

ESD 112 Board Briefs

January 26, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.
ESD 112 – Columbia Room
2500 NE 65th Avenue
Vancouver, Washington 98661

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Campbell, President
Bill Baumann
Darlene Stickel
Ken Botero
Marilyn Koenninger
Richard Graham
Steve Wrightson



CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' regular business meeting was called to order by President Ann Campbell at 3:03 p.m. on January 26, 2010, with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Greg Kimsey, *Clark County Auditor*; **Doug Nichols**, *Director, Facilities Planning, Acquisition and Project Management*; **Marnie Allen**, *Attorney, Facilities Planning*.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor, administered the oath of office to three re-elected board members: Bill Baumann, Ken Botero, and Darlene Stickel.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

- **Facilities Planning** information was provided by **Superintendent Twyla Barnes**, **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Finance Officer*, and **Doug Nichols**, *Director, Facilities Planning, Acquisition and Project Management*, by reviewing the history of the ESD facilities, current lease, financial matters, and the vision for the future. The executive team will continue to explore the possibilities and report back to the board as new information becomes available.
- **Correspondence** file items were reviewed by **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, with the following items included:
 - A flyer announcing a special employee potluck to be held in honor of ESD employee **Art Varney**, *Computer Room Operator*, who passed away on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.
 - Several internet articles memorializing Molly Mackenzie Hightower who perished in the Haiti earthquake of January 12, 2010, while serving with an aid organization for orphaned and abandoned children in Haiti. Molly was the niece of ESD employee **Christina Zimmerman**, *Special Education Teacher assigned to Naselle-Grays River Valley School District*.
 - Thank you email to **Rose Yandell**, *Educational Cable Television Coordinator*, from Doug Hamilton, Comcast, for the work with Evergreen Public Schools on an information video for the February levy election.
 - Thank you note to **Marnie Allen**, *Attorney, Facilities Planning*, from Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent, Washougal School District, for the exceptional job of framing the impact fee issue at the Washougal City Council meeting.
 - Letter from Brian Baird announcing his decision to not seek re-election in 2010 for his seat in the Washington State Senate.
 - Thank you note from Dr. Elizabeth Hyde, Director of the Department of Early Learning, to **Superintendent Twyla Barnes** for her recent participation in the ESD Superintendents' meeting of December 15.
 - The Elway Poll newsletter.
 - Flyer announcing the "Excel Tutoring Program" from ESD 112. A new program of ESD 112 offering in-district instruction to students struggling in math and/or reading.
 - Lunch ticket and agenda for Regional Superintendents' Meeting of January 15.
 - Samples of several levy brochures and pamphlets written and designed by the ESD public relations staff for various districts.
 - Photos of the Cool Beans staff during a recent catering event.

- **Legislative Report** was provided by **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth and Family Services*. Several bills of interest to education were discussed. Of special note was a comparison of major cuts shown in the governor's "all cuts" budget and the "Book 2" restoration budget which has just been released.
- **Superintendent Twyla Barnes** reported the following:
 - Major grant writing efforts continue with **Tim Foley**, *Director, Northwest Service Academy*, and **Gail Spolar**, *Director, Workforce and Truancy Programs*, each submitting grant requests for a combined total of \$11.5 million.
 - Entrepreneurial efforts for districts also continue to increase. **Barbara Lomas**, *Director, School Improvement – Staff Development*, has launched a new tutoring service through the ESD for students assisting parents in neighborhoods and helping students with grade scores.
 - **Debbie Tschirgi**, *Director, Educational Technology*, has also been nurturing two new ideas: Parent U – a series of webinars on a variety of subjects, and Online Learning – partnering with commercial course providers to offer courses to other ESDs.
 - In answer to a question posed to the board on interest in understanding education finance, especially levy issues, the board agreed to spend a portion of their next meeting studying the matter. **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Finance Officer*, and staff will provide the briefing.
- **AESD 2010 Conference Plans** were presented by co-planners, **Karen Schwartzrock**, *Director, Human Resources*; **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*; and **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth and Family Services*. The statewide conference will be held in Vancouver on April 22-24, 2010, at the Hilton Vancouver Conference Center. A new conference specific website will be launched this year where interested participants may view all conference materials online including conference registrations, hotel reservations, "what to do" in the Vancouver area, conference schedule, special speaker biographies, and breakout session details. The website was previewed by the board, and special appreciation was expressed to website and conference theme designer, **Heidi Barnes**, *Director, Communications/Graphic Arts*, and to **Denise McNeal**, *Compensation Coordinator*, and **Pat Bowden**, *Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors*, for providing support services for the conference.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Darlene Stickel was elected to serve as board president for two years; **Bill Baumann** was elected to serve as board vice president for two years. The appointment of AESD and Legislative representatives will be made at the February meeting. Ann Campbell was recognized and thanked for her leadership for the past two years and presented with an engraved crystal bowl on behalf of the board and ESD.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

Motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda including: Minutes of the ESD Board of Directors' meeting of December 18, 2009; Personnel Reports December 2009; and Financial Reports December 2009.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next board meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



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