

ESD 112 Board Briefs

August 26, 2008 • 6:30 P.M. • ESD 112 – Columbia Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Campbell, presiding
Richard Graham,
Darlene Stickel,
Bill Baumann,
Steve Wrightson,
And Ken Botero



GUEST

Barbara Lomas, *Director, School Improvement – Staff Development*

PUBLIC COMMENT

- The Washington Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) Executive Board met on July 1, 2008, in Spokane, Washington. Bill Baumann attended and made brief comments on the proposed increase to the contract for legislative liaison services. Action will be requested later in the meeting.
- The Children Northwest (CNW) Board met August 12, 2008. Bill Baumann, President, reported ten scholarship awards were presented to CNW staff members in amounts ranging from \$100-\$200 to be used in professional development. **Patty Pepin**, *Assistant Fiscal Officer*, presented a financial software demonstration that will streamline the budgeting process for child care. An Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) grant awarded 36 additional slots to improve service to four-year old children. Some reorganization will be necessary to provide additional services. A new organizational chart is being presented tonight for action later in the meeting.
- The Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust (VNHRT) Annual Dinner was held at the Historic Reserve Visitor's Center on Officer's Row August 22, 2008. Ann Campbell, Marilyn Koeninger, and Steve Wrightson heard Colin G. Campbell, Chairman and President, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, as the featured speaker. The evening also included a presentation on what children might have learned during pioneer days.
- Ann Campbell accompanied **Mike Stromme**, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services & Technology*, to White Salmon School District for the presentation of Accreditation Certification to the White Salmon High School staff. The program was attended by all White Salmon School District staff to recognize the extra effort it took to complete the process of accreditation and to appreciate the outstanding assistance of **Barbara Lomas**, *Director, School Improvement – Staff Development*. The Teacher of the Year nominee, Lori Owen, was also recognized by district and ESD 112 staff.

CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Items contained in the Correspondence file included:

- Letter of appreciation from Jessica Kimmick, Recreation Manager, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, to **Ryan Blodgett**, *Workforce Development Specialist*, for the 1,000+ hours of quality work done by students within the Yacolt Burn State Forest.
- Thank you note from Steven Webb, Superintendent, Vancouver School District, for Twyla Barnes' participation in the leadership development program at the Center for Creative Leadership.
- Thank you note from **Jon Nelson**, *retired Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services & Technology*, to the **ESD 112 Board of Directors** for good wishes and generosity given to him.
- Letter of appreciation from the Naselle-Grays River Valley Board of Directors for ESD 112 scholarship support of the Southwest Washington Superintendent's Learning Corps and their attendance at the Harvard Institute for School Leadership.
- Special note of appreciation from **Suzanne Day**, *Washington Reading Corps Volunteer*, to **George Bowden**, *Facilities Director*, and **Rick Batterberry**, *Maintenance Coordinator*, for consistent and generous assistance at a recent Parents As Teachers (P.A.T.) training held in the Conference &

Institute Center. "You were there every single time we needed something with a smile, a key, a battery charger, and an air compressor."

- Email report of a student incident at the Student Learning Center in Longview School District.
- Final Report to Legacy Health Systems on the AED grant ESD 112 administered.
- Facilities Plan 2008 for the Clark County Skills Center campus.
- News release announcing appointment of **Mark Lewis** as *Director of the Science and Math Education Resource Center (SMERC)*.
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction announcement of an election to fill one position on the State Board of Education.
- Cold Springs Fire Report and Photos – July 17, 2008.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Harvard Professional Learning Community Seminar was a professional development opportunity offered to superintendents in the ESD 112 and held on July 5-12, 2008. **Barbara Lomas**, *Director, School Improvement – Staff Development, Instructional Services & Technology*, coordinated the effort within the region. ESD 112 offered scholarships to eight district superintendents to assist in the costs of attending this seven day institute focused on "Leadership for Large Scale Improvement."
- The AESD Business Meeting update was provided by Bill Baumann. Central to the report was the continuation of the earlier discussion on the AESD/WASA contract for government relations and the proposed increase from \$9,000 to \$13,000 for each ESD. Mr. Baumann reviewed the proposed new contract dates of September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009, as well as other minor details. Extensive discussion followed as action on this item will be requested later in the meeting.
- A brief discussion regarding holding ESD Board meetings out in school districts this year was identified as a "Leader to Leader Exchange." In this time of financial disturbance and flux for many districts, Twyla Barnes suggested the Board engage in a "listening tour" during the school year to give members an opportunity to hear first-hand from local boards on specific local problems. The general consensus of the Board was to move forward with scheduling.
- A revised Children Northwest Organizational Chart was presented by Jada Rupley. Requests for additional services will mean changes in duties and funding and necessitate adjustments to job responsibilities within Children Northwest structure. Superintendent Barnes reported an analysis of operating needs to keep facilities up and running at the top of the list for community child care programs will be completed with recommendations for planning for the future in this child care effort.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Election results show Terry Bergeson and Randy Dorn will run off for Washington Superintendent of Public Instruction. Meetings have been arranged for our legislators to meet at the ESD to discuss legislative priorities.
- The new Purchasing Manager has been hired and is currently working with Digital Edge. He will be working to expand the cooperative to other areas (fuel purchases, food purchases, etc.) when feasible.
- Several ESD 112 school district boards have requested work sessions on governance with Superintendent Barnes. She has successfully completed sessions with four boards this summer to resolve issues and concerns.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve meeting minutes of June 26, 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve Personnel and Financial reports for June and July 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve new Leave Sharing Policy 308.4.
- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.08.07 in the Matter Approving A One-Year Emergency Temporary Out-of-Endorsement Special Education Assignment for Loretta Benenati.
- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.08.08 in the Matter Approving the ESD 112 2007-08 Budget Extension.

- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.08.09 in the Matter Designating the Official Registered Agent to Receive Lawsuits on Behalf of ESD 112.
- **Motion passed** to approve out-of-state travel for Board members to attend AESA Educator's Federal Call to Action in Washington, D.C.; and AESA Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Next regular ESD 112 Board of Directors – 6:30 p.m. – ESD 112 September 23, 2008

OTHER MEETINGS:

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| 1. ESD All Staff Day – Vancouver – 8:30 a.m. | August 28, 2008 |
| 2. AESA Educators' Call to Action Conference | September 15-17, 2008 |
| 3. ESD 112 Annual Board Retreat | October 27-28, 2008 |
| 4. AESA Annual Conference | December 3-6, 2008 |

For questions, please contact, Pat Bowden at (360) 750-7500 ext. 255 or email: pat.bowden@esd112.org.

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