

ESD 112 Board Briefs

December 19, 2008 • 12:30 P.M.
ESD 112 – Clark/Pacific Room
2500 NE 65th Avenue • Vancouver WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Campbell, presiding,
Darlene Stickel,
Marilyn Koeninger,
Steve Wrightson,
and Bill Baumann.
Ken Botero and
Richard Graham joined
via conference call.



SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT

- Bernadette Campbell, Board guest
- Tacey Wrightson, Board guest
- Marnie Allen, Attorney
- 32 Members of Monday Morning Leadership
- Katie Hebner, ESD 112 Teacher of the Year
- Roseanne Ball, *ERC Member*
- Sharon Green, *ERC Member*
- Michelle Wolfe, *ERC Member*
- Brandee Barnes, *ERC Chair*
- Sharon Irwin, *ERC Member*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public and Board comments were offered on the following activities:

- AESA 2008 National Conference was held on December 3-6, 2008. Board members elected not to attend this annual event to show support for districts facing budget shortfalls and to make cost savings for the ESD. **Twyla Barnes**, Superintendent, presented at the conference, and **Loy Dale**, Executive Director, School & Agency Operations, attended as part of the Executive in Residence program requirements.
- Children Northwest Board Meeting was held on December 8 and was attended by Bill Bauman. Increases in rates were approved for parents and salaries for staff based on research on other child care centers in the area. CNW compensation remains competitive.
- **Bill Baumann** attended a Vancouver School District Patron Tour on December 12, 2008, which highlighted the new Spanish Emersion Program at Harney Elementary. The tour also included the School of Arts and Academics. These tours are highly recommended by Mr. Baumann.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Employee Representative Council Annual Report was presented by Council Chair, **Brandee Barnes**, *Secretary I, Children, Youth & Family Services*. An overview of the projects undertaken by the council this year included giving opportunities, staff events, employee suggestion box response, and safety issues. Of special note was the formation of the "Green Team" to assist the ESD in advancing the cause of recycling and conservation of resources. After the report, ERC members were presented with their 2008 Service Year Pin and a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the ESD Board of Directors by President Ann Campbell and Board Member, Steve Wrightson.
- Katie Hebner, ESD 112 Regional Teacher of the Year, was introduced by **Mike Stromme**, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services and Technology*. Mr. Stromme explained the teacher of the year program is a statewide program operated in each ESD throughout the state. Each of the nine ESDs nominates a candidate and OSPI selects the winner. Katie Hebner is a music teacher in Vancouver School District at Alki and Jefferson middle schools. Ms. Hebner spoke of her early experiences and of teachers who saw more in her than she saw in herself. A certificate was presented to honor Ms. Hebner's achievement which will allow her to purchase \$100 of school supplies for her classroom.
- **Twyla Barnes**, *Superintendent*, introduced "Monday Morning Leadership" and made a comment about each member's contribution to the agency. Superintendent Barnes complimented the group as an unparalleled talent pool, statewide, possessing many diverse skills and the ability to weather difficult financial times.
- **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Financial Officer*, provided a brief overview of possible financial impacts from the recently published Governor's budget. Potential cuts of up to \$1.5 million for ESDs statewide will result in reductions in up to 15 different programs. This initial proposed reduction may change as the legislature convenes and considers the Governor's proposal. Meetings will be held to keep staff informed as more information becomes available.

CORRESPONDENCE FILE

The following items were contained in the Correspondence File:

- Proclamation from Governor Christine O. Gregoire for the 40 year celebration of the creation of ESDs in the state of Washington.
- Email report of the ESD 112 **students of the Center for Career and Academic Advancement program**, located at the Clark County Skills Center, collecting 1,171 pounds of food for the Clark County Food Bank.
- Email thank you to the **ESD Holiday Celebration Planning Committee** members for a great staff event on December 12th. Copies of photos of Santa and Mrs. Santa who visited the activities were also included.
- Thank you letter from Washougal School District Superintendent, Teresa Baldwin, for support and services to the district provided by **Lori Williams, Deputy Director, School & Agency Operations; Marnie Allen, Legal Counsel; Dennis Mathews, Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services; Loy Dale, Executive Director, School & Agency Operations; Tim Merlino, Chief Financial Officer**, and the staff of the curriculum and technology departments.
- Letter from **Melissa Kreuder, United Way 2008 Campaign Coordinator**, notifying Superintendent Twyla Barnes of the total raised from ESD 112 employees of \$5,768 for United Way Programs, an increase of \$1,000 over last year.
- Thank you letter from John O. Vencill, Executive Director of Human Resources, Longview Scholl District, to **George Bowden, Facilities Director**, for participation and assistance in the interview and selection process for a new Facilities Manager for Longview School District.
- News articles from the Columbian regarding the Ridgefield/La Center school districts boundary decision.
- A letter from Price Waterhouse Coopers to **Loy Dale, Executive Director, School & Agency Operations**, outlining the consideration of a disbursement of funds to the membership. A final decision will be made once the actual impacts of outstanding financial issues are considered.
- Draft flier for Private Schools Day at ESD 112.
- Copy of a letter to Mary Jean Ryan, Chair of the Washington State Board of Education, expressing several areas of concern of the 112 region's school districts with the initial release of the "System of Accountability and Innovation" presented on November 7, 2008 by Edie Harding.
- Letter from the State Board of Education Chair, Mary Jean Ryan, in response to concerns on system accountability. Further discussion with district superintendents will refine the adoption of a general framework of accountability.
- Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) agenda and materials for the meeting with State Superintendent-Elect, Randy Dorn and the OSPI 2008 transition Staff.
- Letter to John M. Waters, Principal, Radixos. LLC, in response to concerns about Constructions Service Group services to school districts.
- Email explanation from **Karen Schwartzrock, Human Resources Director**, to all ESD staff of the Employee Assistance Programs and Dial 2-1-1 resources available.
- Notification from Kelso School District Superintendent, Dr. Glenys Hill, of discontinuing membership in the Instructional Media Cooperative effective June 2009.
- Agenda for the ESD 112 Legislative Forum, December 12, 2008.
- Inlement Weather Guidelines for ESD 112 field staff and facility staff.
- Cowlitz County Skills Center Feasibility Study Executive Summary Update – November 24, 2008.
- Clark County Skills Center Superintendents; Administrative Council Meeting Agenda – December 16, 2008.
- Southwest Washington Child Care Consortium Board Packet.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Twyla Barnes, Superintendent**, her report as follows:
 - Northwest Service Academy (NWSA) Board of Directors are holding an email meeting which will require action on the following items:
 1. a resolution to reappoint six members to the Board;
 2. election of officers;
 3. approval of the Agreement for AmeriCorps Services between ESD 112 and NWSA;
 4. authorization of Marnie Allen as State of Washington Registered Agent for NWSA;
 5. a resolution to change the fiscal year;
 6. authorization to search for certified public accountants to conduct an independent financial review.
 - Please return your ballot by December 30, 2008
 - Don Donaldson, President of the NWSA Board, has announced his resignation from the Board due to increased family commitments.

- The two-year boundary issue between La Center and Ridgefield school districts has by the Regional Committee on School District Boundary Organization. The hearing held on December 11th, reheard the petition to transfer portions of territory from Ridgefield to La Center. In a 4 to 3 vote, La Center's request was denied.
- The ESD 112 Board meeting scheduled for Castle Rock School District in January will be rescheduled next year.
- Districts from the region gathered at ESD 112 on December 12th for the annual Legislative Forum. Excellent representation was present from both political parties – Democrats and Republicans. District leaders and legislators cited the value of the format and discussion and requests it be held again next year.
- The ESD 112 main campus will be closed December 24-25-26 and January 1 to observe scheduled holidays.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve meeting minutes of November 25, 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve Personnel Activity and Expense reports for November 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve Proposed Resolution R.08.11– In the Matter of Suspension of Board Policy 102.5d and Adoption of a Non-Discrimination Policy.
- **Motion passed** to approve Proposed Resolution R.08.12– In the Matter of ESD 112 403(b) Plan Agreement.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular ESD 112 Board Meeting – **JANUARY 27, 2009** – ESD 112, Columbia Room, 2500 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661

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