BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 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 Regular Session in the Community Room. President Iseminger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Director Taylor did not attend the meeting as she was away on vacation.

Approval of Minutes:
Director Plemel made a motion to approve the February 22, 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Boerger and unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Principal Eric Cahan and Associate Principal Dan Bushnell introduced the Lake Stevens High School Students of the Month for February: Jack Collins, Alissa Schille, Keith Acsfalle, Brittney Pahukoa, Ben Foster, and Nicole Carroll.

Principal Mike Snow and Associate Principal Josh Rosenbach introduced the Cavelero Mid High Students of the Month for February: Ghessica Agustin, Mathew Owen, Peyton LeDuc, and Kolby Jones.

Principal Mike Weatherbie and Associate Principal Jamie Sinning introduced the Lake Stevens Middle School Students of the Month for February: Holly Haynes, Riley Koon, Abigail Welch, and Kevin West.
Principal Brad Abels and Associate Principal Lisa Sanchez introduced the North Lake Middle School Students of the Month for February: Collin Sullivan, Tracy Woart, Emily Haegeland, and Max Elliott.

The February APPLE Award recipients, Maria Panelli, Steve Matthews, Carol Enyeart, and Miriam Tencate, were introduced by Assistant Superintendent Ken Collins.

Superintendent Cook announced this is a special week for thanking the classified staff members for all that they do to fulfill the mission of the District. They are very much appreciated and a very important part of the team. President Iseminger also expressed his appreciation to the classified staff members for their hard work, dedication, and making the district successful.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, President Iseminger congratulated the students and staff on their recognition. He said that hearing the students speak about their activities, goals, and teachers is a testament of the great things that are happening. It is gratifying for him to hear the students’ speeches and see the beaming parents and proud teachers. They are a big part of why Lake Stevens is a great place to live.

A break was taken from 8:24 to 8:34 pm.

**REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS**

Principal Chris Larson reported that Mount Pilchuck Elementary School staff members are working hard to bridge the achievement gap by extending the students’ vocabulary and background knowledge. Ways to accomplish this include before and after school activities and a Conference Week Boot Camp that will be offered for four weeks. Fifty slots are available for this after school program. Seven teachers and six paraeducators have volunteered to work with the students. Physical education breaks and field trips will be included. President Iseminger asked if there is a way to track how well the students do. Mrs. Larson responded that the mid-term test and DIBELS scores will be revisited to determine how much the students have learned. Superintendent Cook applauded the staff’s efforts.
Principal Mike Snow gave an update on Cavelero Mid High School's activities. Eighth grade students have finished their high school registration and a parent orientation was held. Incoming seventh graders' registration will occur next week and parents have been invited to visit the school. Mr. Snow informed the Board the online process for establishing the 2012-13 Master Schedule will start on Friday. Mr. Snow strongly believes in not giving up on students and that Cavelero has a commitment to see that students graduate. Over the past couple of years, intervention measures for at risk students have successfully reduced the number of students from 17% down to 12.3%. His goal is 5%. Mr. Snow stated the MAPS data is looked at in different ways and tutoring for students is offered after school to meet their needs. Cavelero is partnering with Educational Service District 189 for in-house professional development, teachers are working on common assessments, and a team of teachers will be working on the Common Core Standards. Mr. Snow commented on a few clubs at Cavelero and told the board members they will be invited to a Drama Club presentation in May. Mr. Snow also reported the winter sports teams are finishing up and that the teams were very successful.

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. 194493 to 194768 - $604,853.56 (E:31/12) and Check Nos. 111200008 to 111200010 - $1,366.64 (E:32/12);
2. the February 2012 payroll, Warrants Nos. 194327 to 194492 - $4,773,251.53 (E:33/12);
3. revised Policy No. 5020.5: Release of Resident Students (E:34/12); revised Policy No. 5020: Admission of Nonresident Students (E:35/12); the Lake Stevens High School students visit to Washington, DC; Gettysburg; and Colonial Williamsburg, March 31 through April 6, 2012 (E:36/12); and a donation in the amount of $2,000.00 from the Skyline Elementary School PTA (E:37/12).
The motion was seconded by Director Plemel, with a big thank you from Director Boerger, and it was unanimously approved. President Iseminger extended a thank you to Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main for revising/updating the policies and to the PTA for its donation.

Superintendent Cook invited the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resource Services to explain the process that was used to develop the student calendars for the next three years. Mr. Collins informed the Board that representatives from all bargaining groups participated in the decision making process. The calendars are traditional. Discussion followed regarding place holder days, snow make-up days, Learning Improvement Days, Optional Days, and nonschool days. It was noted that the calendars are subject to bargaining. The Assistant Superintendent appreciated the collaboration of the committee members.

Director Plemel made a motion to adopt the 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 Student Calendars (E:38-40/12). The motion was seconded by Director Boerger and unanimously approved.

Director of Operations Robb Stanton informed the Board he received six responses for the engineering services contract. A team selected and evaluated the contracts and then interviewed two firms. Of the six, Hargis Engineers best met the needs of the District. Mr. Stanton responded to President Iseminger's questions regarding scheduling and cabling. Hargis will meet both requirements. Mr. Stanton briefly reported on the scope of the project and the permitting that is involved.

Director Plemel made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to sign agreements with Hargis Engineers for Engineering Services associated with technology levy projects (E:41-45/12). The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Stanton informed the Board the District is awarding the agreement for dark fiber lease to Black Rock Cable. The one respondent to the Request for Proposal submitted pricing that was consistent with its previous proposals.
The RFP satisfied the E-Rate requirements. President Iseminger thanked the committee for all its work. He appreciates being ready to move forward with the project and would like to leap frog, not just catch up, the technology implementation. Superintendent Cook thanked Mr. Stanton for his patience in helping her to understand the various aspects of this project and answering all of her questions.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Plemel thanked the administrators for the building reports. He stated the classified staff do great work and he appreciates all that they do. Without them, the District could not do what it is doing. The classified staff is a big part of education. Director Plemel pointed out that some of the Students of the Month give thanks to their elementary teachers and the teachers need to know that their students do not forget them. Director Plemel appreciated hearing the students’ comments.

Director Lund mentioned he had a great conversation with Steve Burleigh who told him that kids come back to his school years later to visit. He said Mr. Burleigh told him he always thinks about what he says to students as they might hear something that would give a “spark.” Director Lund echoed Director Plemel’s comments, noting one student’s eloquent speech gave him goose bumps. Director Lund wished Mr. Burleigh a happy birthday and revealed his own birthday is tomorrow.

Director Boerger pointed out that some of the students also mentioned they would like to become teachers, engineers, or musicians. Director Boerger requested Principal Eric Cahan thank the Leadership Advisor, Joe Cronin, and the Leadership Class for all that they do. He also extended a hearty thank you to the classified employees, noting they are critical to the success of the district. Director Boerger thanked the administrators for the building reports and said it is fantastic that Mount Pilchuck is reaching its goals. Director Boerger thanked everyone for a great meeting.

President Iseminger congratulated the students and staff members on their recognition. He really appreciated their comments this evening.
President Iseminger reiterated how much he appreciates what the classified staff members do. He thanked the Skyline Elementary School PTA for the gracious donation and the administrators for their reports. President Iseminger is particularly excited about moving forward with the technology project. He would like the Lake Stevens School District to have a “leap frog fashion” in the area of technology.

ADJOURN

Director Boerger made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:16. The motion was seconded by Director Plemel and unanimously approved.

[Signatures]

President

Secretary