

# ESD 112 Board Briefs

August 25, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.  
ESD 112 – Columbia Room  
2500 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98661

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## MEMBERS PRESENT

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Ann Campbell, presiding  
Marilyn Koenninger  
Richard Graham  
Steve Wrightson  
Bill Baumann



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## MEMBERS EXCUSED

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Darlene Stickle  
Ken Botero

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## CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' regular business meeting was called to order by President Ann Campbell at 6:32 p.m. on August 25, 2009, with a quorum of five members present.

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## PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

Board members reported on events attended since the last meeting:

- AESD Executive Board Meeting – June 30 – Richard Graham
- Senator Patty Murray Luncheon with Youth Workforce Participants – August 13 – Marilyn Koenninger

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## SPOTLIGHT ON ESD PROGRAMS

- The Fast Track online application for ESD positions was demonstrated by presenters: **Melissa Kreuder**, *Coordinator, Human Resources Information Systems*; **Ann Goss**, *Human Resources Coordinator*; and **Patti Romines**, *Employment Manager*. This system has streamlined the application process, screening and interviewing processes, and has reached a broader range of qualified applicants for especially hard-to-fill professional positions.
- A demonstration of the new agency Intranet was presented by **Eric Jacobson**, *Public Information Coordinator*, highlighting several prominent features and access points. The initial features of this program will be enhanced as needs change and programs demand. This system provides consistent, up-to-date information and is accessible to all employees of the agency no matter where they are assigned in the region.
- The Intranet Oversight Committee was introduced and recognized by the Board with Certificates of Appreciation “to honor the work, leadership and tireless efforts of committee members in the design and launching of the first ESD112 Intranet which will benefit all ESD112 employees, now and into the future.” IOC members: **Anita Tenold**, *Administrative Assistant/Student Services Coordinator*; **Ann Goss**, *Human Resources Coordinator*; **Christy Price**, *Administrative Assistant*; **Connie Salzman**, *Specialist, Family Resources Training Project*; **Dan Sorensen**, *Web Developer*; **Denise McNeal**, *Coordinator, Compensation*; **Eric Jacobson**, *Public Information Coordinator*; **Heidi Barnes**, *Director, Communication/Graphic Arts*; **Joseph Mathews**, *Human Resources Assistant*; **Kristine Grindy**, *Budget Specialist*; **Sara Rhoten**, *Administrative Assistant*; **Shelly Merlino**, *Executive Assistant to the Superintendent*; **Susan Rahl**, *Administrative Assistant*; and **Wendy Niehaus**, *Administrative Assistant*.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

The following staff received notes of appreciation:

- **Russ McElroy**, *Construction Manager*, from Rainer Houser, former Superintendent, Ocean Beach School District, for work on behalf of the district for three building renovation projects. “Russ salvaged these projects through persistence, expertise, and constancy. He moved the projects from a level of chaos to subsequent completion.”
- **Sherri Phillips**, *Manager, Workers' Compensation Claims*, from Leisa Claflin, Program Compliance Representative, Department of Labor and Industries, for all the assistance, professionalism, and hospitality shown during a recent audit.
- **Kyla Dordan**, *Business Manager*, from Bob Garrett, Superintendent, Wahkiakum School District, for helping the district with budgets.

- **Peggy Sandberg**, *Director, Risk Management*, received appreciative comments from State Senator Rosemary McAuliffe during her remarks at an ESD superintendent's meeting in Spokane recently praising the outstanding work ESD 112 has done on threat assessment.
- **Dan Sorensen**, *Web Developer*, from Deb Drandoff for a new website banner, easy transition to new website, and for making things easy to use and the program look good.
- **"Twyla Barnes and my Good ESD Friends"** from Dale Palmer, former superintendent, White Salmon School District, for helping to celebrate his retirement by attending the district farewell event.
- **Michelle Wolfe**, *Lead Program Monitor, Child Care Nutrition Program*, received special praise from the OSPI-CACFP reviewers that ESD Child Care Resource & Referral programs are the best they have ever reviewed. It is the first time there were no disallowed items – score 100%.
- **Peggy Sandberg**, *Director, Risk Management*, received a message from Mark A. Kammers, Executive Director of *enduris*, that her presentation at a public hearing in Ephrata was exemplary.
- **Rick Batterberry**, *Maintenance Coordinator*, from Dr. Michael Grubbs, superintendent, Hockinson School District, for coordinating a donation of office chairs and filing cabinets to the district. During difficult budget times, these sorts of acts are especially appreciated by the district.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Superintendent Twyla Barnes reported the following items:

- Board member election packets have been sent from OSPI to members running for election: Bill Baumann, Ken Botero, and Darlene Stickel. School board members elect the ESD Board of Directors to four year terms in elections occurring every two years. The timeline for the election process was reviewed.
- Superintendent hires in the region have occurred: Mt. Pleasant, Ron Worrell; Mill A, Dale Palmer; and White Salmon, Jerry Lewis. Alan Bennett announced his resignation as superintendent of Naselle-Grays River Valley School District.
- A letter has been received from Douglas H. Gill, Director of Special Education, OSPI, accepting a proposal to recognize ESD 112 as a Local Educational Agency (*LEA*). For purposes of special education, the ESD 112 Special Education Cooperative is now considered a school district. Congratulations to **Dennis Mathews**, *Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services*, and **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Financial Officer*, on 15 years of work toward this goal.
- Several important events have occurred since the last board meeting in June: Multnomah ESD Administrative Team Exchange; department annual meetings and staff retreats; ESD golf classic; dress code review and revision; and two new internet systems in place and operational to increase agency communications and efficiency. We are ready for the new year to begin.
- Despite the economic downturn, the ESD budget continues to grow with a successful \$700,000 grant award received by Instructional Services and Technology staff for mentoring new teachers.
- School districts in the region are increasing their use of **Marnie Allen** for legal services. This service began with Construction Services Group, but has grown continuously to its present state. We are pleased to be able to offer this assistance to districts on a number of issues.
- Over 300 youth were placed in the summer workforce program by youth services staff member, **Becky Mohagen**, *Specialist, Graduation Alternative Program*.
- NWSA programs continue to grow and executive director, **Tim Foley**, has assumed interim center director status for the Mt. Adams Center. It is a good opportunity for him to learn the programs from the local level and will provide valuable information in the selection of a new director for that site.
- AESA has chosen U. S. Senator Patty Murray for the Legislator of the Year award which will be presented on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Federal Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C., or during the December AESA Annual Conference in Austin, Texas.
- Board members are invited to All Staff Day planned for September 3<sup>rd</sup> here at the ESD at 2:00 p.m.
- WSIPC planning continues as a redesign of the system is essential for permanent sustainability. Washington ESDs operate seven data centers and a way to coordinate these services for financial success for WSIPC is critical.

## PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

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- **Motion passed** to approve the Consent Agenda including: Minutes of the ESD Board meeting of June 23, 2009; Personnel Reports June/July 2009; and Financial Reports June/July 2009.
- **Motion passed** to approve the expenditure of the health insurance reserve not to exceed \$135,000 to help defray increased program costs and staff out-of-pocket expenses.
- **Motion passed** to approve revision of ESD Goals as presented.

- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.09.05 In the Matter of the 2008-2009 ESD112 Budget Extension - to increase the General Fund Appropriation amount from \$54,424,807 to 55,735,417.
- **Motion passed** to approve a change of time for the September 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to 3:00 p.m.
- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.09.06 In the Matter of a Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to Submit an Application for Qualified School Construction Bonds.

#### **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

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Next regular Board meeting scheduled for September 29, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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