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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 24, 2003**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olympia School District was called to order by President Barclift at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2003, at Hansen Elementary School, 1919 Road Sixty-Five NW, Olympia, Washington. Present were: President Barclift, Directors Keeffe, Lehman, McGee and Parvinen, and Superintendent Lahmann.

Hansen Elementary School Special Education Teacher Betty Kinerk led the flag salute.

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President Barclift asked that on Page 5, Board Member Comments, be amended to read, "President Barclift said something else the city will to consider is the number of incidents..." DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED AND DIRECTOR KEEFFE SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2003, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION

Hansen Elementary School Principal Ernie Rascon welcomed everyone to the school. He said Hansen is a community school and thanked parents for all their support. He said Third Grade Teacher Mary Jane Rants and her students will be giving a presentation on Japan. He noted that Ms. Rants was the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship. She went to Japan in November and, as part of the scholarship, she has to give a presentation on her experience. The students spoke about what they have learned about Japan and its culture, and Ms. Rants presented a video of her time in Japan. Ms. Rants thanked the Board, district and staff for all their support.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

Sandra Hamilton wondered why the lottery money has been put in the state's General Fund, rather than going to education, and what can be done about it. Superintendent Lahmann commented that Initiative 728 was approved overwhelmingly by the voters earmarking a portion of the lottery to education. He said there is no increase in I-728 in the Governor's proposal for K-12 funding for 2003-04.

Helen Burling said she understood that, at the last Board meeting, there was some discussion on the intersection at Conger and Division. She said that someone said they had not received correspondence from other people and presented the Board with copies of letters from the Garfield Elementary School PTA and the Jefferson Middle School Site-Based Council. She said that no one has been injured or killed but, recently, she put a flag out to stop traffic. The first car stopped, but two others went right through the intersection. She read a letter from Julie Anderson to the Olympia City Council expressing concern for safety at that intersection and the need for a traffic signal. Ms. Burling said she does not want children getting injured before something is done about this. She said there is a need for crossing guards. She commented that the Board's travel allowance is \$15,000 for the year, and asked why the Board has this when children need to be taken care of. She said she is very frustrated and urged the Board to do something about it.

Cindy Weitkamp said that a letter to Steve Hall at the City of Olympia indicated that using school crossing guards is still the best way to take care of the situation.

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COMMUNITY COMMENT (continued)

Erik Luetkehans said he was at the meeting as part of his Boy Scout work. He said he goes to St. Michael's School, and they use fifth graders as crossing guards as part of their Safety Patrol program. He suggested that the district could train students to be crossing guards.

Paul Knox, Leslie Zenz and Eli Sterling, on behalf of the Board of Directors for Earthbound Productions and Procession of the Species, thanked the Olympia School District Board for enabling them to use old Madison Elementary School. They said they knew the Olympia School Board was looking to surplus the school but, hopefully, Earthbound Productions can use the school for another year. They said the studio is an amazing place to learn about music, arts and dance, and they have been able to do so much more by having the space at old Madison. They presented a letter providing an overview of the terms and agreements between Earthbound Productions and the district with respect to use of old Madison. They requested that Superintendent Lahmann write a letter to the City of Olympia of mutual affirmation of how Earthbound Productions and the district have worked together in a successful relationship. Director Lehman asked the purpose of the letter. Eli Sterling said these mutually beneficial relationships in society are rare. He said people need to recognize that things can still be done with a handshake. Director Lehman said Earthbound Productions will be part of the discussion on what the district will do with the building.

Bryce Brown spoke about the memorial for Rachel Corrie and her impact on district schools. He said she recently visited Lincoln Elementary School to set up pen pals with the Palestinian town of Rafah. She also wanted to set up a sister city with Rafah. He said the Olympia City Council proclaimed March 18 as "a day of solemn remembrance for Ms. Rachel Corrie in Memory and Honor of her sacrifice." He commented that her friends are respectfully requesting leaders, educators, speakers and others to memorialize Rachel's sacrifice by: commencing a moment of silence in her honor, at meetings, classes and other events in the coming weeks--sixty seconds of reflection and remembering; offering presentations and teach-ins about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the need for peace and justice in the Middle East; and participating in this year's Procession of the Species celebration and joining the Peace Dove contingent that will be organized in her honor.

Director McGee commented that Rachel Corrie attended Options at McKinley and Lincoln, Jefferson Middle School and graduated from Capital High School. He said her parents were long-time volunteers in the district. He noted that many people from Olympia School District were at her memorial service. He said many people will miss her a lot. He said that her fifth grade yearbook had a list of sixteen things she wanted to do in life. He showed a video of a December 12, 1989, fifth grade press conference where Rachel spoke about the state of the world's children.

ITEMS BROUGHT UP BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Director Lehman said he spent some time with friends on the Ways and Means Committee talking about Initiative 732 and whether the district can see any of that money. He said the response was the state did not have the money. He felt this symbolizes part of the problem. He said they have the money but decide to spend it in some other place. He said the same situation applies regarding the Conger/Division intersection. He said the Washington Middle School Principal uses paraeducators as crossing guards to cover its intersection before and after school. He said that, in the case of Jefferson Middle School, he recalled that the estimate

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to use paraeducators as crossing guards until the end of this school year would cost about \$2,000. He said he does not feel comfortable saying to any of the students, parents or drivers that the district does not have the money for crossing guards. He said the district does have the money, but it has allocated it somewhere else. He said he would like to move that the Board direct the district to re-allocate \$2,000 to Jefferson Middle School to be able to utilize for the purpose of adding additional paraeducator time to cover the intersection of Conger and Division before and after school for the rest of this school year. He felt this would give the district time to work with the City of Olympia in coming up with a more permanent solution. He said he would leave it to Superintendent Lahmann's discretion where the money would come from. He thanked Erik Luetkehans for his comments on using students as crossing guards but said this intersection is dangerous and needs adult crossing guards. Director Keeffe said he wanted to get a sense of

what the Board thinks rather than have a motion. Superintendent Lahmann said the Board has the ability to add items on the agenda. Director Lehman asked to add this to the Regular Agenda.

Superintendent Lahmann spoke about the Initiative 728 forum held last Monday which the district had to do by law. He said, in addition, there was a survey on the website for input. He said staff is in the process of pulling everything together and will have the information for the Budget Advisory Committee in a couple of meetings.

Director Lehman asked about lottery projections. Assistant Superintendent for Human and Financial Resources John Nugent said that last year the lottery projections were higher than reality. He said this year it is probably about \$90,000 in actual revenue less than projected. He said the district is about \$70,000 short this year.

Superintendent Lahmann spoke to the Board about travel requests for students and staff. He said the issue came forward about teams going to national competitions, particularly in the vocational education field, when Homeland Security has orange or red alerts. He said there is some travel coming up right away. He said he had a special cabinet meeting to talk about crisis plans. He commented that one recommendation was to restrict student travel, and possibly adult travel, as it relates to the alert of Homeland Security. He said teams buy cheap, non-refundable tickets, and if the alert level goes up, they would be out that amount. He said the recommendation was to buy refundable tickets, or non-refundable tickets with insurance so if something happens the money is refunded. He said travel would be restricted cross county in orange alert, and no travel during red alert. He said he is interested in the Board's thoughts or reactions. Director McGee asked if anyone has spoken with the parents of the students doing the traveling. He said he would like to get parent and student input. Director Lehman said he would like to know what other districts are doing. President Barclift said she would like site councils to discuss this as well. Director Lehman said this assumes that none of the events have been cancelled. Director Keeffe said he would be interested in knowing what other districts in the county are doing.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

DIRECTOR PARVINEN MOVED AND DIRECTOR KEEFFE SECONDED APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. MOTION CARRIED.

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1. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Board Meeting Schedule

- Monday, April 21, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting, Rogers Elementary School, 2001 26th Avenue NE, Olympia, Washington.
- Thursday, April 24, 2003, 7:00 p.m., Board Study Session on Nutrition, Rogers Elementary School, 2001 26th Avenue NE, Olympia, Washington.

1.2 Proposed Board Meeting Calendar for 2003-04

The Board approved the Board Meeting Calendar for 2003-04.

2. CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

Change in Leave of Absence Status

Donald Neuenschwander - Spanish at Capital High School, voiding his .20 FTE leave of absence status (from .80 to 1.0) the third trimester of the 2002-03 school year.

Leave of Absence

Brad Underland - English at Olympia High School, a .40 FTE leave of absence (from 1.0 to .60) effective the 2003-04 school year.

Increases in Contract

Catherine Amos - Infant Toddler/Behavior Support Teacher with Special Services, a temporary .10 FTE increase in contract (from .70 to .80) effective February 1, 2003, through the remainder of the 2002-03 school year.

Kim Broderick - Math at Capital High School, a .20 FTE increase in contract (from 1.0 to 1.20) effective the third trimester of the 2002-03 school year.

Carol Cook - Science at Capital High School, a .20 FTE increase in contract (from .40 to .60) effective the third trimester of the 2002-03 school year.

Catherine Crabb - Health and Fitness at Capital High School, a .20 FTE increase in contract (from .60 to .80) effective the third trimester of the 2002-03 school year.

Dennis Gray - Math at Capital High School, a .40 FTE increase in contract (from .60 to 1.0) effective the third trimester of the 2002-03 school year.

2.2 Executive Session

Superintendent Lahmann announced there would be no executive session.

3. CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

3.1 Classified Personnel Report

The Board approved the Classified Personnel Report for March as submitted.

4. PUPILS AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS

4.1 Instructional Materials

The Board received a list of instructional materials for study.

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4.2 South Sound Council of Career and Technical Education

The Board approved acceptance of two new members to the South Sound Council of Career and Technical Education--Charlotte Dunham, School Nurse, Tenino School District; and Don Rossow, Director of Education, Washington Restaurant Association.

4.3 Student Travel Requests

The Board approved a request for an overnight field trip for eleven Marshall Middle School orchestra students to travel to Gresham, Oregon, April 3-4, 2003, for an Orchestra Festival.

The Board approved a request for an overnight field trip for six Capital High School Boys' Golf Team students to travel to Burlington, Washington, May 1-2, 2003, for the 22nd Bill Egbers Memorial Golf Tournament.

4.4 WIAA Resolution

The Board approved a request to delegate authority to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) to control, supervise and regulate interschool activities consistent with the rules and regulations of the WIAA for the 2003-04 school year.

8. FINANCES

8.1 Approval of Vouchers

The Board approved General Fund Vouchers 121548 through 121860 in the amount of \$481,991.94, Capital Projects Fund Vouchers 6935 through 6946 in the amount of \$24,159.47, and ASB Fund Vouchers 23710 through 23805 in the amount of \$38,208.04, dated March 24, 2003, and warrants were issued in their payment.

8.2 Financial Reports

Board members received the February 2003 Revenue and Expenditure Reports for the General, Debt Service, Capital Projects, ASB and Transportation Vehicle Funds.

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1. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1.1 Policy No. 8600, Management Support

New Policy No. 8600, Management Support--Naming School Sites, Public Spaces Within, and Public Areas, was presented for first reading. Director Keeffe commented that it is possible the Board might decide to name a school, etc., without forming a committee. He said he would like to put a period after the word "areas" and add a new sentence, "The Board can, if it chooses, provide a committee for that purpose." Director McGee said he would support ending the paragraph with the period after "areas" and then modify the procedure. Board members agreed.

1.2 Policy No. 6140, Diplomas for World War II Veterans

Policy No. 6140, Diplomas for World War II Veterans (Operation Recognition), was entered for first reading. Director of Communications Shelley Carr commented that this is the result of state legislation (SB 6430) allowing World War II Veterans who left school unable to graduate because of service for the country to receive diplomas. Director Lehman asked if Ms. Carr had the statute. She said yes and read it. He asked if we have a list of requests. Ms. Carr said yes, one.

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6. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS--NEW CONSTRUCTION

6.1 Capital High School Modernization and Additions, Phase II--Architect Selection

Director of Facilities and Operations Bob Wolpert presented the architectural selection committee's recommendation for the architectural firm to design the modernization and additions to Capital High School.

DIRECTOR KEEFFE MOVED AND DIRECTOR LEHMAN SECONDED APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A DESIGN CONTRACT WITH BLR+B ARCHITECTS FOR THE CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.

8. FINANCES

8.1 Update on Budget Development Process for 2003-04

Assistant Superintendent for Human and Financial Resources John Nugent provided an update on budget development for next year. It was hoped that information regarding the House budget proposal for state funding would be available, but it was not. Mr. Nugent commented that the district held the I-728 forum, and that the next Budget Advisory Group meeting will be Thursday, March 27. He said that Superintendent Lahmann and he are about 85 percent finished with visitations to district sites on the budget. He said he should have projections of the current year's ending fund balance soon, as well as an update on enrollment projections. Superintendent Lahmann said the administration would like to schedule two study sessions on the budget: May 19 and June 2.

8.2 Crossing Guards for Intersection at Conger and Division

Director Lehman said he would like to have paraeducators as crossing guards for the intersection at Conger and Division just for the rest of this school year. He said he was hoping for a more permanent solution by the city. He said the district needs to look at other hot spots as well. He said he heard a consensus by the city that human beings are preferable. President Barcliff said she did not recall the traffic safety committee saying that. She said the committee

said to have beacons or crossing guards, but not both. Director Lehman said that beacons will not be available for a while, and this is a temporary solution to the end of the school year. Director McGee said the Board has spent some of its travel money, and he did not know if there is any money from this budget. He said he is feeling uncomfortable about this because it involves money. He said he appreciated that if the district is going to do something, that waiting until the April Board meeting does not make a lot of sense. Director Keeffe said if the Board decides not to do something and something happens, it would be a disaster. He said middle school students need to have a sense of what is expected of them. He said the proposed lights will not be in until summer. He commented that he is worried about setting a precedent for other intersections. He said he is leery to do this in the way it is being done, but there is no other system in place. He said he regrets having to go along with this, but the district also needs to teach students how to cross streets.

DIRECTOR LEHMAN MOVED AND DIRECTOR KEEFFE SECONDED THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE DISTRICT TO RE-ALLOCATE \$2,000 TO JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING ADDITIONAL PARAEDUCATOR TIME TO COVER THE INTERSECTION OF CONGER AND DIVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL FOR THE REST OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.

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10. Board Member Comments

Superintendent Lahmann said that Jacki Gavin was recognized as one of nine Kiwanis Citizens of the Year for her activities with the Facilities Advisory Committee and the Citizens for Schools campaign. He said it was a very nice event, and a well deserved recognition for a person who has done so much for the school district.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Student Representative on the School Board
- Nutrition
- National Board Certification Program -- 4/21/03

Superintendent Lahmann said the administration would like to have a study session on nutrition. He said it had been listed for April 24 which is a Thursday, but asked the Board members if April 28 (Monday) would be better. Board members agreed that April 28 is better. President Barclift said if people could get information to the Board ahead of time it would be helpful. Board members discussed whether or not to limit the amount of time people can talk, what areas should be discussed (not only food, but allergies, junk food, teaching nutrition, etc.). Superintendent Lahmann said he would like Director of Food Services Paul Flock to give the Board a presentation at the first part of the meeting. Board members agreed. President Barclift suggested the Board members jot down their expectations for the evening and get them to her by March 31.

The Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

President