

ESD 112 Board Briefs

March 26, 2009 • 7:00 P.M.
Green Mountain School District
13105 NE Grinnell Road
Woodland, WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darlene Stickel, presiding
Bill Baumann
Marilyn Koenninger
Richard Graham



MEMBERS EXCUSED

Ann Campbell
Steve Wrightson
Ken Botero

SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT

Dr. Doris Delaney, *Deputy Director, Region IV Educational Service Center, Houston, Texas*; Dr. Tony Dunn; *Regional Coordinator for Specialized Student Services*; Nicholas Montoya, *Speech and Language Pathologist*; Judy DeRosa, *Paraeducator*.

JOINT BOARDS DISCUSSION

Prior to the regular business meeting, the boards of directors from Green Mountain School District and ESD 112 met for an informal leader-to-leader exchange. This visitation is part of the "Listening and Learning" tour the ESD 112 Board is making this year in an effort to understand district needs on a more individualized level. Specific areas of concern for Green Mountain School District include the financial impacts of current pending legislation and small school district consolidation disadvantages to local children.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made regarding the following events by those in attendance:

- 2009 State of the City Address -- February 26 - Marilyn Koenninger
- WASA Small Schools Conference – March 1-3 - Ann Campbell (*excused, no report*)
- Children Northwest Board Meeting – March 10 - Bill Baumann, Marilyn Koenninger
- ESD Regional Art Show Reception – March 10 - Richard Graham, Ken Botero (*excused*)
- Clark County Quality Schools – March 13 - Ann Campbell (*excused, report by Superintendent Barnes*)
- Annual Audit Exit Interview – March 18 - Richard Graham

CORRESPONDENCE FILE

The following items were contained in the Correspondence File:

- A card of congratulations from Robert and Sally Schaefer on 40 years of service for ESD 112.
- Thank you from Battle Ground High School "Futures 2009" for the ESD Agency Job Fair.
- Email from Sheryl Shew, Teacher, Loowit High School, Kelso School District, to **Mike Watters**, *Copywriter/Graphic Designer*, regarding his inspiration for one young student artist, Haley May, to enter one her photographs. It was a very motivating experience for her to participate.
- A Columbian news article, "A 'Supernanny' serves the county," highlighted the work of ESD employee, **Leslie Celestin**, *Early Learning Resource Specialist*, with preschool parents and teachers across the Clark County area.
- Email note of appreciation for the ESD tech department for specific, accurate, and timely help. **Brant Russell**, *Director, Communications and Information Management*; **Debby Tschirgi**, *Director, Educational Technology*; and **Jeff Andrews**, *Computer Network Consultant*, assisted Alan Bennett, Superintendent, Naselle-Grays River Valley School District, with some district level tech decisions.
- Thank you card from Vancouver School District Superintendent, Steven Webb, in appreciation of the Regional Student Art Show and a job well done.
- Email congratulations to **Mike Watters**, *Copywriter/Graphic Designer*, and **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, for an amazing Regional High School Student Art Show "- Standing Room Only!" from AnnRené Joseph, Program Supervisor, The Arts, OSPI.
- Letter to Dennis Mathews, from Millie Watkins, Superintendent, Orondo School District, ESD 123, for time spent sharing information with school board members regarding Orondo District's progress toward full membership with the ESD 112 Special Education Cooperative.

- Email congratulations from Glenys Hill, Superintendent, Kelso School District, to the ESD public information team of **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School and Agency Operations*, **Mike Watters**, *Copywriter/Graphic Designer*, and **Eric Jacobson**, *Public Information Coordinator*, for an impressive “snapshot” of recent projects and services accomplished for the district with help from the Communications Department.
- Letter thanking **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth, and Family Services*, from Vancouver Mayor, Royce E. Pollard, for help in selecting a consultant to conduct the review of the Vancouver Police Department along with an invitation to continued involvement with the oversight committee.
- Letter thanking **Dennis Mathews**, *Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services*, from Suzanne Cusick, Superintendent, Longview School District, for contribution to the WASA Management Review in Longview on January 29 and 30.
- A copy of the Clark County Schools Student Threat Assessment Program that was sent to Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, (D). The update was prepared by **Peggy Sandberg**, *Director of Risk Management*, at Senator McAuliffe’s request during the 40 Year Celebration of Washington’s ESDs in Olympia on February 24, 2009.
- **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth, and Family Services*, was invited to serve as one of ten Washington state delegates to a Learning Lab sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation. Representatives from four states including Washington, Hawaii, Mississippi, and Florida will meet in March.
- Copy of a letter sent to the ESD 112 Board of Directors confirming voluntary pay freezes by superintendent and cabinet for the upcoming 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- Email letter to ESD 112 staff from Superintendent Twyla Barnes providing economic update, projected revenue shortfall, and impact on 112 programs/services.
- Email notification to staff that, effective March 31st, an agency reduction in cost savings can be realized by discontinuing the practice of mailing out paychecks and payroll remittance information to employees who work on the ESD 112 campus. Employees are asked to pick up their paycheck/remittance advice within one week of payday. Email reminders will be sent out.
- Woodland School District notification to discontinue school nurse services through ESD 112 for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Minutes of Special Education Cooperative Executive Advisory Minutes and Stimulus Q&A.
- The original decision package from OSPI containing all the details of several ESD requests for additional fiscal officers to help with those school districts that are in extreme financial distress.
- Proclamation from the City of Vancouver in congratulation to Educational Service District’s 40 Years of Service.
- Nutrition News-ESD 112 Child Care and Family Services Child Nutrition Program – Winter 2008-09.
- Preliminary March 10th Bond Election Results Report.
- Letter acknowledging membership of **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth, and Family Services*, to the Clark County School Advisory Committee.
- Vancouver Public School Newsletter – March 6, 2009.
- RIF Workshop Invitation and meeting agenda and PowerPoint.
- Private Schools Day Program from March 16, 2009, event.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Doris Delaney, *Deputy Director, Region IV Educational Service Center, Houston, Texas*, was introduced and reported on her visit to ESD 112 as an Executive in Residence Program participant. Dr. Delaney will also be visiting ESCs in Michigan and California states, and is looking forward to the comparison of the three regions.

ESD 112 is the host region for the AESD 2010 Conference. A worksheet prepared by staff with estimates of conference costs was reviewed and all options discussed. The final decision regarding location for the conference will be delayed until the April meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Twyla Barnes, *Superintendent*, reported the following:

- The state auditors have completed the annual audit with no findings. It is noted that ESD 112 has had a clean audit for 13 years in a row. Richard Graham commended **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Financial Officer*, and the fiscal staff for an outstanding job.
- The legislative session is busy. A statewide summary of revenue was prepared by the ESD superintendents and presented to legislators in Olympia which clearly defines the baseline figures received by each ESD. The network of ESDs adds close to \$40 million of new revenue to the state annually.
- There has been renewed interest in the special education cooperative by Stevenson School District. In addition, prospective interest has been expressed by ESDs 101 and 123 for districts in these regions. **Dennis Mathews**, *Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services*, continues to work to expand cooperative services.
- A message to all staff was distributed this month regarding budget. A few positive notes: Instructional Services and Technology Department staff has secured a \$700,000 four-year grant for math and science teachers. Specialized Student Services staff is looking closely at what federal stimulus may be available for the special education cooperative. The 2010 budget cannot be accurately forecast until we have better understanding of what district budgets will be. On April 9th an all staff meeting will be held and we will report the current status of budget development. Connections will be made for field staff to be part of that budget message as well.
- The Regional Superintendents will meet on March 27th for a regular business meeting. Budget will be a large part of the discussion.
- **Jim Rinta**, *Threat Assessment Coordinator*, presented before the House Education Committee on Threat Assessment on March 26th.
- A fire occurred in Wahkiakum School District which caused damage to the stadium. **Jim Rochelle**, *Insurance Adjuster – Property & Casualty*, was a first responder to assess damages. Mr. Rochelle will be retiring this year, and this event will be his final case to close before his retirement.
- The Skills Center Feasibility Study for Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties group met to discuss what planning could take place for a study. Labor, community college, and both school district were represented in a meeting

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve meeting minutes of February 24, 2009.
- **Motion passed** to approve Personnel Activity and Expense reports for February 2009.
- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.09.02 – In the Matter Authorizing the Superintendent to Reduce Programs for the 2009-2010 School Year and to Issue Reduction in Force and Other Required Notices.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Regular ESD 112 Board Meeting – **APRIL 28, 2009** – at ESD 112 – Columbia Room.
- Other Meetings:
 1. AESD Annual Conference – April 16-19, 2009
 2. Clark County GAP Graduation – May 27, 2009, 7:00 PM, Skyview High School, Vancouver
Cowlitz County GAP Commencement – May 28, 2009, 12:00 noon, Structured Learning Center, Longview

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