

ESD 112 Board Briefs

September 23, 2008 • 6:30 P.M. •
ESD 112 – Columbia Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

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



STAFF GUESTS

Brant Russell, *Director, Communications and Information Management*; **Dan Sorensen**, *Web Developer*; **Marnie Allen**, *Attorney*; and Human Resources staff members: **Ali Hutchison**, *Office Assistant*; **Ann Goss**, *Human Resources Coordinator*; **Carol Sasse**, *Human Resources Coordinator – Children Northwest*; **Denise McNeal**, *Human Resources Compensation and Benefits Coordinator*; **Joseph Mathews**, *Temporary Office Assistant*; **Krista Hohman**, *Certification Specialist*; **Melissa Kreuder**, *Human Resources Information Systems Coordinator*; **Nancy Reed**, *Fingerprint Technician*; **Patsy Green**, *Receptionist*; **Patti Romines**, *Employment Manager*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The All Staff Day, held in Vancouver on August 28, was attended by Richard Graham and Ken Botero. The meeting was also attended by over 200 ESD staff members. A traditional breakfast was served with the able assistance of Board and cabinet members. Information provided and recognition of staff confirmed the ESD has quality employees who do outstanding work.
- The Washington State School District Administrators (WSSDS) Region 6 Meeting, held in Longview on September 10, at Cascade Middle School, was attended by Richard Graham and Ken Botero. Presenters included Phil Gore, WSSDA Director of Leadership Development Services; Marilee Scarbrough, WSSDA Director, Policy and Legal Services; Dan Steel, WSSDA Assistant Executive Director, Governmental Relations; and Patty Wood, Kelso Director and Chair, Federal Relations Network. Reports given were very informative and prompted active discussion.
- The AESA 2008 Educator's Call to Action Conference, held in Washington D.C. on September 15-17, was attended by Ann Campbell and Richard Graham. A comprehensive report back was provided with specific emphasis on the reauthorization of the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA, a.k.a. *No Child Left Behind*). The tour of the Corporation for National Community Service headquarters provided an opportunity to meet Sueko Kumagi, CNCS Program Manager, who was crucial in the award of the NWSA grant to ESD 112.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Human Resources staff members: **Ali Hutchison**, *Office Assistant*; **Ann Goss**, *Human Resources Coordinator*; **Carol Sasse**, *Human Resources Coordinator – Children Northwest*; **Denise McNeal**, *Human Resources Compensation and Benefits Coordinator*; **Krista Hohman**, *Certification Specialist*; **Joseph Mathewson**, *Temporary Office Assistant*; **Melissa Kreuder**, *Human Resources Information Systems Coordinator*; **Nancy Reed**, *Fingerprint Technician*; **Patsy Green**, *Receptionist*; **Patti Romines**, *Employment Manager*, in recognition of dedication and extraordinary efforts to recruit, hire, support, and retain a quality ESD and CNW workforce. The outstanding support and customer service provided to the region's teachers and other school district staff clearly demonstrates a commitment to make a difference every day!

CORRESPONDENCE FILE

Items contained in the Correspondence file included:

- Email request from Mike Lindhe, Superintendent, Centerville School District, for assistance in dealing with staff supporting the school and improving communications internally. **Lori Williams**,

Deputy Director, School & Agency Operations, provided materials, talking points, and an outline for the meeting.

- Email request from Mike Ferguson, Queets School District, to visit and discuss ESD 112 Special Ed Cooperative.
- Email notice from Mike Nerland, Superintendent, Camas School District, announcing Camas Board member, Gary Tipton, passed away after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer.
- Email thank you note from Ann Foster, The Confluence Project, for all the fabulous volunteers. Special thanks to Jon Nelson, former ESD employee, for assistance in both community events.
- Thank you email from Maggie Bates, Acting Superintendent, Hockinson School District, to **Gail Carlson**, *Student Services Coordinator*, and **Kat Haynes**, *Student Services Coordinator*, for working and training a new CIT secretary during extremely hectic time.
- Thank you card from Kim Tanaka, Office of the Governor, Boards and Commissions, for opportunity to meet and speak with Superintendent Barnes.
- Note from Tom Kelly, AESD Legislative Liaison, updating ESD superintendents on progress in battling pancreatic cancer.
- Article announcing “Government Bail Out of AIG” which is the insurance company for the Oregon Worker’s Compensation insurance for AmeriCorps members.
- Copy of Corporation for National and Community Service Strategic Plan 2006-2010.
- Article entitled “A Good Start: Innovative Education Programs Benefit Preschool-age Children” by Scott Driscoll.
- Certificate of Excellence Awards were presented by the Washington School Public Relations Association in recognition of exceptional performance in promoting education to the following ESD 112 public relations staff in the category of 2008 Publications & Electronic Media:
 - **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School & Agency Operations*; **Heidi Barnes**, *Director, Communications / Graphic Arts*; and **Jodi Thomas**, *Public Information Coordinator*, for “e-SD News;”
 - **Lori Williams**, **Heidi Barnes**, and the ESD 112 Commit to Fit Wellness Committee members: **Jada Rupley**, *Associate Superintendent, Children, Youth & Families Services*; **Lori Williams**, *Deputy Director, School & Agency Operations*; **Karen Schwartzrock**, *Director, Human Resources*; **Melissa Kreuder**, *Human Resources Information Systems Coordinator*; **Sally Logue**, *School Nurse Corps Supervisor*; **Wendy Niehaus**, *Administrative Assistant*, and **Patti Romines**, *Employment Manager*, for “Commit to Fit e-news;”
 - **Evelyn Hambleton**, *Graphic Technician*, for “School Ready Information,” “Your Voice Counts for Quality Childcare,” and “Every Moment Counts Magazine;”
 - **Heidi Barnes** and **Jodi Thomas** for Washougal Schools Foundation Web site;
 - **Lean LaRowe** for “SMERC” fund raising brochure.
- Welcome Back email to Regional Superintendents from Superintendent Barnes.
- Memo to the Regional Superintendents announcing a survey exploring a health insurance group-purchased insurance cooperative with the 15 districts of Clark and Cowlitz counties.
- Email note from Tom Hagley, Jr., Executive Director, Community & Governmental Relations, Vancouver Public Schools, and President of TV ETC, refuting an assertion of sexual bias in respect to reporting of sports events on TV ETC broadcasts.
- WSSDA Region 6 Meeting Agenda for Longview meeting, September 10, 2008
- Meeting Agenda for Gorge Superintendent’s Meeting – September 19, 2008.
- Skill’s Center Update Report and International Center for Leadership in Education information.
- WASA Legislative Platform 2009.
- Senate Assembly Days Agenda, September 3-5, 2008, at the Vancouver Hilton.
- AESA 2008 Federal Legislative Agenda and white papers.
- Resolution from Lyle School District requesting a waiver from minimum 180 day school year.
- School Information and Research Service announcement of the re-appointment of Glenys Hill, Superintendent, Kelso School District, for a three-year term on the Board of Directors.
- Construction Services Group Performance Audit 2008 results as determined by OSPI and MGT.
- Daily News article, “Educators Try New Approach to Reduce Truancy.” highlights the ESD 112 Truancy Project, with comments by **Gail Spolar**, *Director, Workforce and Truancy Projects*.

