

# ESD 112 Board Briefs

February 23, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.  
ESD 112 – Columbia Room  
2500 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, Washington 98661

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## MEMBERS PRESENT

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Bill Baumann, Vice President  
Ken Botero  
Ann Campbell  
Marilyn Koenninger  
Richard Graham  
Darlene Stickel, President



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## MEMBERS EXCUSED

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Steve Wrightson

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## CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' regular business meeting was called to order by President Darlene Stickel at 3:02 p.m. on February 23, 2010, with a quorum of six members present. Steve Wrightson was excused.

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## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

Marnie Allen, *Attorney, Facilities Planning*; Ann Hutchison, *Director, Special Education Cooperative*; and former ESD board member, Roy Garrison, attended a portion of the meeting as a guest.

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## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Loy Dale, *Executive Director, School and Agency Operations*, was recognized by the board with an engraved plaque for his completion of the Executives in Residence program sponsored by the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA). Loy expressed appreciation to the board for the opportunity to shadow Cliff Carmody, Executive Director SW/WC Service Cooperative, Marshall, Minnesota. The program offered a significant growth experience with considerable exposure to operations in another state.

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## PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- A Quality Schools Coalition meeting was held January 28 at Evergreen School District. Darlene Stickel attended on behalf of the ESD and reported important funding issues are facing educators in Clark County. Discussion centered on the proposed change in levy lid. In general, districts in southwest Washington do not support raising the cap as it will create more local issues.
- The Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) and the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) held the annual Legislative Conference in Olympia on February 7-8. Ken Botero and Richard Graham attended the sessions on behalf of the ESD. Much of the discussion centered on a recent supreme court ruling regarding funding the paramount duty of basic education in Washington State. One session, conducted by Thomas Ahearne of Foster Pepper, PLCC, highlighted some of the judge's recommendations and opinions.
- The Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) Executive Board Meeting was held in Olympia on February 9. Bill Baumann attended as the AESD representative from ESD 112. A draft brochure was distributed that AESD is developing to further clarify assured services throughout the state.
- The annual audit entrance interview was conducted with ESD staff and board members on February 18. Darlene Stickel represented the board and gave a brief summary of the areas that will be audited this year. The auditors predicted they would be finished by the first week of March. The exit interview will be conducted in mid-March. Board members will be notified of the meeting.
- The fourth Vancouver School District Patron Tour was hosted by Superintendent Steve Webb on February 10. Darlene Stickel attended and summarized the activity as worthwhile. A visit to Hazel Dell Elementary proved especially enjoyable as each visitor received a hand-written letter from a student explaining points of interest about the school.

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## CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence file items were reviewed by Lori Williams, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, with the following items included:

- Letter of appreciation from Governor Christine Gregoire to Jada Rupley, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth and Family Services*, for the recently submitted draft "Washington State Early Learning Plan" and recommendations for first steps to implement the plan. The energy, passion, and good work that went into this inclusive, interactive process is quite obvious.
- Congratulation letter to Darlene Stickel, *ESD Board President*, on the receipt of a new Head Start grant.

- Email thanks from Karla Schlosser, *Special Services Administrator, Vancouver Public Schools*, for the quality of professional development, materials, and leadership that Barbara Lomas, *Director, School Improvement – Staff Development*, and Lani Gordon, *Professional Development Coordinator*, are providing in their work with Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for Vancouver Public Schools.
- Recommendations of the 2010 AESD Nominating Committee for AESD officers included: Charlie Staadecker (Puget Sound ESD 121) service as AESD President; Larry MacGuffie (North Central ESD 171) service as AESD Vice President; and Brad Gingerich (ESD 123) service as AESD Past President.
- An announcement of the Vancouver Planning Commission’s First Tuesday presentation of “School Finance 101 – The Role Levies Play in Public Education,” Tuesday, February 2, 2010. Tim Merlino, *Chief Finance Officer*, and Brett Blehschmidt, *Assistant Fiscal Officer*, presented.
- Washington State Auditor’s Office entrance audit materials were enclosed.
- Green Mountain Schools’ Gazette featured news from the interim superintendent, Mike Stromme, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services and Technology*.
- Notice of an annual bus inspection to occur in April.
- A copy of a Southwest Regional Data Center PowerPoint proposal for the Longview School District was presented.
- Columbian article, “Evergreen Wins Money for School,” featuring the new Health and Bioscience Academy to be created in partnership with Southwest Washington Medical Center.
- Columbian article, “Webinars Educate Parents,” showcasing the ESD 112 program aimed at keeping kids safe and healthy.
- Reengineering Academy 2010 brochure from Region 4 Education Service Center in Houston, Texas, listing Superintendent Twyla Barnes as a panel guest.

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

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- Facilities planning update was provided by Tim Merlino, *Chief Finance Officer*, with an ESD financing summary and project cost estimates. No action is needed at this time as staff continue to explore options.
- The legislative report was provided by Loy Dale, *Executive Director, School and Agency Operations*. Focus of the report was a summary of the McLeary vs. State of Washington lawsuit recently decided by a Washington State Supreme Court judge. Clear definitions were given of the words “paramount,” “ample,” and “all” as they apply to the legislature’s requirement to provide basic education to the state’s children. Despite numerous cost studies over the past 30 years, the lack of funding of education remains an issue. The court has mandated the legislature establish the cost per student and a reliable, stable funding source for education.
- The Heritage Project video interviews for three board members were conducted prior to the board meeting. Roy Garrison was also interviewed as a former board member. Roy reported he was impressed with the project and thought it a good idea for the future. Three additional board members will be interviewed following the board meeting. The project is a web-based archive of ESD histories statewide and will be launched during the 2010 AESD Conference.
- The house and senate budgets have been released and Tim Merlino, *Chief Finance Officer*, provided a summary of cuts and consequences for ESD programs.
- Superintendent Twyla Barnes reported the following:
  - AESD 2010 Conference planning is moving forward. Staff are working hard to make this an excellent conference. Board conference duties will be outlined at the March meeting.
  - Regional superintendents from Clark and Cowlitz counties are discussing planning a business and educational leaders conference to discuss common legislative goals. ESD 112 has volunteered to host the event in the fall.
  - Vancouver Public Schools’ Management Task Force has requested Twyla Barnes and Anne Kennedy to provide an overview of “STEM,” a statewide initiative to improve science, technology, engineering and math instruction.
  - The Green Mountain School District superintendent search is underway. A meeting with the board will be held this week to discuss the criteria for a new superintendent.

## BOARD REORGANIZATION

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President Darlene Stickel appointed Richard Graham to serve as AESD Representative for 2010 and Ken Botero to serve as the Legislative Representative for 2010.

## PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

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**Motion passed** to approve Consent Agenda including: Personnel Reports January 2010; and Financial Reports January 2010.

**Motion passed** to approve Minutes of the ESD Board of Directors' meeting of January 26, 2010.

**Motion passed** to approve Special Education Cooperative Agreement as revised.

**Motion passed** to approve changing April ESD 112 Board meeting in April from April 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. at the Vancouver Hilton to April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the ESD.

**Motion passed** to recognize Bill Fromhold with the Distinguished Service Award 2010 during the agency's annual Flag Day celebration on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

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Next board meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



For questions, please contact, Pat Bowden at (360) 750-7500 ext. 255 or email: [pat.bowden@esd112.org](mailto:pat.bowden@esd112.org). Approved minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings are kept in the ESD 112 Administration Offices and are public record.