

**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**of the ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT #216**  
**6:30 p.m., District Office**  
**February 22, 2010**

**I — PRELIMINARY**

**A. Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Nancy Merrill, President of the Board of Directors, at 6:32 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:**

Mr. Nickson was not present. All other board members were in attendance.

**D. Minutes:**

Mr. VanHoof moved and Mr. Cassell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 19, 2010 and the special board meeting of February 1, 2010 as printed. Motion carried.

**II — BOARD OF DIRECTORS/COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Board Communications:**

Mrs. Dahlquist shared that she, Mrs. Merrill and Mr. Nelson had attended the Legislative Conference in Olympia on February 7 and 8. The first day was spent in workshops regarding education. The second day, districts made their own appointments to meet with their representatives and senators. They had a private meeting with State Superintendent Randy Dorn and his assistant, Ken Kanikeberg. Mr. Dorn shared information regarding testing that Mrs. Dahlquist found to be both interesting and disturbing. She learned that 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra students may not be given an assessment and is concerned about how kids will test. Another meeting was held with Skip Priest and Pat Sullivan who sit on the education committee. Mrs. Merrill added that it was exciting to learn about the McCleary vs State of Washington judgment that was ruled upon and found that the state is underfunding education. She said a PowerPoint presentation included the history of the state funding process as well as constitution. The paramount duty of the state is to amply fund public education. Our legislators are being asked to uphold the constitution. Mrs. Merrill found it encouraging that legislators understand the state's duty to fully fund education.

Mr. Cassell remarked that he had attended and enjoyed the boys' basketball game. The team is moving on to district. Go Hornets!

Mr. VanHoof shared that he had attended a WIAA quarterly meeting. The leagues will look different next year as several teams have dropped from 3A to 2A. Mr. VanHoof congratulated the wrestling team on their very successful season.

**B. Superintendent Report:**

Mr. Nelson reported that he mailed nearly one hundred letters to high school students who achieved a 4.0 GPA first semester. It was a treat to send those.

The boys' basketball team played Kennedy at Bonney Lake and the team is still undefeated. Mr. Nelson received an email from the Sumner superintendent sharing that after the basketball game, our team asked the athletic director what they could do to assist him. As there was no clean-up crew that night, he welcomed the boys help. The boys cleaned the stands. Sumner was impressed by our coach and team. Mr. Nelson followed state wrestling on the web. Chantelle Bailey and Hunter File were both state champions this year! The boys' swim team placed 18<sup>th</sup> at state.

It is anticipated the state budget will be out this week. Mr. Nelson shared a couple of items he will be watching for: Local Effort Assistance and K-4 funding (the projected cut would mean \$750,000 to our district). He is not hopeful I-728 will be reinstated. The bills before the legislators shift education funding from the paramount duty of the state to local taxpayers. One of those is an increase in levy funding which would mean additional property tax for the M & O. Should that occur, the board would have to approve running an additional levy.

A coalition of superintendents from the Puget Sound area are sending letters in support of the McCleary vs Washington State ruling and are asking legislators not to appeal that decision. A letter is also being sent requesting information on federal funding and how to get them.

Mr. Nelson asked Mr. VanHoof if he had an announcement regarding the YEAS. Mr. VanHoof announced that YEAS had received a nice donation from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 on the recommendation of Dick and Mary Jo Kovacevich, former Enumclaw residents, for the stadium turf. Mr. VanHoof expressed his appreciation for the generous gift. Mr. Nelson added that the stadium project is beginning to come together. It is a daunting task to raise \$1,000,000. Excitement is beginning to build.

Mrs. Merrill stated that the board spoke firmly to the legislators in opposition of raising the levy lid. It puts the board in a dilemma - if the opportunity is there to raise an additional 4% revenue but it puts the burden on the taxpayers. The voters will have to decide.

Mr. Nelson received a call at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> that there had been a break in at JJ Smith. Fire extinguishers had been detonated covering a large area. He wanted to share the positive side of this event. Mr. Parker called custodians to come and assist with the clean-up. A dozen of them arrived and had the building cleaned up by 12:30 p.m. One of the custodians sent an email remarking that he had never worked on a job where there was this kind of camaraderie. Mr. Cassell and Mrs. Merrill expressed their appreciation to the custodians and the positive impression they made. The Cedar River Academy Director was very appreciative of the effort also.

**C. Recognition of Levy Chairmen:**

Mr. Nelson introduced levy chair, Suzanne Lewis, and Tina McGann who chaired the Black Diamond campaign. The levy passed at 57.6%. Suzanne and Tina were presented with journals with this appropriate quote on the cover “*When Is the Last Time You Did Something for the First Time?*” and a yellow rose for their gardens. Mr. Nelson stated that the yellow rose is given as a congratulatory gift, a sign of friendship, and taking joy and pride in another’s achievement. He expressed his appreciation for the job that was done, stating that Suzanne did a great job getting people on board and Tina personally door knocked at 500 homes. Mrs. Merrill added her thanks, stating that it is a huge job. She said that for the first time, the committee had more community members than staff and board members. This demonstrated the broad based support in our community. Suzanne remarked that she enjoyed being the chair.

**D. Classified Employee Proclamation:**

Mr. Nelson stated that it is important to get the Classified Employee Proclamation on the February agenda as the appreciation week is March 8 – 12<sup>th</sup>. He read the proclamation which expresses appreciation for the many jobs our great classified staff perform in the district. He encouraged everyone to recognize them and wanted to get the proclamation publicized.

Mrs. Merrill 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. She 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**

JoAnne Seng, Puget Sound ESD Board Representative, shared an invitation with the board to come to the Renton facility to collaborate in a forum on building success for all students. One focus is PLCs. She stated that our people could share what’s working and has been successful. Ms. Seng distributed invitations to the board. Mr. Nelson presented Ms. Seng with a packet of information regarding our district with enough items to share with the Puget Sound ESD board. Ms. Seng said she would share the information and enjoys getting to know the boards she represents.

**IV — ADMINISTRATION/BUSINESS**

**A. Payroll and Vouchers:**

Mr. Stocker stated that this was a transitional month for the business office. There are two voucher reports, one in the former format and one in the new. The business office will be paying vendors twice a month. This month’s report did not include a top ten list. Next month, the new, improved report will have all of the fund balances for February, broken out by fund. The WESPac people were impressed by our employees’ can-do attitudes and willingness to learn. Mrs. Dahlquist commented that the new report was easier to understand. Mrs. Merrill asked if it was possible to get a PDF version to save paper. Mrs. Dahlquist concurred but thought it would be difficult if there are questions and a hard-copy of the report is needed.

After reviewing all vouchers, Mrs. Dahlquist moved and Mr. VanHoof seconded to approve payroll and general fund vouchers #47484 - 47540 in the amount of \$83,366.156 and vouchers #45981 – 46149 in the amount of \$352,307.42; associated student body fund vouchers #20102 -

20109 in the amount of \$2,228.94 and vouchers #46151 – 46159 in the amount of \$14,036.63; capital projects fund voucher #46150 in the amount of \$2,968.46; and ratification of the general fund payroll warrant issue for January in the amount of \$2,700,154.22.

Motion carried.

**B. Consent Agenda:**

1. Donation on behalf of Maria Altmann to Southwood Elementary in the amount of \$1,000 to support the arts
2. Donation from Enumclaw Self Storage to EHS Band in the amount of \$700 for Christmas parade prize
3. Donation from Measured Progress, Inc. to EMS in the amount of \$1,390 for student participation in 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing research
4. Personnel Report

The consent agenda was presented by Mrs. Merrill.

Mrs. Dahlquist asked about the 6 teachers retiring and what impact that might have. Mrs. Lockyer responded that some will be replaced and then human resources will work through the process with student enrollment numbers and staffing. Mr. Nelson added that staff who were looking at retirement were offered an incentive to submit those early to give more planning time. Eight teachers have submitted their plans to retire so far.

Mr. VanHoof expressed appreciation and gratitude for the generous donors who give to our district.

Mr. Cassell moved and Mr. VanHoof seconded a motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

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**Certificated:**

A. Retirement:

1. Julia Level, teacher, Kibler, effective 6.18.2010
2. Joanne Dunn, SLP, Westwood, effective 6.18.2010
3. Alda McNeeley, teacher, EMS, effective 6.18.2010
4. Rick Hofstrand, counselor, EHS, effective 7.1.2010
5. Sheerie Slatton, teacher, Westwood, effective 6.18.2010
6. Linda Reiter, teacher, Black Diamond, effective 6.18.2010

**Classified:**

A. Resignation:

1. Tracy Wilkening, paraeducator, Westwood, effective 3.5.2010
2. Rachel Kirk, bus driver, transportation, effective 2.12.2010

B. New Hire:

1. Joan Kulesza, paraeducator (leave replacement), Westwood, effective 1.25.2010
2. Margaret Laush, paraeducator, high school, effective 2.1.2010

**Supplemental:**

A. New Hire:

1. John Freeburg, assistant track coach, EHS, effective 3.1.2010

Motion carried.

**C. Second Reading:  
Policy 2110: Transitional Bilingual Instruction**

Updates in this policy bring the district into compliance with current WAC. Mr. Cassell found an error and will give that to Mrs. Aaby.

Mrs. Dahlquist moved and Mr. VanHoof seconded to approve board Policy 2110: Transitional Bilingual Instruction. Motion carried.

**D. First Reading, Continued:  
Policy 1200: Student Representative to the Board of Directors**

Mr. Nelson visited with the leadership students as requested and made note of an article he included from another district who have student representatives on their board. He stated that the leadership students appreciated the opportunity to sit on the board and thought it would be exciting. The students were comfortable with having the application process after ASB elections. Revisions can be made to the policy next year if necessary. Matt Zender, ASB treasurer, said he likes the idea of having representatives from the schools to keep the board informed for decision making. Mrs. Merrill spoke to someone who felt that it would be best to have both a freshman and a senior student as representatives for balanced information. She hoped the representatives would include freshmen when gathering information. Mr. Cassell felt the policy was well written and thorough. Mr. Nelson will put the policy on the agenda for adoption next month.

**E. General Fund Report:**

Mr. Stocker presented the general fund report. 30.36 % of the 2009-10 budget has been expended with 33.97% of revenues in. Mr. Stocker shared his graph with budget comparisons.

The beginning of the year fund balance was \$3,715,729.03. Total resources available: \$17,888,934.91 Expenditures to date: \$13,208,352.66. Transfer amount to debt service for energy: \$21,344.91; grant carry-over: \$244,469.70; energy: \$42,689.82; inventory: \$32,120.87; unreserved designated: \$525,000.00; and unreserved contingency: \$350,000.00. Unreserved ending fund balance: \$3,464,956.95.

Capital Projects beginning fund balance was \$2,004,777.91 with an ending balance of \$641,372.63.

The Debt Service Fund beginning fund balance was \$2,889,218.95 with an ending balance of \$2,110,101.14.

ASB Fund beginning fund balance was \$271,726.09 with an ending balance of \$395,659.61.

Transportation Fund beginning fund balance was \$541,585.41 with an ending balance of \$1,023,363.07.

Mr. Nelson stated that he received a call from Mr. Nickson who is on his way to the meeting. He requested a 10-minute recess to give him time to arrive. The meeting was called back to order at 7:31 p.m. and Mr. Nickson had not yet arrived.

Mrs. Merrill asked Mr. Nelson if an executive session was necessary. Mr. Nelson stated that he would need a 45-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation with our legal counsel. No action would be taken. Mrs. Merrill announced the board would take a 5-minute break before moving to executive session at 7:40 p.m. and would reconvene at 8:25 p.m.

## **V — EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board came out of executive session at 8:07 p.m. to announce Mr. Nickson's arrival and that they were returning to open session for additional board communications.

Mr. Nickson, who was delayed traveling to the meeting, read a letter to the board which he had written to President Merrill, recusing himself from all discussions and actions related to the proposed Comprehensive School Mitigation Agreement between the Enumclaw School District and BD Lawson Partners, LP, and BD Village partners, LP. The decision was prompted by his wife's appeal challenging the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Lawson Hills project as well as an appeal jointly filed by several parties challenging the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Lawson Hills and Villages projects. The complete letter is on file. Mrs. Merrill accepted the letter and thanked Mr. Nickson for sharing the letter and for recusing himself. She expressed her appreciation and Mr. Nickson excused himself from the meeting.

The board moved back to executive session at 8:10 p.m. for 15 minutes. The board came out of executive session at 8:27 to announce they would be continuing in executive session for an additional 5 minutes. The board came back to open session at 8:37 p.m. No decisions or motions were made.

## **VI — BOARD PROCESS DEBRIEF**

The board debriefed the meeting.

## **VII — ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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President, Board of Directors

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Secretary, Board of Directors