

ESD 112 Board Briefs

September 29, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.
ESD 112 – Columbia Room
2500 NE 65th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98661

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Campbell, presiding
Richard Graham
Bill Baumann
Darlene Stichel
Ken Botero



MEMBERS EXCUSED

Marilyn Koenninger
Steve Wrightson

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' regular business meeting was called to order by President Ann Campbell at 3:00 p.m. on September 29, 2009, with a quorum of five members present.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Guests from Hockinson School District, President-Elect Dave Olson and Superintendent Dr. Michael Grubbs, requested time on the agenda to express specific appreciation to the ESD for recent assistance in the superintendent search for Hockinson School District. Leadership changes at the district required great effort, and the Board appreciated the assistance of ESD 112 staff members **Dr. Twyla Barnes**, *Superintendent*; **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School & Agency Operations*; **Karen Schwartzrock**, *Director, Human Resources*; and **Melissa Kreuder**, *Human Resources Information Systems Coordinator*. This team was indispensable in providing counseling advice, a place to meet to discuss important issues, and every part of the search process from marketing the position vacancy, to recruiting a wide population of qualified candidates, to final deliberations. Dr. Grubbs expressed appreciation for the ESD and the support given to both small school districts (i.e. Green Mountain) and medium-sized school districts (i.e. Hockinson). The ESD stepped up most recently during an urgent situation when students with medical needs were not being served at the district level. **Dennis Mathews**, *Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services*, and **Ann Hutchison**, *Director, Special Education Cooperative*, responded with swift action and students are currently receiving services.
- All Staff Day – Vancouver, "ESD Road Trip 2009-2010: Adventure Ahead!", was held September 3rd. Those attending included Board President Ann Campbell, Board Member Ken Botero and his wife, Marnie. Special appreciation was awarded to **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Finance Officer*, who served as event Master of Ceremonies. It was noted that the years of service awards have always been a highlight, especially this year with the recognition of two staff members who were recognized for 30 years of service.
- AESA Educators' Call to Action: Federal Advocacy Conference 2009 was held September 14-16, 2009. **Superintendent Twyla Barnes** reported the federal call has gone out that states need to create a strong legislative network to effectively move issues forward at the national level. AESD will be working on this and we will be hearing more soon. Puget Sound ESD led the way to award U. S. Senator Patty Murray "Legislator of the Year."

SPOTLIGHT ON ESD PROGRAMS

- **Tim Foley**, *Director, Northwest Service Academy*, provided a "20 Year Glance" at the history of the AmeriCorps program which included a listing of several statistics of services provided by the ESD 112 program:
 - 15,373 disadvantaged youth served
 - 1,457 disadvantaged youth engaged in service
 - 139,291 hours of volunteer service generated: @\$19.50/hour = \$2,716,174: @\$8.55/hour = \$1,190,938
 - 26,678 community volunteers
 - 697 restoration projects
 - 283,059 trees, plants, shrubs planted
 - 282 miles of trail built or repaired
 - 535 acres of wildfire fuels removed

The next NWSA Board of Directors' meeting will be October 27, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. at the ESD.

- **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Finance Officer*, provided information regarding the reorganization of the Washington State Information Processing Cooperative (WSIPC). 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following staff received letters of appreciation:

- **Donna Gregg**, *Finance and Research Manager, Construction Services Group*, from Kathy Johnson, Business Manager, Valley School District, for her professional insight and wisdom, encouraging and positive personal style, organizational skills, and knowledge of the Capital Projects Fund.
- CIM Fiscal Coordinators: **Lorie Bowne**, **Rusty Allen**, **Janice Daley**, **Todd Kurtz**, and **Amanda Matz** for exceptional work with Mill A, Glenwood, Mt. Pleasant, Skamania and Trout Lake school districts' staff during the recent Skyward conversion.
- **Dax Logsdon**, *Regional Construction Project Manager, Construction Services Group*, from Kiona-Benton City School District, for assistance with their high school renovation project. Mr. Logsdon's leadership, advice, tracking of costs and schedules, dedicated ownership of the project, and consistently going beyond expectations makes him an outstanding representative of ESD 112.
- **Scott LaBar**, *Senior Loss Control Specialist*, from Susan Tibke, White Salmon School District Transportation, for participation in a school bus driver in-service training; and from Ocean Beach School District's new superintendent, Boyd Keyser, for "saving the day" with a quick training for coaches and van drivers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Twyla Barnes reported the following items:

- The first Regional Superintendent's Business Meeting occurred on September 25th. Eight new superintendents have been added to the region and orientation for each has taken place.
- The ESD Cooperative Advisory groups are up and running. The new Operations Guide is important to consistent operations within each group.
- The Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) is working on legislative priorities and position papers. The superintendents will be recommending continued legislative liaison services by Marcia Fromhold and Jim Shoemake.
- The ESD Annual Legislative Forum will occur on December 11th. The event is coordinated by **Loy Dale**, *Executive Director, School & Agency Operations*. Board members are invited to attend and are asked to RSVP to **Pat Bowden**, *Executive Assistant to the Board*. Senator Joe Zarelli, Chair of the Quality Education Committee, and Dr. Jane Gutting, Superintendent, ESD 105, will be present.
- The Teacher of the Year from the ESD 112 region, Kenneth Roberts, Fort Vancouver High School, will be invited to attend the Annual ERC/Board Meeting in December.
- BEST Grant was awarded to ESD in the amount of \$750,000 for mentoring first, second, and third year teachers.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the Consent Agenda including: Minutes of the ESD Board meeting of August 25, 2009; Personnel Reports August 2009; and Financial Reports August 2009.
- **First Reading** occurred of the proposed revised Board Policy 102.4a – ESD 112 Board Regular Business Meeting schedule.
- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.09.07 In the Matter Approving a One-Year Emergency Temporary Out-of-Endorsement Special Education Assignment for Kristin Carle.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next regular Board Meeting scheduled for October 27, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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