

MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT #216
6:30 p.m., District Office
April 18, 2011

I — PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chris VanHoof, President of the Board of Directors, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the district office.

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

Tina McGann led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

C. Roll Call:

All board members were present, except Mrs. Knapp and Will Holland who were excused.

D. Minutes:

Mrs. Merrill moved and Mr. Nickson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the board meeting of March 21, 2011, and the special board meeting of April 15, 2011, as printed. Motion carried.

II — BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Communications

Mr. Nickson shared that he and Mr. Cassell attended a meeting for a group that is interested in starting a student/parent/teacher organization whose focus would be to further academic achievement, mostly at the high school with some focus at the middle schools. Mr. Nickson stated that he enjoyed attending the Full Day Kindergarten dinner auction and also stopped in at the Sadie Hawkins Dance. Sunday, he spent the day at the Puyallup Spring Fair watching the performance of our FFA students.

Mr. Cassell reported that the board retreat was held on April 15th. He said it was very productive with good discussions around future goals. Mr. Cassell appreciated spending the day with the board and cabinet, stating that it was good to hear reports from district leadership. Good things are happening. Mr. VanHoof added that it was a great day and went by very fast. He thanked the Cabinet for their presentations and for doing a great job of sharing their vision for the district.

Mrs. Merrill reported the Full Day Kindergarten fundraiser was a very successful event. This is the third annual event to raise funds for all day kindergarten scholarships. To date, the event netted over \$50,000 which will create enough scholarships to have a full-day class in each building. This helps not only the students who really need a full-day program to succeed and

could not otherwise afford it, but it helps the students who can pay for full-day kindergarten by filling the classes so the program can be offered in each building. Mrs. Merrill stated that the Foundation would continue to raise funds for the scholarships until the I-728 money is reinstated. She expressed her appreciation to the Rotary who donated \$10,000 for the third year. Mr. VanHoof commented that he saw new faces in the capacity crowd!

Lauren Cary shared that student ski instructors enjoyed their final day of the winter season at Crystal Mountain on Sunday. She said it was a fun day!

B. Superintendent Report

Mr. Nelson invited ECTV videographer, Jon Funfar, to come to the front. He stated that we will miss Jon as this is his last meeting taping for us. Jon has taped our school board meetings, superintendent updates, State of Education Address, as well as our celebration parades. Mr. Nelson said that Jon has always gone above the call of duty in everything he's done for us. He was presented with a gift and card. Mr. Nelson added that it is also sad because the city will no longer be filming our events. Jon stated that he is moving to Pasco where he will be in the same position for their city. He is looking forward to the new challenge. Mr. VanHoof remarked that we are sorry to lose Jon who is a product of the Enumclaw School District and a local Rotarian. Jon said it has been a pleasure serving his home district. Mr. Nelson asked Jon to keep in touch with us.

Reporting on the state budget, Mr. Nelson stated that there are three budgets: house, senate and the governor's. They are very far apart which makes it hard to project what the final budget will look like. The legislature is scheduled to close on April 24th. They may return for a special session. Rumors are flying regarding what might happen. Mr. Nelson is hopeful the budgets will come together. He was startled to hear the senate propose a 3% pay cut for K-12 employees and funding contingent upon average daily attendance. A new transportation reduction has also been added. Mr. Madden said it was baffling. While waiting for budget information, the district is under strict timelines for staffing. He hopes there will be consensus and the district can begin to share where our reductions will be. The hope is that the reductions will be on the smaller end. Our district has faced \$3.5 million in reductions over the past three years. The governor's budget would cut \$900,000, the house \$450,000, and the senate \$450,000 plus language regarding the 3% pay reduction as well as transportation cuts. The 3% pay cut would represent between \$600,000 and 800,000 to our district.

Mr. Nelson stated that last week was full of community events. He and Mr. Cassell were part of a community forum at the Enumclaw campus of Green River Community College for a discussion with the president. The outcome of that forum was the development of an advisory group to plan the future of the Enumclaw campus. Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Merrill attended the incredible open house of Plateau Outreach Ministries. He said that POM is an integral part of our system in helping our families. As a member of the Chamber board, Mr. Nelson appreciates their partnership with the district and their visibility at school district events. Their connections with the community are invaluable to the district. Mr. Nelson also met with the mayor, and representatives from the hospital and the Courier Herald at Trip Hart's office to discuss domestic violence and to have a conversation about partnering with us for helping to finance Rachel's Challenge. Dates have been secured with September 1st for the staff presentation and Sept 20th – 22nd for our schools (Note: dates have been corrected). The Muckleshoot Tribe and other grants will help to defray the cost. Rachel's Challenge is a call for compassion and kindness against intimidation, harassment and bullying which is in the board's new policy. Mr. Nelson wants to begin the prevention piece of the policy. He will be inviting community groups to be involved at the secondary schools and in the community. The evening of September 22nd is the community

event. The district needs to partner with the community for this. Mr. VanHoof asked if Rachel's Challenge had been presented at Bonney Lake. Mr. Nelson confirmed that it was presented there. Mr. VanHoof stated that it sounded like it was very powerful there. Mr. Nelson shared that it is our goal to not only have it be powerful for the day but to be transformative. We want to connect all entities in the community to bring everyone together. Mrs. Merrill asked Mr. Nelson to tell what Rachel's Challenge is all about. He shared that Rachel Scott was the first child shot at Columbine in Littleton, Colorado. Darrell Scott had two children involved that day. His son was in the building where most of the killings happened. Rachel had kept a journal about her desire to create a culture of compassion and kindness. She had written a paper saying there is a chain reaction when people are kind. Mr. Scott is visiting schools around the world bringing this message of kindness and compassion. The story will be told to the high school students. Rachel's writing is powerful and has been likened to that of Ann Frank and her diaries. More information can be found at the rachelschallenge.org website. King 5 has adopted Rachel's Challenge to spread the message. Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Merrill, several students, counselors and administrators attended the King 5 presentation.

C. Certificated Staff Week Proclamation

Mr. Nelson invited EEA President Mike Sando to come forward. He is serving in his third year as president. He was pulled out of senior projects to be at the meeting. Mr. Nelson read the proclamation stating our appreciation for the certificated staff in the Enumclaw School District. May 2-6th is designated as Certificated Staff Appreciation Week. Mr. Nelson stated that we have the best certificated staff around and appreciate the work they do. Mr. Nelson thanked our certificated staff and said they would be well celebrated. Mr. Sando stated that more teachers would have been in attendance but they were working at Senior Projects. On the certificated staff's behalf, Mr. Sando thanked Mr. Nelson and the board very much!

Mr. VanHoof asked if anyone present wished to address the board as a whole to please step forward and state their name and complete an information card for the board secretary. He explained we want to properly record and recognize those who present during the meeting.

III — HEARING OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AS A WHOLE

No one present wished to address the board, but Mrs. Merrill took the opportunity to thank Tina McGann and her husband, and Brenda Sexton for all of their hard work on the Full Day Kindergarten event.

IV — ADMINISTRATION/BUSINESS

A. Payroll and Vouchers:

Mr. Madden presented the list of top ten expenditures in the district as follows: White River School District; Food Service of America; Puget Sound Energy; City of Enumclaw; Taylor Publishing; Muckleshoot Indian Tribe; KCDA; Associated Petroleum Products; Control Contractors; and NW ESD 189.

Mr. Madden shared a list of the local businesses with which the district did \$29,305 of business this month. The district is pleased to support local businesses and purchase their products.

Mr. VanHoof reminded the audience that the board receives their packets a week ahead to review and ask any questions regarding the vouchers.

After reviewing all vouchers, Mr. Nickson moved and Mr. Cassell seconded to approve general fund vouchers in the amount of \$623,081.31; capital projects fund in the amount of \$19,002.83; associated student body fund in the amount of \$102,343.51; private purpose trust fund in the amount of \$16,383.90; transportation fund in the amount of \$5,990.00; and ratification of the general fund payroll warrant for March in the amount of \$2,753,767.96.

Motion carried.

B. Consent Agenda:

1. Donation of \$1,500 from the Muckleshoot Tribe to EMS to be used for their ASB Leadership Program
2. Donation of \$7,000 from the Muckleshoot Tribe to the Native American Program for the PowWow and blankets
3. Donation of \$1,500 from the Muckleshoot Tribe to Black Diamond Elementary to be used for classroom enhancements
4. Donation of \$1,500 from the Muckleshoot Tribe to TMMS to be used to purchase books
5. Donation of \$1,500 from the Muckleshoot Tribe to Sunrise Elementary to be used for classroom enhancements
6. Donation of \$1,500 from the Muckleshoot Tribe to Kibler Elementary to be used to purchase a camcorder and digital cameras
7. Personnel Report

The consent agenda was presented by Mr. VanHoof. Mrs. Merrill moved and Mr. Cassell seconded to approve the following items on the consent agenda. Mr. Cassell acknowledged the nice donations from the Muckleshoot Tribe and their generosity, commenting that the district has a nice partnership with the tribe. Mrs. Merrill thought it would be interesting to total up all of the gifts from the Tribe over the past 10 years.

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7. Personnel Report

Classified:

A. Resignation:

1. Brenda Klemann, executive secretary, district office, effective 4.29.2011
2. Willie Uhde, custodian, TMMS, effective 4.22.2011
3. Roxanne Burke, paraeducator, EHS, effective 4.12.2011

Motion carried.

C. Second Reading:

Policy 1210: Annual Organizational Meeting
Policy 3210: Nondiscrimination
Policy 3410: Student Health
Policy 5010: Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action
Policy 6220: Purchasing: Bid Requirements
Policy 6895: Pesticide Notification, Posting, and Record Keeping

Mr. Nelson presented the policies as action items and asked the board for approval of the changes which were reviewed at the meeting last month.

Mr. Cassell moved and Mrs. Merrill seconded to approve Policy 1210: Annual Organizational Meeting; Policy 3210: Nondiscrimination; Policy 3410: Student Health; Policy 5010: Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action; Policy 6220: Purchasing: Bid Requirements; and Policy 6895: Pesticide Notification, Posting, and Record Keeping. Mr. Nickson commented that all policies are on the district website for review. Motion carried.

D. First Reading:

Policy 3115: Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

Mr. Nelson stated that this is a language change presented by Mr. Stanton who is in charge of the homeless or displaced students. This change came as a result of the Comprehensive Program Review. OSPI has requested that we add the words “unaccompanied youth” to bring us in alignment. Mr. Stanton added that students who are not represented by their parents have the same rights as other students. Mr. Nickson asked for a bit of background regarding the McKinney-Vento Act. Mr. Stanton explained that the Act is to protect children who lose their homes or do not have adequate night-time housing. Mr. Nickson commented that it is fortunate we don’t have a large population of students in this category. Mr. Stanton said the hope is to provide some consistency for students so they are not bouncing from school to school. It is our obligation to protect these students. Mr. Nelson added that it is a federal act for students who are displaced. Mr. VanHoof thanked Mr. Stanton for educating the board about McKinney-Vento at the board retreat as they need to be aware of the needs of our students. Mr. Cassell commented that school districts have a lot of laws to uphold that he was unaware of until he became a board member. Mr. Madden stated \$20,000 is budgeted to cover expenses derived from McKinney-Vento which is an increase of \$4,000 over last year. Mr. VanHoof reminded that this policy is for information only this month and will be on the agenda for approval next month.

E. General Fund Report:

Mr. Madden presented the general fund report. 53.49% of the 2010-11 budget has been expended with 55.19% of revenues received. Reduced revenues are reflected in the percentage of revenues received. We will not receive 100% of the funds budgeted this year because of the reductions at the state level.

Mr. Madden shared graphs to show the revenue and expenditure comparisons.

The beginning of the year fund balance was \$5,149,683.97. Total resources available: \$28,608,662.40. Expenditures to date: \$23,713,653.32. Transfer amount to debt service for energy payment: \$21,344.92; grant carry-over: \$200,000.00; debt service energy bond: \$42,800.00; inventory: \$30,000.00; and reserve of 5% per board policy: \$2,216,844.00. Unreserved ending fund balance: \$2,384,020.16.

Capital Projects beginning fund balance was \$795,724.49 with an ending balance of \$1,240,654.39.

The Debt Service Fund beginning fund balance was \$3,087,873.87 with an ending balance of \$2,226,003.95.

ASB Fund beginning fund balance was \$235,602.06 with an ending balance of \$380,622.40.

Transportation Fund beginning fund balance was \$628,516.46 with an ending balance of \$392,944.23.

F. Resolution #962: To Support the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS)

This item was added as a supplemental agenda item. Mr. Nelson prepared the resolution as a result of the conversation at the board retreat. NEWS supports the work of school districts in the state of Washington and files lawsuits for equal funding across the state. Mr. VanHoof and Mr. Nelson both received letters. They are currently fighting the state over their paramount duty to fund public education. The board agreed to support them. Mrs. Merrill, as a state WSSDA board member, said when the judgment came down, the courts found that the state is not amply funding public education. Districts have unfunded mandates that they are required to meet. The state is appealing the court's decision. NEWS is saying that isn't right because the state is not doing its job according to the constitution. We are back in the battle to make that point clear. Mr. Nickson added that the legal battle was McCleary vs State. The state lost on all 18 points and the board feels strongly that this organization should be supported. Mr. VanHoof commented that the board members stated our stand very well.

Mr. Nickson moved and Mr. Cassell seconded a motion to approve Resolution #962: To Support the Network for Excellence in Washington Schools (NEWS). Motion carried. Mr. Nelson said the signed resolution would be sent to NEWS.

Mr. VanHoof asked Mr. Nelson if an executive session was necessary. Mr. Nelson stated there was no need for an executive session.

V — EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was necessary.

VI — BOARD PROCESS DEBRIEF

No debriefing was necessary.

VII — ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.