BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS
February 22, 2012

Board Members: 

David Iseminger, President
John Boerger
Paul Lund
Kevin Plemel
Mari Taylor
Amy Beth Cook, Superintendent/Board Secretary

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors met in a Special Meeting in the Conference Room at the Educational Service Center. President Iseminger called the meeting to order at 6 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a student discipline hearing.

At 6:01 Director Taylor made a motion to move into a Closed Session to hold a student discipline hearing. The motion was seconded by Director Boerger and unanimously approved. Director Taylor made a motion to reconvene the Special Meeting at 7:20 pm. The motion was seconded by Director Plemel and unanimously approved. Immediately following, President Iseminger adjourned the Special Meeting.

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors met in a Regular Session in the Community Room. President Iseminger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. He informed the audience a meeting had been held earlier regarding a student's discipline.

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Boerger made a motion to approve the February 8, 2012 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Director Plemel. Director Lund abstained from voting on this motion as he did not attend the meeting. The motion passed.
REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

Executive Director of Special Services Miriam Tencate informed the Board that the special services staff works hard to bring general education and special education together. There are approximately 1,000 special need students with unique challenges. Teachers share plans and work together to provide a quality education. Mrs. Tencate introduced two key people in her department: Keri Joseph, Autism Specialist, and Bridget Farrell, Behavior Specialist. The specialists provided background on their careers and highlighted specific areas of their roles. The specialists observe students, provide positive strategies and techniques for both general education and special education students, coordinate families’ connections to schools and to other services, and work with recess advisors. In-district training is a big part of the specialists’ roles as well. Their goal is to keep as many students as possible in the general education setting. Director Taylor said the District is fortunate to have these two individuals here. The work they are doing is having a really positive impact in the classrooms.

Principal Dave Bartlow said he appreciates the support his school receives too. Skyline Elementary School has three structured learning centers. Mr. Bartlow introduced Kathy Hart and Lisa Dempsey, Skyline teachers, who told the Board about excursions they arrange for students who have autism. These students are exposed to outside activities they might not otherwise experience, such as going to the movies, bowling, the mall, or to a restaurant. The specialists described how a student might react to seeing Santa Claus at the mall for the first time and how they would assist that student. Another example was a trip to the Dollar Store where students made purchases by themselves. Students have also visited Ace Hardware, Strawberry Lanes, Albertson’s, the Everett Mall, and Luca’s. The specialists stated they couldn’t do these activities without the support of the teachers, paraeducators, the transportation staff, community members, and business leaders. President Iseminger and Director Lund thanked the staff members for a great presentation.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

President Iseminger called for community comments. Hearing no comments, he closed this portion of the meeting.
DECISION ITEMS

Consent Agenda:
Director Boerger made a motion to approve the “Consent Agenda” items:

1. Check Nos. 111200006 to 111200007 - $2,900.35 (E:23/12); and Check Nos. 194084 to 194326 - $360,879.07 (E:24/12);
2. the Personnel Report: certificated employment of Craig Clarke and classified employment of Jillian Piland (E:25/12); the cocurricular activities (E:26/12);
3. a donation in the amount of $700.00 from Target (E:27/12); and the Lake Stevens High School students’ attendance at the International Career Development Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 27 through May 2, 2012 (E:28/12).

The motion was seconded by Director Taylor, with a thanks to Target, and unanimously approved. President Iseminger also gave a big thank you to Target.

Director Boerger made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1-12: State Bond Guarantee and Delegation (R:1-12). The motion was seconded by Director Plemel. Mr. Jim McNeill of Foster Pepper PLLC reviewed the contents of this resolution, which requests participation in the State’s Guarantee Program and selects the Bond Counsel. It is consistent with state and federal laws. There was discussion regarding the state program and qualifications. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Taylor made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2-12: Refund 2005 Bond (R:2-12). The motion was seconded by Director Plemel. Mr. McNeill reviewed the contents of this resolution, which sets the requirements, obligations, and parameters for refinancing all or part of the 2005 Bond, as well as delegating responsibility. Mr. David Trageser, Senior Vice President of D.A. Davidson & Company, responded to questions regarding interest rates and an analysis, nonbank qualified bank options and bank qualified options, ratings, and the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent individually having the authority to execute the selling of the bonds. The motion then was unanimously approved. President Iseminger thanked Mr. McNeill and Mr. Trageser for being in attendance and answering the board members’ questions.
Director Plemel made a motion to adopt the Advanced Placement 2-D Design course (E:/12). The motion was seconded by Director Taylor. Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning John Gebert informed the Board that this course is essentially renaming a course that already exists and that students will be able to earn college credit. As a member of the Curriculum Commission, Director Plemel said students can choose what they are taking so they have the best of both worlds by the Board approving this course. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Taylor made a motion to adopt the American Literature and Exposition course (E:/12). The motion was seconded by Director Boerger. Mr. Gebert reported that this course is a step toward aligning the curriculum to the new state standards that will be implemented in the 2013-14 school year. It will have an effect on graduation requirements by requiring students to take this particular English course and it will reduce their number of English electives. The course also has a significant cost attached to it for the purchase of new textbooks. Director Plemel stated the Curriculum Commission had a lot of concern and discussion regarding the effect this course would have on English electives. It was noted that this is also an opportunity to align the course with the US History course that eleventh graders take. Director Plemel stated that after a well spirited conversation, a lot of deliberation and work, the course was supported overwhelmingly by the Curriculum Commission. There was discussion about the intent of the common core standards and students choosing to take the English course in the tenth grade. Director Taylor has concerns about narrowing elective opportunities, being flexible, and not overlooking something important. President Iseminger noted this is a great point and he agrees. The motion then passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main presented revised Policy No. 5020: Admission of Nonresident Students and revised Policy No. 5020.5: Release of Resident Students. Both policies have been updated to removed expired RCWs, added applicable RCWs to legal references, and to align procedures with current practice.
President Iseminger and Director Taylor appreciate the application dates, separating the policy from procedures, and the clarity of procedures. President Iseminger asked if the Washington State School Directors’ Association policies are looked at as a resource when the Administration is updating policies. Superintendent Cook responded that the policies are indeed reviewed. At this time the District is trying to get the policies updated and that there is a lot of work to do to keep them in compliance with state laws.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Assistant Superintendent Ken Collins informed the Board of the necessary Lake Stevens High School schedule changes to accommodate the seniors’ Culminating Exhibitions. Mr. Collins described the rotation schedule and commented on the end of course assessments. All high school teachers are involved in the Culminating Exhibitions.

The Board received information on the winter sports participation. Mr. Gebert briefly commented on the historical data and percentages. A brief discussion followed regarding the use of this information.

Director of Facilities and Operations Robb Stanton provided a quick review of the four-year Technology Levy goals and brought the board members up-to-date on the dark fiber installation plan. The applicants who qualified for the proposal for engineering services have been narrowed down to six. Mr. Stanton reported a consultant is assisting with the project. Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning Graham Cook informed the Board that beginning this fall a team will assist the staff in moving through three proficiency levels and more professional development will be offered to integrate technology into learning. Mr. Stanton reported that two schools will pilot voice enhancements. Discussion followed regarding the use of personal devices. Superintendent Cook stated a Study Session will be held to review the entire scope of the project. President Iseminger appreciates the quarterly updates, the forward thinking, and the work that is being accomplished.
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BOARD COMMENTS

Director Boerger commented on the story in the Everett Herald regarding the school lunch program. He appreciates the work being done to make sure the children have nutritious meals. Director Boerger thanked Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main for her work on the bond refund. He also thanked the staff members for their reports, noting the people who work with special needs students are saints. He appreciates the teachers taking the special needs students on excursions and gave kudos to Mr. Bartlow for this program. Director Boerger remarked that it also gives people a chance to understand what this means socially to these students and how others can interact with them. Director Boerger expressed his thanks to Target for the donation.

Director Taylor thanked the staff for their awesome reports and Executive Director John Gebert for the sports update. Director Taylor stated the bond refunding step is incredible and a complicated process. She appreciated the explanations. Director Taylor said it is gratifying to be able to give back to the community and it feels good. Director Taylor mentioned she has been spending a lot of time in Olympia.

Director Plemel echoed Director Taylor’s comments regarding the bond refunding. He feels it is the right thing to do. Director Plemel expressed his thanks for the building reports and to Mr. Gebert and the Curriculum Commission. He stated the level of knowledge and commitment of the Curriculum Commission members is quite impressive and valuable. They don’t take their work lightly. Director Plemel is proud of the work they do.

Director Lund appreciates being able to give back funds to the community members and he thanked Superintendent Cook, Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main, and the bond counsel for their diligence. Director Lund commented on the students being able to take outings that other people take for granted, such as going to a movie. He thanked Mr. Gebert for the winter sports report and Mrs. Main for updating the policies. Director Lund mentioned he was not at the last meeting due to a trip to Germany on business. He also said he plans to be a much more active board member and that it was a great meeting tonight with a lot of work being done.
President Iseminger thanked everyone for their reports and Target for the donation. He stated it is great to tell the community members they will get a tax relief. The community has been so supportive of the District. It is gratifying to see what is being done with the technology funds, to be good stewards, and make the best use of these dollars. President Iseminger noted Director Plemel's work serving on the Curriculum Commission is appreciated.

ADJOURN

Director Taylor made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:45. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

[Signatures]

President  
Secretary