

ESD 112 Board Briefs

December 18, 2009 – 12:30 P.M.
E.B. Hamilton Hall
605 Barnes Street
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 12:32 p.m., December 18, 2009, with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Tacey Wrightson, spouse of board member Steve Wrightson; **Marne Botero**, spouse of board member Ken Botero; and **Marcia Fromhold**, *Legislative Liaison*. Members of the Employee Representative Council included: **Bill Kring**, *Mathematics/Science Specialist*; **Claire Pearson-Walker**, *Truancy Project Specialist*; **Eric Jacobson**, *Public Information Coordinator*; **Geert Aerts**, *Assistant Project Manager - School Sustainability & Resource Conservation Management*; **Scott LaBar**, *Senior Loss Control Specialist*; **Russ Thomas**, *Database Administrator*; **Sharon Irwin**, *Loss Control Specialist*; **Sharon Green**, *Secretary II - Audiology/Paraeducator I - Preschool Screening*; and **Wendy Niehaus**, *Administrative Assistant II - Children, Youth & Family Services*. Members of Monday Morning Leadership included: **Ann Hutchison**, *Director, Special Education Cooperative*; **Barbara Lomas**, *Director, School Improvement – Staff Development*; **Bernice Sundby**, *Accountant/Payroll Supervisor*; **Brant Russell**, *Director, Communications and Information Management*; **Brett Blechschmidt**, *Assistant Fiscal Officer*; **Carol Hall**, *Director, School Improvement and Staff Development for Early Childhood*; **Cindy Barstow**, *Special Education Teacher/Regional Coordinator*; **Doug Goodlett**, *Special Education Program Administrator*; **Doug Nichols**, *Director, Facilities Planning, Acquisition, and Project Management*; **Gavin Hottman**, *Assistant Fiscal Officer*; **Jodi Wall**, *Director, Child Care and Early Learning*; **Kristi Baker**, *Executive Director, SWCCC*; **Kristin Lawrence**, *Special Education Program Administrator/BEST Grant Coordinator*; **Mark Lewis**, *Director, Science & Math Education Resource Center*; **Marnie Allen**, *Attorney, Facilities Planning*; **Pat Bonin**, *Director, Specialized Transportation*; **Peggy Sandberg**, *Director, Risk Management*; **Sally Logue**, *Regional School Nurse Corps Supervisor*; **Sandy Mathewson**, *Director, Prevention Center*; **Shaun Mettler**, *Budget Analyst II, Insurance Programs*; **Sherri Phillips**, *Manager, Workers' Compensation Claims*; **Tim Foley**, *Director, Northwest Service Academy*. Additional ESD staff members included: **Melissa Kreuder**, *Human Resources Information Systems Coordinator*; **Rosanne Sitmann**, *Secretary II - Specialized Student Services*; **Kathy Koren**, *Network Technology Coordinator*; and **Pat Bowden**, *Executive Assistant to the ESD 112 Board of Directors*. Executive Team members included: **Twyla Barnes**, *Superintendent*; **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Finance Officer*; **Dennis Mathews**, *Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services*; **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth and Family Services*; **Mike Stromme**, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services and Technology*; **Loy Dale**, *Executive Director, School and Agency Operations*; **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*; **Karen Schwartzrock**, *Director, Human Resources*.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- The AESA 2009 Conference was held December 2-5, 2009, in Austin, Texas, and was attended by board members Ken Botero, Darlene Stickel, and Dr. Richard Graham. The conference had outstanding keynote speakers and very informative breakout sessions.
- The Children Northwest Board of Directors met on December 1, 2009. Bill Baumann and Marilyn Koenninger serve on this board as chair and past chair respectively. Bill reported the focus of the fall meeting is to review and set pay rates, parent fees, and health benefits. Enrollments are steady this year which resulted in no significant changes in rates or fees.

DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

- **Marcia Fromhold**, *Legislative Liaison*, provided an executive briefing on Governor Gregoire's proposed budget. A \$9 billion budget deficit in 2009 will be difficult to recover and the challenges facing budget writers were summarized. The financial impact on ESDs will be program cuts in 2010 and even more

- significant cuts in 2011. **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Finance Officer*, ended the presentation with a brief outline of specific ESD 112 programs impacted by this proposed budget cut totaling \$1,418,500 through 2011.
- **Mike Stromme**, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services and Technology*, addressed the proposed changes in graduation requirements for Washington State students. The State Superintendent of Public instruction has recommended the math and science graduation requirements be revised for students in the class of 2013.
 - **Superintendent Twyla Barnes** reported the following:
 - Lyle School District will begin a flexible schedule beginning January 2010.
 - Fifty-one schools in Washington State were designated as “Schools of Distinction” by OSPI for students scoring higher on the WASL than expected. Three of those schools were Camas High School, Cam Junior/Senior High in Battle Ground, and Vancouver School of Arts and Academics.
 - **Sandy Mathewson**, *Director, Prevention Center*, and **Jodi Wall**, *Director, Child Care and Early Learning*, were each asked to explain in depth what the serious financial cuts being made in the proposed Governor’s budget would have on their specific programs. The common observation for both was the difficulty in fully grasping the impact of such deep cuts to students and parents in the 295 districts of the state.
 - The annual Legislative Forum was held on December 17, 2009, here at the ESD. The event was attended by eight legislators and 51 district staff. Important dialogue occurred on proposed reductions in the Governor’s budget, raising the levy lid, and proposed math /science standards.
 - Operations continue to run smoothly in the agency. Staff and families joined together to celebrate the “Gifts of the Holiday – Time, Talent, Treasure” annual event on December 11, 2009. A food drive was launched and over 500 pounds of non-perishable food was gathered for the Clark County Food Bank. Dozens of gloves, scarves, and hats were also donated by staff to homeless shelters, and a list of local community volunteer opportunities was made available for those interested.
 - The 2010 AESD annual meeting planning committee is ready to present the theme and proposed agenda at the next board meeting. Board members will be asked to determine their individual preferences and involvement as planning kicks into full swing.
 - **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth and Family Services*, introduced **Sharon Irwin**, *Chair, Employee Representative Council (ERC)*, for the annual report of ERC activities. The group reorganized this year and made some basic changes in direction and purpose. Rather than the entire council dealing with all areas of service, the group is divided into three committees: Cabinet Communications Committee, Feel Good Committee, and Service Committee. Each committee chair provided a brief outline of activities accomplished in 2009 and others planned for 2010. Certificates of appreciation were presented on behalf of the Board of Directors by President Ann Campbell and Marilyn Koenniger.
 - **Karen Schwartzrock**, *Director of Human Resources*, introduced **Melissa Kreuder**, *Human Resources Information Systems Coordinator and Commit to Fit Coordinator*, for a special recognition of the effort and personal commitment of **Rosanne Sitmann**, *Secretary II - Specialized Student Services*, in volunteering to teach Yoga classes to interested staff as part of the Commit to Fit program. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Ms. Sitmann on behalf of the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence file was reviewed by **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, with the following items included:

- A presentation framing of an article written by **Debbie Tschirgi**, *Director, Educational Technology*, for ETECH Magazine was displayed.
- Email from Carol Patton, Principal, La Center Elementary, to **Ann Hutchison**, *Director, Special Education Cooperative*, in appreciation for **Michelle Murer**, *Administrator, Special Education Program*, during a difficult time. Michelle remained positive, professional, and effective with staff; she spent extra time and energy with the school’s special education team and general education teachers; and she effectively led and supported paraprofessionals at the school.
- Letter from **Ray Westerbur**, *Special Education Teacher, Toutle Lake Elementary*, to **Ann Hutchison**, *Director, Special Education Cooperative*, in appreciation for **Debbie McClain**, *Special Education Coordinator*, for assistance in completing Washington Alternate Assessment System (WAAS) portfolios.
- Commendation email to **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, from Doug Hamilton, Comcast, regarding the work of **Rose Yandell**, *Educational Cable Television Coordinator*, with Evergreen School District and Comcast in the production of a public information video for the February levy election. Much more than expert technical skills, Ms. Yandell was praised for working well with a diverse group, finding creative solutions to production problems, contributing artistic flair to the finished project, and performing well under pressure.

- Letter indicating to the Corporation for National Service from **Tim Foley**, *Executive Director, Northwest Service Academy*, regarding the academy's intent to submit a recomplete application for AmeriCorps National Funds by January 26, 2010.
- Letter from the Vancouver School District Foundation regarding "Operation Fairy Godmother - 2010" and invitation to Clark County area high schools to participate in this project that helps insure all high school girls in the community have the opportunity to attend the high school prom at a fraction of the cost.
- Photo of new Camas School District board member Julie Rotz.
- Letter from Superintendent Barnes to Mr. Melvyn Cardon congratulating him on 34 years of service on the Camas School District Board of Directors. Photos also included of a reception in his honor.
- Letter from the Superintendent's Administrative Council of the Clark County Skills Center to all legislators in the 17th, 18th, and 49th, legislative districts of Washington expressing concerns about the implications of the "Core 24" graduation requirements plan. This plan, in its current form, does not deliver on its promise to better prepare all high school graduates for a successful and meaningful life.
- Superintendent Barnes' annual holiday letter to staff.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the Consent Agenda including: Minutes of the ESD Board of Directors' meeting of November 24, 2009; Personnel Reports November 2009; and Financial Reports November 2009.
- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.09.08 – In the Matter of Obsolete/Surplus Property for Northwest Service Academy programs.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Next board meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 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.