

ESD 112 Board Briefs

January 27, 2009 • 6:30 P.M.
ESD 112 – Columbia Room
2500 NE 65th Avenue • Vancouver WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

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



SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT

Dr. Sarah White, *Audiologist*, and her spouse, Larry White.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public and Board comments were offered on the following:

Richard Graham and Bill Baumann attended a Vancouver School District Patron Tour on January 23, 2009, which highlighted the Columbia River and Hudson's Bay high schools. The tour showcased programs that actively engage students in their learning, such as International Baccalaureate, Habitat Planning, and Careers in Education. Lunch was prepared by Culinary Arts Students.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Dennis Mathews, *Associate Superintendent, Specialized Student Services*, reviewed the accomplishments of **Sarah White**, *Audiologist*, from her graduation from the University of Massachusetts Amherst School for the Deaf to her work with the Washington School for the Deaf, her employment with ESD 112 in 2002, and her most recent achievement of Doctor of Audiology from Salus (saw-lus) University School of Audiology. Dr. White was honored by the Board of Directors for her personal commitment to her profession to pursue and ultimately achieve this milestone of education.

CORRESPONDENCE FILE

The following items were contained in the Correspondence File:

- Thank you note from Doug Dearden, Superintendent, Trout Lake School District to **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Financial Officer*, for time, effort, and interest shown at a recent meeting offering assistance and special insight to the district.
- Thank you card from Linda Lamb, former State Board of Education representative, to the ESD expressing appreciation for 8 years of collaborative work.
- Thank you to **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School & Agency Operations*, and the ESD public relations staff from Teresa Baldwin, Superintendent, Washougal School District, for substantial cost savings to report to the Board as well as the products produced and the working relationship enjoyed in Washougal School District.
- Email note of thanks from **Sandra Hill**, *Payroll Specialist*, for the opportunity afforded staff to view the Presidential inauguration live on television on January 20, 2009.
- Memo to Brian Talbott from Obama-Biden Transition Team requesting information on shovel-ready projects in the K-12 school districts of the State. Email response to Dick Moody, Director of Business Services, AESA, from **Doug Nichols**, *Facilities Planning Acquisition and Project Management, CSG*, deferring the search to prevent redundancy of other's efforts, and offering to provide assistance in identifying qualified projects through electronic survey to districts when the time is appropriate.
- News Editorial from the Columbian by Tom Koenninger on January 7, 2009, regarding Terry Bergeson, her passion for learning, her distinguished service over the years, and her fears for the future of education.
- News article from the Columbia on January 7, 2009 entitled, "Battle Ground School Board Rift Goes Public."
- News release from Vancouver Public Schools regarding projected \$4 million shortfall based on the Governor's proposed budget.
- Invitation to the annual holiday party held for the Clark County Superintendents (retired and current) at the home of Allan and Twyla Barnes on January 23, 2009.
- Copy of the Administration Inclement Weather Emergency Contact Telephone Tree for the 2009 winter season in the event of agency closure due to severe weather conditions.
- Copy of the Evergreen School District Review of Diabetes Care Plan presented to the Evergreen Administrative Team by ESD School Nurse Corps representatives, **Sally Logue**, *School Nurse Corps Supervisor*, and **Amber Evans**, *Nursing Coordinator*.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- **Loy Dale**, *Executive Director, School and Agency Operations*, and **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Financial Officer*, presented an Executive Briefing of potential impacts of three measures under consideration by the legislature: **(1)** Reducing school to a 4-day school week (HB1292); **(2)** Statewide Initiative-728 whereby districts receive funding for the purpose of achieving higher academic standards for all students through smaller class sizes and other improvements; and **(3)** Levy Equalization - the method states use to provide equity between the school districts located in the property rich areas and the schools located in areas where the property assessments are lower.
- The system development effort of Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) has been underway for some time and progress is being made. A key step in moving forward is funding the system work. The proposed AESD Network Funding Formula was presented by Bill Baumann and discussion followed. Members agreed by general consensus that the formula has merit; however, additional information is needed before formal action can be taken. Bill Baumann, AESD representative, will relay the request to the AESD Executive Board meeting on February 9th in Olympia, and will return with a more clearly defined process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Twyla Barnes, *Superintendent*, gave her report as follows:

- The members of the Board acknowledged the ESD Administrative and Operational Guidelines for 2009.
- The Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) 40 Year Celebration will occur on February 24, 2008, in Olympia. The ESD delegation will depart Vancouver at 1:00 p.m. Immediately following the event at the capitol, the ESD Board of Directors will adjourn to ESD 113 to hold the regularly scheduled business meeting. ESD 113 Superintendent, Bill Keim, will join the meeting and share ESD 113 operations of interest.
- Bob Hughes is the new State Board representative replacing Linda Lamb. Mr. Hughes experience includes 29 years as a director of the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors (Board President four times).
- The scheduled Employee Survey is in the planning stages and will follow timelines similar to previous surveys.
- A major contract for communications work in Kelso has been awarded to the ESD Public Relations Department.
- Castle Rock School District Board has announced they will retain Susie Barker as Superintendent and will discontinue current search.
- The Regional Superintendent's Meeting on January 16th included guest speaker, Alan Burke, Deputy Superintendent for K-12 Education, OSPI, who shared the vision of new State Superintendent, Randy Dorn, including the proposed changes to the WASL.
- The AESD has hired Marcia Fromhold as government and legislative liaison for this next session.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve meeting minutes of December 19, 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve Personnel Activity and Expense reports for December 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve Proposed Resolution R.09.01 - In the Matter Recognizing the Exemplary Service of Linda W. Lamb.
- **Motion passed** to approve re-adoption of ESD 112 Board Policies and Administrative Regulations for 2009.

RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ann Campbell was re-elected as President, Darlene Stickel as vice-president of the ESD 112 Board of Directors for 2009. Legislative representative and AESD representative for 2009 will be appointed at the February meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Regular ESD 112 Board Meeting – **FEBRUARY 24, 2009** – will be held at ESD 113, Olympia, Washington.
- Other Meetings:
 1. WASA/WSSDA Legislative Conference – February 8-9, 2009
 2. AESD Executive Board Meeting – February 9, 2009
 3. 40 Year Celebration – February 24, 2009
 4. WASA Small Schools Conference – March 1-3, 2009
 5. ESD Regional Art Show Reception – March 10, 2009
 6. AESD Annual Conference – April 16-19, 2009



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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 Office and are public record.