

**HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT NO. 401 – KING COUNTY
Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting**

June 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Dorsey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Educational Resource and Administrative Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pacific Middle School 9th grader Cameron Stedman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board members present:

- Bernie Dorsey, President (participated via video)
- Sili Savusa, Vice President
- Susan Goding
- Julie Burr Spani
- Michael Spear

Central office members present:

- John Welch, Superintendent
- Carla Jackson, Deputy Superintendent
- Geri Fain, Assistant Superintendent/Support Services
- Alan Spicciati, Chief Accountability Officer
- Steve Grubb, Executive Director/Elementary and Middle Schools
- Susanne Jerde, Executive Director/Elementary and Middle Schools
- Andréa Johnson, Executive Director/Facilities Services
- Susan Smith Leland, Executive Director/Finance & Business Services
- Terri LePenske, Executive Director/Student Support Services
- Angus Mairs, Executive Director/Instruction Design and Development
- Max Silverman, Executive Director/High Schools
- Don Waring, Executive Director/Human Resources
- Mark Finstrom, Director/Technology Services
- Marianna Goheen, Director/College and Career
- Catherine Carbone Rogers, Director/Communication and Community Engagement
- Tony Zeman, Director/Security and Safety
- Keith Colee, Assistant Director/Facilities Services-Maintenance and Operations
- Susan Wood-Megrey, Coordinator/K-12 Mathematics and Science
- Robert Hoyman, Project Manager/Facilities
- Jackie Martinez-Vasquez, Manager/Family and Community Partnerships
- Rod Sheffer/Project Manager/Facilities Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julie Burr Spani moved approval of the June 10, 2009, regular Board meeting and the June 15, 2009, special meeting and executive session minutes as presented; Michael Spear seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Susan Goding moved approval of the agenda as presented; seconded by Michael Spear.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

RECOGNITION

Superintendent Welch introduced Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence Trustee Emeritus Tom Russell who honored Assistant Superintendent of Support Services Geri Fain for her work in the district and in the community, and presented her with the business leaders' Lifetime Achievement Award. Superintendent Welch thanked Mrs. Fain for her work, and reiterated that the group couldn't have selected a better person.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:12 p.m., Vice President Savusa recessed the meeting to a Public Hearing regarding the proposed budget for 2009-10.

Executive Director of Finance and Business Services Susan Smith Leland gave an overview of the district's recommended budget plan for expending funds for the 2009-2010 school year. A Board discussion followed the presentation. The meeting was then opened for public comment.

At 6:38 p.m., Vice President Savusa closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and reconvened the regular school Board meeting.

COMMUNICATION

Community/Staff Organizations and Committee Reports

Highline Council PTSA President Jill Wunch commented on the success of the PTSA units at the schools; reported that, on June 4, the council held their awards and recognition event; stated that Board Member Savusa was nominated for a community service award for her work in the community; and expressed her disappointment and concerns regarding the math curriculum up for adoption.

Scheduled Communication

The following individuals commented in support of the proposed new math curriculum:

Megan Randow, 23807 20th Avenue S., Des Moines.
Clint Long, 21600 24th Avenue S., Apt. D103, Des Moines.

Sherrie Miller, 1648, S. 246th Place, Des Moines, thanked the Board for their support of the music education in schools; and announced that Pacific Middle School's wind ensemble received a first place and gold rating at the Heritage Festival in California, and choir received a first place and silver rating at the event, under the direction of Jeffrey Steen.

Stuart Jenner, 200 SW 178th Street, Normandy Park, commented on what he considers important issues concerning the upcoming school bond; and remarked concerning the math curriculum being considered for adoption.

Julie Kastien, 14405 24th Avenue SW, Burien, expressed frustration regarding an email staff received concerning the removal of refrigerators, microwaves, etc., from classrooms; commented on how some of the appliances benefit the students; explained why teachers need various appliances in their classrooms; and offered alternative cost-saving ideas for reducing the district's electricity bill.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Welch introduced Dr. Terrance Mims as the new principal at Academy of Citizenship and Empowerment; addressed math curriculum issues and reviewed what has been done to educate the community regarding the curriculum; stated he feels the *Discovering Math* curriculum is balanced and is the best recommendation at this time; remarked he is creating a mechanism to hear from parents and to work with parents regarding the curriculum; noted the recommendation is not the same recommendation that was brought to the Board a month ago; referenced the memo staff members received regarding the removal of electronic appliances in the classroom, and said administrators will work with staff regarding the matter; gave an update regarding the reduction-in-force process; and announced that Aviation High School students Lianda and Salina Abraham, along with their 11-year-old sister Haven, sang on America's Got Talent and were selected to proceed to the national finals in Las Vegas.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Consent Agenda

Item #5 – Proposed Adoption of New Instructional Materials for Secondary Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Susan Goding, Michael Spear, and Julie Burr Spani.

Bernie Dorsey pulled item #9 – Contract of the Superintendent.

1. **Resolution No. 2377 – Capital Facilities Improvement Plan – Final Acceptance of Building Commissioning Report – Mount Rainier High School Replacement Project.** The Board accepted Resolution No. 2377 – Capital Facilities Improvement Plan – Final Acceptance of Building Commissioning Report – Mount Rainier High School Replacement Project.
2. **Resolution No. 2378 – Unused/Underutilized School Facilities in Neighboring Districts.** The Board adopted Resolution No. 2378 Unused/Underutilized School Facilities in Neighboring Districts, and authorized the superintendent to notify the Superintendent of Public Instruction of these findings.
3. **Resolution No. 2379 – Adoption of the Highline School District No. 401 2008 Study and Survey.** The Board approved Resolution No. 2379 Adoption of the Highline School District No. 401 2008 Study and Survey.
4. **Resolution No. 2380 – Puget Sound Joint Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement.** The Board adopted Resolution No. 2380 Puget Sound Joint Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement authorizing an interlocal agreement between the Highline School District and the Puget Sound Joint Purchasing Cooperative for the purpose of purchasing equipment, supplies, and services.
6. **Revisions to Selected 2000 and 3000 Policies – First Reading: 2004 (State/Federal Accountability Goals), 2125 (Sexual Health Education), 2126 (HIV/AIDS Prevention Education), 3414 (Infectious Diseases), 3420 (Anaphylaxis Prevention), 3421 (Child Abuse and/or Neglect).** The Board considered revised policies 2004 (State/Federal Accountability Goals), 2125 (Sexual Health Education), 2126 (HIV/AIDS Prevention Education), 3414 (Infectious Diseases), 3420 (Anaphylaxis Prevention), and 3421 (Child Abuse and/or Neglect) for first reading with adoption on a subsequent date.
7. **Administrative Salary Schedule 1 for 2009-10.** The Board approved the revisions to Administrative Salary Schedule 1 that reflects a stipend of \$2616 for Schedule B, Level F, and the reduction of one day to the salary schedule for the 2009-10 school year.
8. **Administrative Salary Schedule 2 for 2009-10 Letter of Agreement.** The Board approved the letter of agreement reflecting the continuation of the current contract through 2009-10, one furlough day, and the acceptance of the current salary schedule for the 2009-10 school year.
10. **Bid Award for Bid No. 08/09-8 Early Learning Center, White Center Heights Elementary School Portable Project.** The Board AWARDED Bid No. 08/09-8 Early Learning Center, White Center Heights Elementary School Portable project to Mike Werlech Construction for the base bid of \$174,900, plus Washington State sales tax. This award was based on the overall lowest responsive bid received.

11. **Approval of Vouchers and Warrants (voucher review for May 2 and June 10 through June 17, 2009).** Approval of payment of vouchers audited and certified by the auditing committee as required by RCW 42.24.090, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.90 as recorded on a listing which is available to the Board were as follows:
 - Payroll warrants as listed totaling \$16,713.40;
 - Payroll automatic deposits dated 5/29/2009 for \$6,630,709.25;
 - Payroll wire tax transfer dated 5/29/2009 for \$2,292,661.33;
 - General Fund warrants #219431 through #219593 dated 6/10/2009 for \$778,638.38;
 - Capital Projects Fund warrants #219594 through #219610 dated 6/10/2009 for \$2,427,073.09;
 - ASB Fund warrants #219611 through #219637 dated 6/10/2009 for \$35,283.27;
 - Trust Fund warrant #219638 dated 6/10/2009 for \$49.22;
 - General Fund warrants #219639 through #219802 dated 6/17/2009 for \$572,113.40;
 - Capital Projects Fund warrants #219803 through #219819 dated 6/17/2009 for \$241,099.67;
 - ASB warrants #219820 through #219850 dated 6/17/2009 for \$28,618.49;
 - and Trust Fund warrants #219851 through #219852 dated 6/17/2009 for \$342.05.
12. **Personnel Matters.** The Board approved one (1) resignation, one (1) new hire, one (1) supplemental contract, and one (1) other as listed on the regular agenda; and seven (7) resignations, four (4) new hires, one (1) new assignment, and thirty-four (34) others as listed on the supplemental agenda.
13. **PTSA Donation for New Marvista Facility.** The Board approved acceptance of the donation by the Marvista PTSA in the amount of \$20,000 for the sole purpose of purchasing 24 laser printers, 2 copy machines, and 6 desktop computers.
14. **Donation to Southern Heights Elementary School.** The Board approved acceptance of the Tech Access Foundation's donation of \$4710 to Southern Heights Elementary School.

Michael Spear moved approval of the revised consent agenda; Julie Burr Spani seconded the motion.

The revised consent agenda was unanimously approved.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Proposed Adoption of New Instructional Materials for Secondary Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra.

Vice President Savusa asked Executive Director of Instructional Design and Development Angus Mairs to give an update regarding the adjusted math material recommendation. Mr. Mairs noted that the materials team pulled the *Discovering Geometry* text from the adoption, putting forward only the Algebra and Advanced Algebra texts; stated that Algebra

will be implemented fully, and offered a two-year option for the Advanced Algebra text. Mr. Mairs asked Global Connections Principal Rick Harwood to comment on the curriculum teams' efforts regarding the math recommendation. Mr. Harwood addressed the process and time that went into the selection of the math curriculum; and explained why the committee felt this curriculum will provide teachers with the support they need to help students engage and succeed.

A Board discussion followed the comments.

Michael Spear moved approval of **Proposed Adoption of New Instructional Materials for Secondary Mathematics: Algebra and Advanced Algebra**; Julie Burr Spani seconded the motion.

The Proposed Adoption of New Instructional Materials for Secondary Mathematics: Algebra and Advanced Algebra were unanimously approved.

Proposed Adoption of New Instructional Materials for Secondary Mathematics: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra. The Board unanimously approved the Discovering Algebra and Discovering Advanced Algebra curriculum for Algebra and Advanced Algebra published by Key Curriculum Press. The Geometry portion was not approved.

Contract of the Superintendent.

President Dorsey pulled the Contract of the Superintendent to acknowledge that the superintendent participated in the same reduction in salary as other employees, and thanked the superintendent for the work he does on behalf of the school district.

Michael Spear moved approval of the Contract of the Superintendent; Julie seconded.

The Contract of the Superintendent was unanimously approved.

Contract of the Superintendent. The Board, after completing its evaluation of the superintendent, authorized the entry of a three-year agreement with the superintendent through June 2012. In alignment with other employees in the district, the compensation for the 2009-10 year will reflect a reduction in pay of one day.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

The following students requested that Officer Mike not be moved from Cascade Middle School and presented the Board with signatures in support of their request:

Pulemay Savusa, 10636 2nd Place SW, Seattle
Tasia Jackson, 10102 8th Avenue SW, Seattle

Maenad Widdershins, 18816 1st Place SW, Normandy Park, commented that teachers remind parents to read with their student(s) during the summer, and remarked she feels teachers also

needed to include math on their reminder notes; and asked that a community task force be formed to continue a dialog regarding the district's math curricula.

Meg Van Wyk, 16203 25th Avenue SW, Burien, commented on the approved math curriculum; stated some of the concerns of parents; and referenced a couple of school districts regarding their experiences regarding the curriculum.

DISCUSSION

1. Legislative Report

No report was given.

2. Board and Superintendent Business and Updates

Julie Burr Spani commented that Highline High School Assistant Principal Janis Maracic sent her a request asking for the Board's endorsement of a Partnerships for Success grant regarding the prevention of substance abuse.

After a Board discussion, the Board asked Superintendent Welch to look into the matter and give the Board a recommendation. Superintendent Welch said he would look into whether the grant required a formal Board decision and would follow-up with them regarding the grant.

Michael Spear commented on the informative Community Schools Report the Board received; thanked Executive Director of High Schools Max Silverman for a job well done; and referenced a letter in the *Highline Times* from a Sylvester student regarding the importance of the swimming pools to the students.

Bernie Dorsey thanked everyone for their work on the math curriculum; and commented that high school graduation ceremonies are a wonderful perk for Board members.

Susan Goding commented on Aviation High School's graduation ceremony.

3. Next Steps

Vice President Savusa announced that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on July 15, 2009, at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at the Educational Resource and Administrative Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Goding moved the meeting be adjourned; Michael Spear seconded the motion.

Vice President Savusa declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary to the Board