

# ESD 112 Board Briefs

March 23, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.  
ESD 112 – Columbia Room  
2500 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, Washington 98661

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## MEMBERS PRESENT

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



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## MEMBERS EXCUSED

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Bill Baumann, Vice-President  
Marilyn Koenninger

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## CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' regular business meeting was called to order by President Darlene Stickel at 3:04 p.m. on March 23, 2010, with a quorum of five members present. Bill Baumann and Marilyn Koenninger were excused.

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## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Marnie Allen, *Attorney, Facilities Planning*; Ann Hutchison, *Director, Special Education Cooperative*; and AESA Executive in Residence program participant, Dr. Jerry Maze, *Associate Executive Director of Administrative, Leadership, and Business Services, Region 12 Education Service Center, Waco, Texas*.

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## PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- AESA Executive in Residence program participant, Dr. Jerry Maze, was introduced by Superintendent Twyla Barnes. Dr. Maze is the Associate Executive Director of Administrative, Leadership, and Business Services at Region 12 Education Service Center, Waco, Texas. Dr. Maze summarized his brief stay at ESD 112 as rewarding and affirming of the work of the Texas ESC. Direct service to students is an especially intriguing aspect of the ESD service, and one he would like to establish at Region 12 in some fashion.
- The "2010 State of the City Address" was presented by Vancouver City Mayor Timothy Leavitt on March 4, 2010, and was attended by Marilyn Koenninger.
- The ESD Regional High School Art Show and reception provided an opportunity to recognize students in grades 9-12 for their accomplishments in visual art. The opening reception and education night was held on March 9, 2010. Richard Graham and Ken Botero attended with their spouses. Eighteen regional award winners were selected to go on to the state high school art show in Olympia. Their work will be shown April 6 to June 4, 2010, at the Old Capitol Building. An awards ceremony in Olympia will be held on May 21, 2010.
- The Children Northwest Board Meeting was held March 17, 2010, at ESD 112 and was attended by Bill Baumann.
- The Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Region 6 spring meeting was held March 17, 2010, in Stevenson and was attended by Ann Campbell.

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## CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence file items were reviewed by Lori Williams, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, including:

- A letter from AnnRené Joseph, *Program Supervisor, The Arts, OSPI*, praising ESD 112 staff for an amazing ESD 112 Regional High School Art Show.
- An invitation for the "Spring 2010 Professional Development Workshop for Superintendents Assistants" hosted by ESD 112's Administrative Assistants group.
- A letter to Fred Bateman, *Chair, City/County Telecommunication Commission*, from Tom Hagley, *President, TVETC*, regarding the suspension of the PEG Capital Grants for TV ETC and requesting a second meeting to discuss the pause in grant funding.

- The announcement of the selection of a new ESD 105 superintendent, Steve Myers, replacing retiring Superintendent Jane Gutting.
- The March 19, 2010, ESD 112 Regional Business Meeting agenda.
- An email from Superintendent Barnes to Senator Honeyford in support of Washington State LASER funding currently in consideration in the House and Governor's version of the 2009/2011 budget.
- The announcement of 2010 election of officers for WASA Region 112. Tim Merlino, *Chief Finance Officer*, was re-elected Treasurer.
- A follow-up letter from George Sneller, *Director of Child Nutrition Services, OSPI*, regarding the review of ESD 112's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Special thanks to the ESD staff for courtesy and cooperation extended to administrative program specialists.
- The Heritage Project Update.
- The Washington State WESPAC Users Group (WASWUG) annual conference flyer featured Dr. Twyla Barnes as a guest speaker.
- Several news articles including: Obama's health care reform, fire district support of Hockinson High School Life Skills class, "Race to the Top" competition finalists, Bill Murray obituary, La Center High School Students Achieving Independent Living Skills, and Tom Koenninger's editorial, "Health care comes through for one."

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

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- AESD 2010 Conference update of activities was provided by Karen Schwartzrock, *Director, Human Resources*. Currently 94 board members and staff are registered for the conference. The sponsorship committee has exceeded expectations and was commended by the board. Two areas of participation were offered for board members: 1) serve as session presiders, and/or 2) serve as event hosts. Presiders will introduce the session presenter, assure session begins and ends on time, and assist presenter with fielding questions. Event hosts will greet attendees and facilitate transitions from event to event/room to room. ESD staff will assist with each session. A preliminary proposal was distributed to board members.
- Superintendent Barnes reviewed the process for filling board vacancies.
- A legislative report was provided by Loy Dale, *Executive Director, School and Agency Operations*. A summary of legislation that has passed, pending, and likely to fail was reviewed. The session is still not over as budget matters continue to be finalized.
- Superintendent Barnes reported on the following:
  - ♦ A goal from the last board retreat was to meet with smaller districts to look at alternatives to consolidation with shared services. The superintendent recommended these discussions be postponed until after the completion of the proposed study. Members of the board agreed.
  - ♦ Legislature not done, but it is "budget season" for ESD 112. We will follow our usual process beginning with first presentations in April. Hopefully, the legislature will not delay the budget approval process and it will go before the region's superintendents and the ESD board on schedule.
  - ♦ Green Mountain superintendent search is underway. Mike Stromme, *interim Green Mountain superintendent*, was commended on the dual career he has accomplished this year. Many nice comments for Dr. Stromme have come from the school district as well.
  - ♦ Ridgefield fraud investigation update was shared with superintendents at the Regional Business Meeting.
  - ♦ An article on the compensation of Clark County officials was published.
  - ♦ The state auditor's exit interview will occur on Monday, March 29, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. Board members are invited to attend. Darlene Stickel and Bill Baumann have expressed interest in attending. No findings or management letters are expected, however, some comments and recommendations are expected regarding travel procedures. "ESD 112 Board Policy and Administrative Regulations" and "ESD 112 Administrative Operational Guidelines" changes will be made as needed. Staff training will occur as needed.
  - ♦ An Early Head Start Grant has been awarded to ESD 112. This is a highly accountable grant and new policy will be brought forward for board approval in the month ahead. Changes will occur on

some program expenditure reports and other items need to be reported in a different way. An ESD board member will be appointed to serve on the Early Head Start Council.

- ♦ EASTCONN, one of six Regional Educational Service Centers (RESCs) in Connecticut, has invited Superintendent Barnes to participate as a guest panel speaker at the “Second Annual Summit on Regional Collaboration” on April 1, 2010.

## **PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

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**Motion passed** to approve Consent Agenda items including: Minutes of the ESD Board of Directors’ meeting of February 23, 2010; February 2010 Personnel Reports; and February 2010 Financial Reports.

**Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.10.01 – In the Matter Authorizing the Superintendent to Reduce Programs for the 2010-2011 School Year and to Issue Reduction in Force and Other Required Notices

**Motion passed** to approve Ogden Business Park Lease Agreement – 2300 Building.

**Motion passed** to approve the Technology Plan 2010-2013.

The draft of new Special Education and Related Services policy was presented for first reading. Final action will be requested at the next regular business meeting.

## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

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- Next board meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.
- Annual Audit Exit Interview – 1:30 p.m. – March 29, 2010
- AESD Annual Conference – April 22-24, 2010 – Vancouver

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.



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