

ESD 112 Board Briefs

October 27, 2009 – 10:15 a.m.
ESD 112 – Columbia Room
2500 NE 65th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98661

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Campbell, President
Richard Graham
Darlene Stickel
Ken Botero
Steve Wrightson



MEMBERS EXCUSED

Marilyn Koenninger
Bill Baumann

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' regular business meeting was called to order by President Ann Campbell at 10:22 a.m. on October 27, 2009, with a quorum of five members present.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Auditors from the U.S. Inspector General's Office, William "Bill" Batusic, Dan Owens, and Iashia Castle were introduced by **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth & Family Services*. The board chair explained the board is fully engaged in fiscal oversight for the ESD and regularly meets with auditors to review fiscal practices. Mr. Batusic briefly stated the purpose of the visit was to establish ESD 112 capacity to manage federally funded grants.
- The Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) Executive Board met on October 12th and Bill Baumann attended as ESD 112 board representative. In his absence, Superintendent Barnes reported he asked for feedback from members of the board on specific topics or ideas they would like to see at the 2010 AESD Conference in Vancouver. To date, no comments have been received. ESD 112 planning has begun and will continue to move forward.
- "ESD Road Trip 2009-2010: Adventure Ahead!" went on the road (literally) with Field Staff Days occurring in Kalama and Wishram school districts. President Campbell was able to attend the Wishram event and shared her enjoyment at meeting with field staff and commented on the professionalism and dedication of staff. Additional Field Staff Days will occur during November in Ocean Beach and Stevenson-Carson school districts and at ESD 112 for central districts' field staff. President Campbell encouraged board members to attend if at all possible.
- The ESD Board of Directors' Retreat 2009 was held at the ESD on October 26th. Members shared observations regarding the opportunity to meet staff randomly during the scavenger hunt, the job shadow experience that allowed them more time with specific program staff, and the round table discussions which gave them an overview of agency accomplishments from the previous year. Each board member spoke in appreciation of all the work that has been completed by the passionate and committed staff working in ESD programs. The importance of the board's knowledge of programs grows more essential in understanding the role of governance for which the board is responsible. Every opportunity for such engagement assists in the successful execution of that responsibility. Special thanks were awarded to Superintendent Barnes, Administrative Cabinet, and support staff for the event.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

The AESD 2010 Conference will be hosted by the ESD 112 Board of Directors in Vancouver. Superintendent Barnes reviewed plans to date, including the successful effort in securing a sponsor for a guest keynote speaker. Conference theme and other agenda details are moving forward. The board was solicited for suggestions they would like included and several ideas were submitted. Three board members suggested the theme should be along the lines of "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." Emphasis could be recalling education from the early years through today with a vision of the future. Sessions could include students from all walks of life and experience to demonstrate successful accomplishments realized from determination, commitment, and/or skill. Technology could be used in all aspects of the conference to show the need for education to make strong efforts in changing the face of teaching through its use. These and other ideas discussed will be explored as the planning committee continues to move forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters of appreciation were received by staff members:

- Letter from retiring ESD 105 superintendent, Dr. Jane M. Gutting, thanking ESD 112 for the submission of a proposal to conduct the superintendent search for her replacement. Two other submissions were submitted and the ESD 105 Board of Directors invited Northwest Leadership Associates to facilitate the search.
- Congratulations from Sharon Irwin, Loss Control Specialist and chair of the Employee Representative Council, for the collection of 26 pints of blood during the last blood drive.
- Email from Boyd Keyser, Superintendent, Ocean Beach School District, thanking Superintendent Barnes for **Scott LaBar**, *Senior Loss Control Specialist*; **Pat Bonin**, *Specialized Transportation Director*; **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Finance Officer*; and **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School & Agency Operations*, and the impressive and professional assistance provided to him by these staff members in several areas since his arrival in the district.
- Letters and emails from Construction Enterprises & Contractors, University Place School District, and Babbit Neuman Construction Company in appreciation of **Nick Hastings**, *Project Manager, Construction Services Group*, for work completed on the University Place Primary School, Curtis Junior High School, and Curtis High School gymnasium. Mr. Hastings' work has been attentive, experienced, and efficient. He often asked difficult questions, catching major mistakes, preserving quality of construction, and thereby avoiding additional costs and great delays.
- Special kudos for **Mike Watters**, *Copywriter/Graphic Designer*, on the new look for the Southwest Washington 2010 Regional High School Art Show. Mike has redesigned and organized the publicity information bringing the art show to a new professional level.
- Email from Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent, Washougal School District, in appreciation of **Jodi Thomas**, *Public Information Coordinator*, for the outstanding communication plan for the upcoming levy informational campaign.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Twyla Barnes reported the following items:

- The media will soon be publishing a story regarding Willamette ESD releasing the superintendent mid-contract due to inappropriate contracting practices.
- There is a possible, severe reduction in the nearly \$10 million funding for Prevention/Intervention Programs statewide is a topic of discussion among the nine ESDs. A group effort is underway to save these funds. **Mike Stromme**, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services & Technology*; and **Sandy Mathewson**, *Director, Prevention/Intervention Programs*, will keep the board apprised of events as they occur.
- Meetings with legislators are occurring this month. Senator Joe Zarelli met with administrators in September, Representative Tim Probst will be coming to the ESD on November 13th, and a full Legislative Forum is scheduled for December 11th here at the ESD. Board members are invited to attend any of the meetings for which they are available.
- At the Board Retreat, the Administrative Cabinet addressed two serious challenges the agency faces in the coming years in the areas of facilities planning and human resources. There were two challenges left to hear at the meeting today dealing with a purchasing cooperative and internal technologies. In order to give these last two challenges ample discussion time, they will be postponed until the November board meeting.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the Consent Agenda including: Minutes of the ESD Board of Director meeting of August 25, 2009; Personnel Reports August 2009; and Financial Reports August 2009.
- **Motion passed** to approve a revision to Board Policy 102.4a – ESD 112 Board regular business meeting will occur at 3:00 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately preceding the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise agreed to by the majority of the Board.
- **Motion passed** instructing superintendent to proceed investigating the purchase of the property we are currently leasing and/or what it would cost to move ahead with another property.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next board meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



For questions, please contact, Pat Bowden at (360) 750-7500 ext. 255 or email: pat.bowden@esd112.org. Approved minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings are kept in the ESD 112 Administration Offices and are public record.