

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

February 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Board work session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library at Cascade Elementary School, 2330 N. Baker Avenue, East Wenatchee, Washington. The topic was reviewing high school graduation requirements and board self-evaluation.

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Brad Hawkins, Jan Cetto, Chris Gibbs, Annette Eggers, Cindy Wright
Superintendent Garn Christensen, Mark Marney, Joanne Dalinkus, Donna Zukowski, Greg Moses

At 6:47 p.m. MOVED by Board Member Eggers and SECONDED by Board Member Gibbs to adjourn the work session. The motion CARRIED.

The Board work session adjourned at 6:48 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 library at Cascade Elementary School, 2330 N. Baker Avenue, East Wenatchee, WA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Brad Hawkins, Board President
Annette Eggers, Vice President
Chris Gibbs, Board Member
Jan Cetto, Board Member
Cindy Wright, Board Member
Garn Christensen, Superintendent/Secretary
Beverly Jagla, Assistant Superintendent
Vicki Trainor, Director of Human Resources
Mary Ellen Sparman, Assistant Secretary

Present:

Lesley Stewart, Jackie Browning, Susan Forney, Pat Fitzgerald, Leonora Kniffen, Patricia Shigouri, Pat Brockwell, Teresa Burns, Shan Forsberg, Polly Schneider, Bill Schneider, Josie Calhoun, Ellen Pell, Patty Mumm, Nancy Turner, Dawn Fisher, Stephanie Lehman, Nancy Reece, Diane Oberg, Connie Burkhart, Mary Graves, Anita DeWitt, Connie Shaver, Rickie Yopp, Katy Luttrell, Rachel Schleif, KC Kwak, Mike Gomez, Laurie Horner, Cheryl Rupp, two names illegible

INFORMATION

A. Changes/Additions to Agenda and Superintendent News

Except for the addition of the Enrollment Report to the agenda there were no other changes. There was no superintendent news.

B. Board News

Board Member Hawkins announced he would be unable to attend the February 25th board meeting. He was pleased to report that the Senate Bill for redistricting director districts passed unanimously in the Senate. He was able to provide testimony in support of the Senate Bill on January 30. The next step will be for the Bill to go to the House of Representatives. He was encouraged for the support Senator Parlette and Representatives Condotta and Armstrong have had regarding this issue. They are hopeful the Bill will be signed by the Governor in the next few weeks.

Mr. Hawkins reported that he and his wife had attended the Apple Blossom Pageant. The Eastmont ladies did very well and it was exciting to have Eastmont senior Justine Vanderpool chosen as Apple Blossom Queen. He also reported the Board would hold a work session at the March 10th Board meeting for the purpose of Board self-evaluation.

Board Member Gibbs said he was also pleased to see the redistricting bill pass the Senate. He reported that he had attended the Legislative Assembly in Olympia over the past weekend and said the redistricting bill had met zero resistance and the expectation was that it would sail through the House as well. Mr. Gibbs said operating budgets, capital projects funding, Basic Ed funding, graduation requirements, School Readiness were just some of the issues headlined at the conference. He had also attended the School Readiness meeting on February 7th at North Central ESD. He came away with a new understanding of the importance of improving children's school readiness. He was primarily interested to learn that if a student starts out at kindergarten below preparedness, they never catch up.

Board Member Wright reported she also attended the School Readiness meeting and was impressed with the efforts being taken for improving children's school readiness.

Principal KC Kwak reported the School Readiness meeting included multi-districts along with Chelan/Douglas services. The meeting highlighted the Kennewick School Districts' Ready to Learn Program. She went on to report they are using the Ready to Learn and Parent Education program at Rock Island and the benefits are great for kids.

Board Member Eggers reported that she had attended an informational meeting highlighting the new integrated Spanish Early Exit Program Model at Grant Elementary and was very impressed. She said the research has been very positive and Grant parents had embraced it. She added that Principal Spencer Taylor had done a good job in making sure information gets out to parents.

Board Member Eggers and Board Member Cetto recently attended the recent High School Belle Notte Choir performance, which was outstanding! Both board members have been very active parents in the High School music program.

Board Member Wright reported that she and her family also recently attended a Lady Cats and Boys Basketball game.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parent and Community member Jackie Browning expressed frustration and concern regarding the four foot walkway between 23rd and Autumn Drive near Cascade Elementary School and asked for the school district's help in keeping people from blocking the walkways so kids have a safe place to walk to and from school.

Superintendent Christensen said he would follow-up with her as soon as he could review the area of concern. He suggested that she contact the Douglas County Commissioners, since that would be the appropriate governing body.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approved. The Board of Directors approved the regular School Board Minutes of January 28, 2008.
- B. Payment of Bills and/or Payroll dated February 12, 2008
Warrants No. 7043581-7043600 for \$10,287.44
Warrants No. 7043601-7043818 for \$363,880.08
- C. Approval of Personnel Report.
The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Report dated February 12, 2008, including:
1. Reduction in Status
 - a. Bonnie Yenney – Sterling Intermediate School
 2. Resignations
 - Certificated
 - a. Elaine Focht – Wee Wildcat Preschool
 - Classified
 - b. Doreen Sannes – District Administration Office
- D. Approval of Travel Report.
The board of Directors reviewed and approved the revised travel report dated February 12, 2008.
- E. Fund Raiser Request.
The Board of Directors approved the following fund raiser request:
1. Eastmont Junior High Fun Run – Walla Walla Point – March 22, 2008
- F. Field Trip Request.
The Board of Directors approved the following field trip request:
1. EHS FFA – Annual Trapshoot Competition – Sequim, WA. – March 1-2, 2008

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

REPORTS

- A. Budget Status Report – Cindy Ulrich
(A copy of the Budget Status Report is on the district website.)
- B. Budget Memo #2: Preliminary Enrollment Projection for 2008-09 – Garn Christensen
Superintendent Garn Christensen reviewed the data of the preliminary enrollment projection for 2008-09. Final recommendations would be presented to the board at the February 25th meeting.
- C. Enrollment Report – Cindy Ulrich
In her absence, Superintendent Christensen reported for Cindy Ulrich, Director of Finance, that February Full Time Equivalent Students for the Grades K-12 of the Eastmont School District on official count day was 5,084.54. This is decline of 43.68 FTE from the January enrollment count.

K-12 *actual average* enrollment through February is 45.14 FTE more than the *actual average* FTE at the end of the 2006-07 school year.

BOARD POLICY ISSUES

DISCUSSION/FIRST READING

- A. Policy No. 1220 – Board Officers and Duties of Board Members – Discussion Only.
The current WSSDA policy has been revised to clarify the role of the board president. The current language, although never used inappropriately by a board, could be misinterpreted.

- B. Policy No. 2161 – Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students – Discussion Only
The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) requires school districts to have new policy language adopted by the end of March 2008 as it relates to Special Education Services.

- C. Policy No. 2410 – High School Graduation Requirements – Discussion Only.
Due to changes in graduation requirements and state law, Policy 2410 is periodically reviewed and updated. WSSDA provides required new language specific to students with disabilities.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board recessed for 10 minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 p.m. as per RCW 42.30.110(i) the Board moved into executive session for approximately 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing litigation regarding Valdez-Zontek vs. Eastmont School District. No action was anticipated.

At 8:20 p.m. Moved by Board Member Gibbs and **SECONDED** by Board Member Eggers to extend the executive session 20 minutes. The motion **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Board Member Gibbs and **SECONDED** by Board Member Eggers to adjourn the meeting. The motion **CARRIED**. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approval:

Chairperson

Secretary