

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EVERETT, WASHINGTON
Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors of Everett Public Schools, Snohomish County, Washington, held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Educational Service Center, 4730 Colby Avenue, Everett, Washington. Those in attendance were: Carol Andrews, Sue Cooper, Kristie Dutton, Karen Madsen and Ed Petersen.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Cooper called for any changes to the agenda. Superintendent Gary Cohn indicated that there would be a revised Personnel Report and a revised Resolution 972 (Item 7b). With that, Kristie Dutton moved for adoption of the revised agenda. Carol Andrews seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kristie Dutton moved to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2009. Carol Andrews seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Cohn distributed draft documents for an Equity & Access Advisory Council and a Fiscal Advisory Council (E:53/10). He invited comments from the Board either electronically or via U.S. Mail.

SUPT. COMMENTS

Next, he distributed a list of community meetings he is holding (attached), followed by a grid showing legislative priority meetings he is organizing (attached) and for which he is seeking Board member attendance. In addition, he shared the list of legislative priorities that will be used as a handout with the legislators.

Dr. Cohn confirmed attendance of the Board members at the WSSDA conference and discussed logistics.

Athletic Director Robert Polk provided a summary of the successes that District athletic teams have had so far this year, both in sports and academically (attached).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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COMMENT**

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

None.

**RECOGNITION OF
RETIREES**

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Administration provided an update on the progress the District is making in the development of a pre-K to 3 learning system (E:54/10). Curriculum Specialist Lynn Lahey spoke of the long-term goal of creating a web of connections and partnerships to support early learning as a strong foundation for success in school and life. She said indicators of success show an increased number of children coming ready for kindergarten and an increased number of children reading and doing math at level at the end of first grade. She reported that an effective plan must follow seven steps:

**REPORT—
DEVELOPMENT
OF A PLAN FOR
PARTNERSHIPS
WITH
PRESCHOOL
PROVIDERS**

- Step 1—Establish the need and common interest
- Step 2—Connect w/early learning environments and providers
- Step 3—Develop a district early learning leadership team

- Step 4—Provide high quality professional development and tools
- Step 5—Align and connect quality Pre-K and kindergarten
- Step 6—Maximize the benefits of the kindergarten program
- Step 7—Align and connect strong kindergarten program with grades 1-3

She asserted that children who start behind have through first grade to make up the difference and children who start strong stay strong. We must all be part of the effort to raise achievement.

Board member Petersen said it is great to see that there is a strong plan. He went on to ask about the parent as an educator. Lynn concurred and said work in that arena is being done. Terry noted that the district is the largest provider in the county of ECEAP services.

Board member Dutton said there appears to be a huge waiting list for services. Lynn replied that it is unlikely the state will be providing an expansion of services, but Terry noted that after the upcoming legislative session there may be more direction.

ACTION ITEMS

Karen Madsen moved for approval of the revised consent agenda. Kristie Dutton seconded the motion.

- 1) Personnel Report (revised) (E:55/10);
- 2) Voucher Lists (E:56/10);
- 3) Change Order No. 4: Everett High School Cafeteria and Commercial Building Seismic Upgrades (E:57/10);
- 4) Monetary Gift from The NEA Foundation to Penny Creek Elementary School in the Amount of \$5,000 (E:58/10);
- 5) Res. 974: Attendance of New Board Member at WSSDA Fall Conference (Res.04/10);
- 6) Authorization to Contract with Providence Children's Center for Early Childhood Intervention Services (E:59/10).

The motion carried unanimously.

The Administration recommended the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 972: Replacement Levy for Educational Programs and Operations, to establish a special election on February 9, 2010 (Res.05/10). Resolution 972 authorizes the District to collect \$40,000,000 in 2011; \$41,500,000 in 2012; \$43,000,000 in 2013; and \$45,000,000 in 2014 for educational programs and operations purposes. Executive Director for Finance and Operations Jeff Moore noted that the original resolution provided to the Board contained a typographical error (regarding years of collection) at the top of page 2. The resolution before the Board tonight is a corrected version.

With that, Karen Madsen moved for the adoption of the corrected Resolution 972: Replacement Levy for Educational Programs and Operations, to establish a special election on February 9, 2010. Ed Petersen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Cohn thanked Jeff Moore and Executive Director for Facilities and Operations Mike Gunn for preparing the resolutions for consideration tonight. Much research, thought and work has gone into this.

President Cooper commended the effort and forethought that went into the crafting of these resolutions. She thanked everyone who contributed to their preparation. These measures are very important. It is important to maintain strong educational programs, to press forward to communicate with and educate the community.

REPORT— DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS (cont'd.)

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 972: REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS

The Administration recommended the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 973: Building Repair and Technology Levy, to establish a special election on February 9, 2010 (Res. 06/10). Resolution 973 authorizes the District to collect \$8,000,000 each year for six years beginning in 2011 through 2016 for renovation and improvement of existing district facilities and for technology improvements, equipment and training to meet the current and future educational programs for its students.

**RESOLUTION 973:
BUILDING
REPAIRS &
TECHNOLOGY
LEVY**

With that, Carol Andrews moved for adoption of Resolution 973: Building Repair and Technology Levy, to establish a special election on February 9, 2010. Kristie Dutton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS

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His Board colleagues welcomed Board member Ed Petersen back from a several-week trip to Ethiopia where he helped with a polio eradication project on behalf of the Rotary. It was an extremely educational and enjoyable trip.

President Cooper said she assembled a basket of goodies for auction at the upcoming WSSDA conference. She and her Board colleagues paid for the basket and its contents.

Board member Madsen reported that she attended a Core 24 task force meeting as a representative of WSSDA. She also attended a meeting of the Quality Education Council. Both meetings were held in Olympia.

With no further comments, President Cooper called for a 10-minute recess at 5:45 p.m. At this time, the group moved to conference room C3 which is down the hall from the Board Room in the Educational Service Center.

BOARD ACTION AND/OR BOARD DISCUSSION

**STUDY SESSION—
STRATEGIC PLAN
REFRESH
PROCESS**

President Cooper re-convened the regular meeting in conference room C3 at 5:55 p.m. and opened the study session concerning the strategic plan refresh process (E:60/10). Facilitating was Dr. Pamela Posey and Dr. Kenneth Jones.

Pam reviewed the handout and said there needs to be more clarity about some of the community engagement and study session topics and what they mean. Certain teams need to be established. There needs to be a Strategic Plan Council. The environmental scan needs to be updated and a review of existing data conducted. A design team needs to be established. Big-picture visioning exercises need to be done, collating the information, and matching/aligning it to the current strategic plan. Dr. Cohn said the initial work is to determine the current structure. A plan will be created to communicate it to the buildings.

Discussion followed about key topics for community engagement and for study sessions. The Board was asked to provide written definitions of the key topics listed in the handout and submit them to the superintendent.

With no further discussion, President Cooper adjourned the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Gary Cohn, Secretary

Sue Cooper, President