way* program and shared data which reflects the effectiveness and success of the RTI program for the students at WWHS. The RTI team has been invited to present *The Walla Walla Way* to the State of Delaware Board of Education. Mrs. Gobel also reported on Act Study which develops skills and knowledge needed for college readiness or entry into the workforce in a job paying a living wage. The ACT Study program is being implemented at WWHS this year and will focus on results to ensure all students are college and/or career ready following graduation.

GEAR UP: Ms. Genoveva Morales-Ledesma, Director of Early Outreach Program at Washington State University Tri-Cities reported on the Gear Up program and the partnership with Walla Walla School District since 2001. Gear Up grants and WSU are integral parts of the secondary schools as they strive to reach every child and prepare them ready for future education. Ms. Morales-Ledesma said Gear Up/WSU will apply for additional grants in the near future and, if awarded, will continue the Gear Up program in Walla Walla and other participating school districts in our region. She thanked the school board, administration, staff and students for making this program successful in Walla Walla.

VII. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Board Policy 6215/Voucher Certification & Approval: Mr. Miller announced that a revision to this policy was presented to the board as a first reading at the October 5, 2011 meeting. He said Policy 6215 would not be presented for a second reading and adoption at this time.

VIII. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**IX. **REPORTS**

Department of Commerce Energy Grant: Chief Financial Officer Mrs. Johnston reported to school board members the district received a \$350,000 energy grant from the

Department of Commerce to help pay for energy efficiency improvements at Pioneer Middle School. Improvements at Pioneer Middle School include new heat pumps and cooling upgrades and energy efficient lights. The cost of this project is approximately \$868,000. The district estimates it will save nearly \$14,000 annually in utility fees from these upgrades. Mrs. Johnston said district funds must be used as a match in order to apply for this state energy efficiency grant. Contractors will most likely work on the lighting phase during the evenings and weekends so the project can be completed during this school year. Engineers will begin designing the heating system in preparation for a Summer, 2011 installation.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Miller recognized the hard work and positive attitude of district receptionist Mrs. Veronica Esparza and sub-caller Ms. Kathy Gifford; he noted he recently had lunch with Green Park PRIDE students; he heard and watched the WWHS Chamber Singers at the Marcus Whitman Hotel and thoroughly enjoyed their performance; and he thanked Director of Facilities & Operations Mr. Dan Johnson and his crew for the quick installation of a gate at the Edison School site which has improved student and pedestrian safety.

X. **ACTION ITEMS**

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

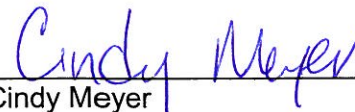
Mrs. Meyer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes to be presented for board approval on November 2, 2010.

APPROVED:



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



Cindy Meyer
President of the Board