

ESD 112 Board Briefs

October 28, 2008 • 8:30 A.M.

Stevenson School District – Skamania Lodge
Mt. Baker Room – Stevenson, Washington

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Campbell, presiding
Richard Graham,
Darlene Stickel,
Marilyn Koenninger,
and Ken Botero.



STAFF GUESTS

Marnie Allen, *Staff Attorney*; **Curtis Ellis**, *Supervisor, Technology Systems*; **Dan Sorensen**, *Web Developer*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Board Retreat Evaluation** – Round table discussions provided an overview of programs and gave the Board an opportunity to learn from staff. Visits to the “Lower Gorge” districts were a highlight of the retreat and staff made members feel very welcome. Speaking individually to field staff and hearing how the ESD is doing out in the field is valuable experience. More district visits would be beneficial.
- The **WSSDA Region 6 Meeting** was held on October 22, in Lyle School District and was attended by President Ann Campbell. There was not a large attendance, but there was a nice representation of districts from the region. Handouts were provided on Executive Session Rules.

CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Items contained in the Correspondence file included:

- Photos from an ESDs 30-Year Celebration planning meeting.
- Certificate of Excellence presented by the Washington School Public Relations Association to **Debbie Ham**, *Director, Child Care and Early Learning*, for “Your Voice Counts for Quality Childcare,” a special purpose publication.
- Thank you card from Dr. Steven Webb, Superintendent, Vancouver School District, for Superintendent Barnes’ participation in the VPS Management Task Force.
- Thank you card from Trout Lake School District Superintendent, Doug Dearden, to Superintendent Barnes for ESD’s positive spirit and note cards gift.
- Announcement to **Carol Hall**, *Director, School Improvement/Staff Development for Early Childhood*, from the Family Policy Council that the Clark County Community Network has earned one of the year’s “Exceptional Results” awards in the amount of \$3,850 for continued dedication and strategic efforts resulting in positive trends in reducing the rates of child and family problems.
- Letter from Superintendent Barnes to the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners for generous support of the Cowlitz County Truancy Project.
- Regional Business Meeting of ESD Superintendents and Columbia River Region WASA Membership meeting agenda for September 26, 2008.
- Email regarding Dr. Mark Kondo, ESD 101 Board member, who passed away October 18, 2008. Dr. Kondo was 90 years old at his death and served on the Board for 32 years.
- Announcement of the loss of Camas School Board member, Gary Tipton, who served on their Board for three years.
- Letter to notify Bill Dillon, Program Specialist, Corporation for National and Community Service, of the relinquishment of the Foster Grandparent Program at ESD 112 because this geographic service area does not provide the pool of grandparent volunteers needed to guarantee the generation of services required by the grant.
- Letter to the community from Evergreen School District Superintendent, John Deeder, regarding the fiscal challenges facing the district and offering several opportunities to meet and discuss issues with the Evergreen School Board of Directors.

- A newsletter from the Bellevue Education Association regarding a pending strike of teachers.
- Final report for the Gap Analysis Study conducted by MGT of America of the Construction Services Group of ESD 112. The report on deficiencies, gaps, and barriers of services and/or services that need to be provided to school districts will be presented to the Joint Legislative Task Force on School Construction Funding on October 15th.
- Agenda of the Umatilla-Morrow ESD visit to ESD 112 on September 30, 2008.
- Save the date notice of the Southwest Washington 2009 Regional High School Art Show on March 10, 2009 – 6 to 9 p.m. – at the ESD.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- **Board Retreat Follow-up - Financial Component** report was provided by **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Financial Officer*. The ESD books will not close for two weeks and the year will end with \$49.5 million in revenue. Agency unreserved fund balance will end at 2.3%. An effort to build department reserves is a goal for this year.
- **Title IX Briefing** was provided by **Loy Dale**, *Executive Director, School and Agency Operations*, on a recent complaint. Title IX refers to discrimination based on sex, is prohibited by civil rights laws, and extend to all state education systems that receive federal financial assistance. **Marnie Allen**, *staff attorney*; and **Karen Schwartzrock**, *Director of Human Resources*, are going to review ESD policy and procedure with regard to Title IX.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Staff is keeping a watchful eye on state funded grants as the Governor has ordered department reductions across the department of state government. To date, ESD state grants have not been cut. This could, however, happen in the future.
- State Superintendent Terry Bergeson presented awards to 98 schools at the second annual Learning Improvement Awards Ceremony and designated "Schools of Distinction" for outstanding academic growth in 2008 on October 22, 2008, at Garfield High School in Seattle. A simultaneous local award ceremony was hosted at ESD 112 by **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Directory School and Agency Operations*; and **Mike Stromme**, *Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services & Technology*, for winning school leaders and staff unable to travel to the main ceremony.
- **Tim Merlino**, *Chief Financial Officer*, has been meeting with legislative staff to discuss legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Included in the legislative agenda are fiscal support personnel for districts. We have completed our discussions with local legislators and the ESD 112 Legislative Forum for School Districts will occur the first part of December.
- ESD 101 executive staff and school district superintendents will be here November 17th for an Executive-to-Executive Leadership Exchange. Staff will discuss partnering opportunities, leveraging state dollars to build programs, saving and stretching district resources, and adding value by engaging the community in support of district programs.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve meeting minutes of September 23, 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve Personnel and Financial reports for August 2008.
- **Motion passed** to approve ESD 112 Mission and Goals for 2008-2009.
- **Motion passed** to approve Resolution R.08.10 in the matter of Regional Committee Appointments.
- **Motion passed** to approve ESD 112 Technology Plan 2007-2009.

FUTURE MEETINGS

ESD 112 Board of Directors/Green Mountain Board Visitation and Business Meetings at Green Mountain School	November 25, 2008
OTHER MEETINGS:	
1. WSSDA Annual Conference	November 19-22, 2008
2. AESA Annual Conference	December 3-6, 2008
3. ERC / Board Lunch Meeting	December 19, 2008

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