

**EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

April 28, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at the district administration office, 460 Ninth Street NE, East Wenatchee, Washington for the purpose of reviewing Policy 1810, Board Annual Goals and Objectives (District Strategic Improvement Plan).

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Brad Hawkins, Jan Cetto, Chris Gibbs, Annette Eggers, Cindy Wright
Superintendent Garn Christensen
Judy Graham, Kelley Hopkins, John Fishburne, Ron Hage

The work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Eastmont School District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the board room at the district administration office, East Wenatchee, WA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Brad Hawkins, Chairperson
Annette Eggers, Board Member
Chris Gibbs, Board Member
Jan Cetto, Board Member
Cindy Wright, Board Member
Garn Christensen, Superintendent/Secretary
Cindy Ulrich, Director of Financial Services
Vicki Trainor, Director of Human Resources
Mary Ellen Sparman, Assistant Secretary

Present.: Judy Graham, Kelley Hopkins, Bob Busk, Cheryl Rupp, Vicki Edwards, KC Kwak, Cheri McMillan, Bob Spurrier, Casey McMillan, Jon Abbott, Pat Brockwell, John Fishburne, Ron Hage

INFORMATION

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda and Superintendent News

Superintendent Christensen announced he had completed site visits and checked references of the top two principal candidates. Both were lauded as outstanding employees in their respective districts, and seen as talented up-and-coming principals. He reported that offers had been made and accepted by both Robin

Kirkpatrick of Federal Way School District and David Woods of Kelso School District, and the revised agenda reflected the addition of the new hires. He recommended Robin Kirkpatrick as principal of Cascade Elementary School and David Woods as principal of Lee Elementary School. He went on to thank the approximately 30 participants (staff, parents, administrators) on the interview team.

B. Board News

Board Member Gibbs reported that he had received a letter from WSSDA requesting suggestions and help from the Legislature on topics that affect our district.

Board President Hawkins reported he had attended the recent WSSDA Regional Board meeting held at Wenatchee School District. Board members from the 12th legislative district were present and voiced concerns with the upcoming biennium state-wide deficit. They reported that school districts should be prepared for a state crunch in finances next year. Some school districts on the west side of the state are already suffering from major cutbacks.

Board President Hawkins also reported that the North Central ESD event held in Chelan was well attended. The board was honored to have been selected as the Regional Board of the Year. He thanked the district office staff for nominating the board for this prestigious award. He announced that there was an opening for the Douglas County position on the North Central ESD Board of Directors, if anyone was interested in that position.

Board President Hawkins complimented the parents, teachers, staff and administrators who were involved with the interview process for the two principal positions. He had the opportunity to visit during lunch and sat in during some of the process. He commended Garn for spearheading the process.

Superintendent Christensen added that Bob Busk, Beverly Jagla, Ron Hage, Vicki Trainor, Chris Hall, and KC Kwak did a great job heading the interview stations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of April 14, 2008.
- B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated April 28, 2008
Warrants No. 7045736-7045737 for \$4,632.85
Warrants No. 7045738-7045911 for \$3,364,317.30
Warrants No. 7045489-7045498 for \$8,538.67
Warrants No. 7045503-7045735 for \$647,788.33
Warrants No. 7045912-7045974 for \$3,128,420.39
- C. 2008 Summer Programs. The Board of Directors approved Eastmont School District's Summer Programs as presented.
- D. Construction Eastmont Approval – Rock Island Sidewalk Project. The Board of Directors authorized the Superintendent on behalf of the District to donate the easement to Douglas County for the Rock Island Sidewalk Project.

E. Approval of Personnel Report.

The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated April 28, 2008, including:

1. New Hires
 - a. Robin Kirkpatrick
 - b. David Woods

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Eggers to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion CARRIED.

REPORTS

A. 2008-2009 Budget Development Process – Budget Development Memorandum #1: Timeline
Cindy Ulrich, Director of Financial Services, provided two revised timelines to the Board. Proposal #1 presented a more traditional timeline of adopting the budget at the August 11, 2008 meeting. Proposal #2 reflected an optimistic timeline, with a budget adoption at the Board's meeting in July. Either timeline meets the statutory requirement.

B. Curriculum Development Report – 2007-2008 – Beverly Jagla
Beverly Jagla, Assistant Superintendent, reported that during the 2007-089 school year, all curriculum areas were evaluated. (Copy on the district website.)

BOARD POLICY AND OTHER ISSUES – NO ACTION – DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Policy No. 3207 – Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

In 2007 the legislature passed a new law requiring WSSDA, with the assistance of OPSI to develop a policy “prohibiting acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying that are conducted via electronics means by a students while on school grounds and during the school day.” The revisions reflect the inclusion of cyber bullying as required in the directive from the Legislature.

B. Renewal of Maintenance and Operations Levy

Superintendent Christensen discussed the process of identifying an election date for the renewal of Eastmont's Maintenance and Operations Levy. The choices for an election date could be February 3 or March 10, 2009. He said he would need a decision from the board in the next couple of months on the time, duration and amount of the levy.

Board President Hawkins said they needed to mindful of our tax paying public to make a reasonable request given the economic times.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Attendance Areas Review and Approval

Superintendent Christensen reported that at the last board meeting the board listened to comments/concerns from community members. He added the language had been changed to reflect that “Choice students shall be approved if prior siblings attended the same school.” All other Choice students shall be evaluated per Policy 3130.

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Wright to approve the attendance areas as presented. The motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and SECONDED by Board Member Eggers to adjourn the meeting.
The motion CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

EXEMPT MEETING

As per RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) Superintendent Christensen called an Exempt Meeting following the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategies. No action was taken.

Approval:

Chairperson

Secretary