

ESD 112 Board Briefs

May 25, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.
ESD 112 – Columbia Room
2500 NE 65th Avenue
Vancouver, Washington 98661

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Baumann, Vice-President
Ken Botero
Ann Campbell
Richard Graham
Marilyn Koenninger
Darlene Stichel, President
Steve Wrightson



CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' regular business meeting was called to order by President Darlene Stichel at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, with a quorum of seven members present.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Children Northwest Board meeting and employee recognition occurred on May 19, 2010, at ESD 112. Bill Baumann, CNW President, reported the event is the best meeting of the year with employees being recognized for years of service.

ESD employees who have announced their retirements this year joined the board for light refreshments and were recognized during the meeting with the presentation of a crystal apple engraved with their years of service with ESD 112, including:

1. Christi Strozyk, *Insurance Specialist*, attended with spouse Ed Strozyk.
2. Kathy Bearden, *Secretary I, American History Grant*, attended with spouse Tom Bearden.
3. Marsha Gregory, *School Nurse, Castle Rock/Wahkiakum School Districts*, attended with spouse Jay Gregory.
4. Terri Lucero, *Special Education Teacher, Ridgefield/La Center School Districts*.
5. Hazel Shirk, *Paraeducator, White Salmon School District*, attended with spouse Charles Shirk.
6. Penny Smith, *Special Education Teacher, Wishram School District*, attended with guest, Frances Rodriguez.
7. Sharon Scott, *Special Education Teacher, White Salmon School District*, was unable to attend.
8. Trudy Ferguson, *Paraeducator, Lyle School District*, was unable to attend.

Staff unable to attend the recognition meeting will be presented with their retirement apple at a meeting closer to their service area. Congratulations were offered to all with a heartfelt thank you for the years of service given to the students, parents, teachers, staff, and communities of the ESD region.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- The correspondence file was reviewed by Lori Williams, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, as follows:
 - ♦ Thank you email from Suzanne Cusick, *Superintendent, Longview Public Schools*, to Tim Merlino, *Chief Finance Officer*, for quick responsiveness in sending Lori Bowne, *Supervisor, Fiscal Coordinator Services*, and for her extraordinary assistance in a crisis.
 - ♦ Thank you from ESD 101 Superintendent Michael Dunn on behalf of the ESD 101 Board of Directors extending congratulations to the ESD 112 Board of Directors and staff for an outstanding AESD 2010 Conference. Photos included.
 - ♦ "Certificates of Excellence" were awarded to Lori Williams, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*; Heidi Barnes, *Director, Communications/Graphic Arts*; Mike Watters, *Copywriter/Graphic Designer*; Evelyn Hambleton, *Graphic Technician*; Eric Jacobson, *Public*

Information Coordinator; and Rose Yandell, *Educational Cable Television Coordinator*, in multiple categories of media excellence by the Washington School Public Relations Association.

- ♦ Letters from AnneRené Joseph, *Program Supervisor of the Arts, OSPI*, to the four students from the ESD 112 region who were selected as state winners in the 37th Annual Superintendent's High School Art Show: Whitney Austin, Camas High School, for her "Untitled" entry; Kristi Valentine, Camas High School, for her "Journal of a Most Peculiar Voyage" entry; Constance Ierokomos, Kelso High School, for her "Weshney" entry; and Charlie Hartzog, Longview High School, for his entry, "One Fish Two Fish...." All winners along with their parents and teachers were invited to attend a reception and awards ceremony in their honor in Olympia on May 21, 2010, at the Old Capitol Building.
- ♦ Dennis Mathews, *Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services*, received a letter of appreciation from the Washington State School for the Blind for taking time to participate in the school's in-depth review of programs and services as a member of the Accreditation On-Site Committee.
- ♦ A letter to Dr. Steven Webb, *Superintendent, Vancouver Public Schools*, from ESD 112 proposing a partnership between the two agencies to develop a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Arts Magnet (STEAM) school for Vancouver Public Schools with Anne Kennedy, *Director, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Program*, providing the leadership and coordination for this effort.
- ♦ An email from Karen Schwartzrock, *Director, Human Resources*, to ESD program managers providing a "Frequently Asked Questions" guideline for use in the annual employee performance evaluation process.
- ♦ Children Northwest Board packet from May 19, 2010, meeting and employee recognition.
- ♦ "Educational Service Districts Assisting School Districts of Southwest Washington," a presentation made before the Battle Ground School Board on May 22, 2010, by board members Darlene Stickel, President; Bill Baumann, Vice-President; Steve Wrightson; and Superintendent Twyla Barnes.
- ♦ Memo regarding ESD 112 Regional Business Meeting and Columbia River Region Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) awards ceremony on May 21, 2010. Photos included.
- ♦ Memo to ESD 112 school district superintendents recapping the 2008-2009 Professional Development Fund with a request to re-implement the professional development assessment for the 2009-2010 school year.
- ♦ Memo regarding flat rates and refund from the Risk Cooperative from Loy Dale, *Executive Director, School and Agency Operations*, outlining the approval of a \$1 million refund to members in this fiscal year.
- ♦ Letter from Delna Sepoy, *Giving Fund*, enclosing an anonymous gift of \$4,000.00 to be used for technology for special education students in Ridgefield classroom staffed by Benet Bruntlett, *Special Education Teacher*, and Tammy Angvall, *Paraeducator*.
- ♦ Letter from Steve Shish, *School Apportionment, Financial Services, and Finance Reform, OSPI*, regarding the 2010-2011 fiscal year core allocation and professional development for ESD 112 based on the state fiscal year of July through June.
- ♦ Email from Paul Rosier, *WASA Executive Director*, to all WASA members announcing the hiring of Dan Steele for the position of WASA Assistance Executive Director for Government Relations and Director of School Information and Research Services (SIRS), replacing retired longtime governmental relations legend Barbara Mertens.
- ♦ Green Mountain School District Superintendent/Principal Interview Candidate Schedule and interview questions.
- ♦ Monday Morning Leadership agenda and timeline for May 10, 2010.
- ♦ Invitation from Vancouver Public Schools for community members to participate in "Vancouver Cares for Kids: Sharing Responsibility for Student Success." This is a community conversation occurring on June 7th.
- ♦ Columbian news article by Tom Koeninger, "Education Advocate Makes Difference," regarding keynote speaker at recent AESD 2010 Conference, David Lawrence, former Florida newspaper publisher.

- ♦ Opinion page contribution by Dr. Steven Webb, *Superintendent, Vancouver Public Schools*, “Poverty-affected Schools Deserve Support,” advocating for communities, schools, families interacting as partners to strengthen opportunities for students in all Vancouver schools to “cross the finish line” and reach the goal of readiness for college, careers, and life.
- ♦ News release from Vancouver Public Schools by Tom Hagley entitled “School Employee Association Agreements Reflect Economic Realities” deals with plans to preserve jobs and help the district deal with present and future budget reductions.
- ♦ “Risk Management Matters” Newsletter
- ♦ News release announcing a partnership between Southwest Washington Child Care Consortium (SWCCC) and Northwest Service Academy (NWSA) with Vancouver Public Schools for a three year grant to serve sixth graders in an after-school college readiness program.
- The Early Head Start (EHS) monthly program update was provided by Jada Rupley, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth and Family Services*. The grant was awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services for \$411,000 for the first year, with eligibility for Year 2 funding. The ESD Early Head Start program requires new policies and procedures to be approved by the governing body before the program can be launched by June 1, 2010. A steering committee will be formed to guide the establishment of the EHS Policy Council who will make recommendations to the ESD Board as the governing body. Two ESD board members have volunteered to serve on the steering committee: Darlene Stickel and Bill Baumann.
- 2010-2011 ESD 112 Budget Planning – Phase II was presented by Tim Merlino, *Chief Finance Officer*. This presentation details the expenditures and revenues anticipated for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Merlino reviewed the current and future state budget issues and explained the importance of program sustainability and the critical job program managers have done at building a stable funding base for this agency by continuing to look for new funding sources and grant opportunities. The budget approval process is almost complete with the two presentations to the board, presentation to the Superintendents’ Executive Advisory Council, the regional superintendents’ approval, and the request for final approval by the ESD 112 Board at the June meeting.
- Dr. Twyla Barnes provided the superintendent’s report:
 - ♦ The Bridges Academy 2010 Commencement Exercises are occurring on June 10th, at 7:00 p.m. here at the ESD. Board members are invited to attend.
 - ♦ A presentation to the Battle Ground School Board by Darlene Stickel, Bill Baumann, Steve Wrightson, and Twyla Barnes outlined the process appointing a citizen to fill the ESD board position vacancy and was invited to provide input into possible candidates. A similar briefing and invitation will be presented to the Hockinson School Board on May 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. Board members scheduled to present include Bill Baumann, Richard Graham, and Steve Wrightson.
 - ♦ The Regional Superintendent’s meeting was held on May 21, 2010, and Dr. Suzanne Cusick, *Superintendent, Longview School District*, was elected to serve as chair for 2010-2011.
 - ♦ The recruiting announcement for Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services and Technology has been published. Dr. Mike Stromme has accepted a position with Vancouver School District and will be leaving the ESD at the end of June. Barbara Lomas, *Director, School Improvement – Professional Development*, will serve as interim department administrator until a replacement is found.
 - ♦ OSPI has received a grant of \$17 million to complete a Washington State Longitudinal Data System Project. ESDs hope to be included in the project’s design and implementation.
 - ♦ Field staff visits are scheduled for June to discuss compensation and benefits for 2010-2011.
 - ♦ TV ETC has been operating three channels for playback of district concerts, sports, etc., with the use of \$300,000 worth of equipment from the city of Vancouver. ESD 112 has received notice that the city will no longer provide this equipment. Staff are working to reverse the decision.
 - ♦ Charles Staadecker, *President, AESD*, has asked all board members to sign onto the new AESD forum and begin conversation about issues and matters of common interest. Instructions for using the forum are available on the AESD website: www.aesd.wa.org on the right sidebar.
 - ♦ Skip Enes announced his retirement from service as Regional Transportation Coordinator.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

Motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda including: Minutes of the April 27, 2010, meeting; personnel activity report; April 2010 expenditures; and Early Head Start Budget Status and Expenditures. **First reading** of proposed revision to ESD Policies - 101.6: Reimbursement of Member's Expenses; 101.7: Conflict of Interest; 203: Provisions of Direct Student Services; 332: Regulations of Dangerous Weapons on ESD Premises; and 401-404: Travel - were presented. Action will be requested at the next regular business meeting.

Motion passed to approve the new Early Head Start (EHS) Policies and Procedures.

Motion passed to approve Resolution R10.02 - In the Matter Approving a One-year Emergency Temporary Out-of-Endorsement Special Education Assignment for Kristin Carle.

Motion passed to approve Resolution R10.03 - In the Matter Recognizing the Exemplary Leadership of Charles William "Bill" Fromhold.

Motion passed to approve Resolution R10.04 - In the Matter of Suspension of Board Policy 102.5b regarding Early Head Start start-up Policies.

Motion passed to approve ESD 112 2010-2011 Work Calendar as presented.

CALENDAR DATES

- The next regular ESD 112 board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 3:00 p.m., at ESD 112.
- Bridges Academy 2010 – June 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m., at ESD 112 - Clark and Pacific rooms.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 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.