

ESD 112 Board Briefs

February 24, 2009 • 6:30 P.M.
ESD 113 – Board Room
601 McPhee Road SW, Olympia WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

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



SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT

Dr. Bill Keim, Superintendent, ESD 113; Howard Coble, ESD 113 Board Member; Marcia Fromhold, Legislative Consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. The **Washington ESDs 40 Year Celebration Reception** was held at the Capitol State Reception Room in Olympia on Tuesday, February 24th. The event was attended by approximately 100 state legislators, educators, superintendents, and ESD board members and staff. Lt. Governor Brad Owen offered opening remarks in congratulation to ESDs for 40 years of service to Washington's children. Bill Baumann served as master of ceremonies with Dr. Jane Gutting, Superintendent, ESD 105. Dr. Michael Grubbs, Superintendent, Green Mountain School District was among the special guest speakers.
- B. The **AESD Executive Board Meeting** held on February 9th was reported by AESD President, Bill Baumann. The network funding system-wide model was approved and next steps include concepts and control. The work being accomplished by this Board has dramatized how important it is that we define the action of the AESD as opposed to the separate ESDs involved.
- C. The **Annual State Audit Entrance Interview** was conducted on February 11th at the ESD with Darlene Stickel representing the Board. Ms. Stickel reported the audit will focus on some of the smaller programs. As the auditors begin to use more and more information from the websites, it saves time spent in districts. When the Exit Interview occurs, Board members will be notified.
- D. The **WASA/WSSDA Annual Legislative Conference** was held on February 8th-9th in Olympia. Richard Graham, Ken Botero, and Bill Baumann attended on behalf of the Board. This conference gives school districts an opportunity to speak directly to legislators on issues of concern and importance. ESD 112 Board members attend to support districts' efforts. The stimulus package was a major point in discussion groups.

ESD 113 OPERATIONS

Dr. Bill Keim, Superintendent, ESD 113, highlighted several programs of the ESD 113 operation. Board members learned detailed logistics and statistics of the region; True North Student Assessment; Sound to Harbor Head Start/ECEAP; Collection of Evidence – Developmentally Appropriate WASL; Center for Research and Data Analysis; Traffic Safety; and school district data Dashboard.

CORRESPONDENCE FILE

The following items were contained in the Correspondence File:

- Thank you card from Holly Williams, Evergreen School District Board member, to **Superintendent Twyla Barnes** for a recent meeting.
- Email testimonial to **Mike Stromme**, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services and Technology*, from **Mo D'angelo**, *Intervention Specialist* assigned to Heritage High School, Evergreen School District, regarding a very much appreciated new ESD treatment program, New Options Youth Recovery Program, for students with drug and alcohol issues and their families. **Reggie Sherwood**, *Chemical Dependency Professional*, and **Denise Dishongh**, *Youth Treatment / Parent Project Coordinator*,

assigned to this site are doing an outstanding job of holding students to the program and have provided an opportunity to address issues in an atmosphere of comfort and acceptance.

- Kiona-Benton City School District #52 Board of Directors, Benton City, Washington, sent a thank you letter to Dr. Twyla Barnes on behalf of **Dax Logsdon**, *Regional Construction Project Manager, Construction Services Group*, for support received by the district on a high school renovation projects. Mr. Logsdon played a key role in the project's completion and was praised for tracking and maintaining costs; ability to work with various groups; leadership and advice; outstanding performance; dedication and ownership as part of the team; and going well beyond expectation.
- Email note to **Eric Jacobson**, *Public Information Coordinator*, on work accomplished to launch the new Vancouver Public Schools website.
- Letter from Roger Michaelis, President/CEO, IQ Credit Union, to **Superintendent Twyla Barnes**, congratulating ESDs on the 40th anniversary celebration of outstanding leadership and support for local school districts.
- A copy of the "Private Schools Day" event preview of presentations scheduled on March 16th at ESD 112.
- A copy of the Proclamation from the State of Washington's Governor Christine Gregoire recognizing the 40th year anniversary.
- Letter from Washington State Patrol to **Superintendent Twyla Barnes** regarding an annual school bus inspection April 14-16.
- 2009 AESD Nominating Committee Notice
- Email from John Deeder, Superintendent, Evergreen School District regarding recent budget discussions and information.
- Washington State Auditor's Office Entrance Conference – Educational Service District No. 112.
- Report to the Legislative Findings and Recommendations of the Gangs in Schools Task Force.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Marcia Fromhold, Legislative Consultant, summarized several legislative bills currently under consideration, including: Levy Equalization; Basic Education Funding; Digital Learning Commons; Job Ordering Contracting; Collective Bargaining for Child Care Centers; and 100 Day School Year Exemption.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Twyla Barnes, *Superintendent*, reported the following:

- The Small Schools Conference in Yakima will occur March 2-3 and will bring together districts from the state that would be affected by the consolidation conversations are occurring among legislators. There are nine districts within the 112 region that would fall under consolidation discussions. Currently no formal consolidation legislation has been introduced. ESD 112 will support the efforts of these districts.
- The K-20 Board is also a proposed elimination by the governor. This will impact technical support statewide as well as community colleges in K-20 education.
- ESD 112 staff continue to discuss cost saving measures and will begin to look at additional actions that can be taken in support of school district budget cuts. At the March 26th ESD 112 Board of Directors' meeting, some of these ideas will be presented for discussion.
- Despite deep cuts and funding challenges, there may be new additional funding opportunities in the categories of: Americorps, Summer Youth, Early Learning, and Child Care.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** - to approve meeting minutes of January 27, 2009.
- **Motion passed** - to approve Personnel Activity and Expense reports for January 2009.
- **Motion passed** - to approve changing the date of the next ESD regular business meeting from Tuesday, March 24, to Thursday, March 26, to allow for the Green Mountain School District visitation.

REORGANIZATION

Richard Graham was appointed AESD legislative representative and Bill Baumann will continue as AESD Board representative for 2009.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Regular ESD 112 Board Meeting – **MARCH 26, 2009** – will be held at Green Mountain School District
- Other Meetings:
 1. WASA Small Schools Conference – March 2-3, 2009
 2. ESD Regional Art Show Reception – March 10, 2009
 3. AESD Annual Conference – April 16-19, 2009

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