

MINUTES OF
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Castellaw, President
Lloyd Wallis, Vice President
Dennis Lenz
Floyd Kane
Nancy Randall

ALSO PRESENT: Pete Lewis
Linda Hall
Wendy Rimmelspacher
Samantha Ogden
Don Lee
Roger Trail
Pam Klug
Eric Price
Becky Coddington
Donna Strickler
Carol Hernandez
Amy Kimberling
Bill Legg & Students

President Greg Castellaw called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office Conference Room. REGULAR MEETING
CONVENES

Greg Castellaw led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Greg Castellaw asked if there was anyone in the audience who was not on the agenda but wished to address the Board. PUBLIC INPUT

Karle Warren, CEA President, reported that she just visited Washington, D.C. and talked with the legislators about:

- Reauthorization of elementary & secondary Education Act
- Support of expansion/extension of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Opposing unnecessary changes to Protection of Student Speech & Free Association provisions in the Higher Education Act
- Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 81 / S. 206)
- Developmental Appropriate WASL (DAW)
- NEA Pacific Regional Leadership Conference (PRLC)

Karle asked the School Board to pledge to Read Across America.

Greg Castellaw reviewed the agenda and reported that a donation to Heights Elementary had been added to the agenda. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Superintendent Pete Lewis highlighted the following:

- Boiler at LMS
- Concert Season
- Track Sponsors
- Simple Majority is Official
- OSPI Assessment/WERA (WA Educational Research Association) Conference
- NSDC (National Staff Development Council) Conference
- Community Trade and Economic Development Letter - Searching for Surplus Land

SUPT. REPORT

Eric Price, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Director, introduced Carol Hernandez and Donna Strickler as new recipients of the National Board Teaching Certificate. A certificate and clock was presented to them in recognition of their accomplishment (see attached).

NATIONAL TEACHING
CERTIFICATION

Clarkston High School choir, under the direction of Bill Legg, performed Christmas songs.

CHS CHOIR

Wendy Rimmelpacher, Business and Human Service Director and Amy Kimberling, Food Service Director, reported that an OSPI CRE and SMI Food Service Review had been recently completed (see attached). The district had a favorable review showing that the district is following policy and procedures. Wendy and the School Board thanked Amy for a job well done.

OSPI FOOD SERVICE
REVIEW

Wendy Rimmelpacher, reviewed the September and October 2007 month-ending Financial Status Report (see attached). Wendy also presented OSPI Memorandum No. 063-07M listing Clarkston School District's maximum levy authority in the amount of \$3,570,148 for 2008 (see attached).

FINANCIAL REPORT

All five Board members have received their Certification of Election for the November 2007 election.

OATH OF OFFICE

Vice President Lloyd Wallis administered the Oath of Office to President Greg Castellaw for his renewed term to expire in 2011.

President Greg Castellaw administered the Oath of Office to Lloyd Wallis, Nancy Randall renewing their four-year terms to expire in 2011 and Dennis Lenz and Floyd Kane for the re-election of unexpired terms to expire in 2009.

Nancy Randall shared that she received WSSDA's prioritized position for the Legislative Session at the November Annual WSSDA Conference. She will be attending the Legislative Conference February 10-11, 2008.

WSSDA LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIZING
DISCUSSION

Superintendent Pete Lewis shared that special education, transportation and technology are high cost items. The district is receiving about \$330,000 annually for transportation and is spending about \$560,000. Levy equalization is always a topic of concern.

Nancy Randall reported that she had also received information at the WSSDA Conference regarding the high school diploma and a third math credit and asked for input (see attached).

ADDITIONAL MATH
CREDIT OPTION
DISCUSSED

Roger Trail said, "Ninety-one percent of high school juniors are enrolled in a math course. The district's enrollment is declining and we don't have the man power at this time to provide additional sections of algebra II. It would be difficult if the district had to staff a basic math course or add additional higher level math courses." The district already offers the higher level math classes for students that are college bound. There are currently some students that are taking Algebra II that will be transferring into segmented math at semester. These are students who have not passed the WASL and need the kind of help that can be offered in a segmented math course.

Pete Lewis said, "We have to sort through getting students ready to graduate. The impact of adding additional higher level math classes may cause us some problems."

Consensus of the Board was to maintain local control.

Motion by Dennis Lenz, second by Lloyd Wallis, to approve the consent agenda to include:

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of November 26, 2007 (see attached);
- Personnel Actions (see attached); and
- Accounts payable warrants #112,473 through #112,572 in the amount of \$154,218.36; LMS ASB warrants #13,497 through #13,511 in the amount of \$1,613.08 and CHS ASB warrants #13,512 through #13,540 in the amount of \$19,255.62; payment of the Federal 941 Electronic Funds Transfer and payroll warrants #112,345 through #112,471 in the amount of \$1,368,565.92 for payment; motion carried.

- MINUTES
- PERSONNEL
- BILLS & PAYROLL

Motion by Lloyd Wallis, second by Nancy Randall, to approve the second reading and adoption of Board Policies as follows:

2ND READING &
ADOPTION OF BOARD
POLICIES

- 2000, Student Learning Goals
- 2151, Interscholastic Activities

Reference Updates Only:

- 2021, Library Media Centers
- 2090, Program Evaluation
- 2106, Program Compliance
- 2320, Field Trips, Excursions & Outdoor Ed.
- 2336, Required Observances
- 2340, Religious-Related Activities & Practices
- 2420, Grading & Progress Reports
- 2421, Promotion / Retention
- 3110, Qualifications of Attendance & Placement
- 3200, Rights & Responsibilities

Deleted Policies:

- 2080, Comprehensive Student Assessment System
- 2100, Instructional Program Offerings
- 2171, School to Work

(see attached); motion carried.

2ND READING &
ADOPTION OF BOARD
POLICIES CONTINUED

BUS PURCHASE

Ray Nicholson, Transportation Supervisor, reported that he has been told that Clarkston has the oldest fleet in the State of Washington. Three buses are 26 years old and four buses are 23-25 years old. Ray said "It's difficult to find parts for repairs." The older buses are used a minimum amount but are serviced for backup use. The state will reimburse 10% of the purchase price of any bus that is purchased between July 2007 and July 2009. The four recommended bus specifications range from 77 to 55 passenger buses. Ray recommends ordering two buses this year (a 77 passenger trip bus and a 53 passenger route bus) and two additional 53 and 26 passenger buses as soon as possible or during the 2008-09 school year. Ray said he was told that buses will be increasing in price by approximately \$3,000. The goal is to have a fleet with buses that are 13 year or newer. A continuous replacement cycle needs to be in place to keep from having to replace numerous buses at one time in the future. Putting seat belts on the buses would add another \$10,000 to the cost of the bus. A trip bus will take 6 months for delivery and 3 or 4 months for a route bus. The district would receive a larger discount if four buses are purchased at one time. Wendy Rimmelpacher, Business and Human Services Director shared only two buses were included in the budget.

Motion by Floyd Kane, second by Dennis Lenz, to approve the recommendation by Ray Nicolson, Transportation Director, to purchase two new buses immediately with the possibility of purchasing two additional buses (one route and one trip bus) in the near future if budget allows in order to receive the 10% discount and better pricing per bus (see attached); motion carried.

Motion by Floyd Kane, second by Lloyd Wallis, to accept the donation from Thomas A. Plein Foundation Family Trust Fund, President, Matthew Frazier, Henderson, Nevada in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase sets of reading books to be used in the classrooms (see attached); motion carried.

HEIGHTS ELEM.
DONATION

Board members asked if the buses had any problems in the snow today. Ray shared that he drove the routes early in the morning and called six students because the bus wouldn't be able to get up a hill for their route.

BOARD COMMENTS

The Board took a five minute recess at 7:45 p.m. to sign Oath of Office paperwork prior to the Executive Session.

RECESS

Motion by Nancy Randall, second by Floyd Kane, to move into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 8:10 p.m. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dennis Lenz, second by Nancy Randall, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

GREG CASTELLAW, PRESIDENT

PETE LEWIS, SECRETARY