

**HIGHLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT NO. 401 – KING COUNTY**

Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting

August 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

President Dorsey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Educational Resource and Administrative Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Technology, Engineering and Communications School Interim Principal Michael Sita led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board members present:

Bernie Dorsey President
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 Rowley, Executive Director/K-12
Catherine Carbone Rogers, Director/Communication and Community Engagement
Bruce Dearborn, Interim Coordinator/Secondary Alternative Programs
Jackie Martinez-Vasquez, Manager/Family and Community Partnerships

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Susan Goding moved approval of the August 12, 2009, regular Board meeting as presented; Julie Burr Spani 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.

COMMUNICATION

Community/Staff Organizations and Committee Reports

There were no community/staff organizations or committee reports.

Scheduled Communication

Scheduled speaker Miles Partmen did not attend the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Welch thanked the Board members for the work they accomplished at the Board retreat creating a solid work plan for the year; stated that he'll include in this Friday's Board packet information about upcoming Puget Sound ESD board member elections; recognized Coordinator of Accounting Bang Parkinson for receiving her Certified School Business Official designation from the Washington Association School Business Officials, recognized Office of College and Career Specialist Barbara Wilson, who will receive the Outstanding Career Guidance Professional award at the Association of Career and Technical Education conference in November, and recognized Jackie Martinez-Vasquez for her contributions to the district's community engagement and cultural competency work, as she is leaving the district to work for the Greater Seattle YMCA; gave an update on the rehiring of certificated staff who had received reduction-in-force notices; stated that the deadline for paying the secondary sports' Pay-for-Play fee was moved to October 1, and that the Highline Schools Foundation for Excellence is finalizing the process for the families to access scholarship dollars and is also determining the fundraising process; and introduced Michael Sita, interim principal at the Technology, Engineering and Communications School, and Bruce Dearborn, interim coordinator for secondary alternative schools.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Consent Agenda

Julie Burr Spani pulled items 1 and 2 for further discussion and clarification.

3. **Resolution No. 2389 – Highline Public School District 401 – Seattle Public School District, and Holy Family Private School Interlocal Agreement.** The Board adopted Resolution No. 2389 – Highline Public School District 401 – Seattle Public School District, and Holy Family Private School Interlocal Agreement per Title I Services to Eligible Private School Children, October 17, 2003, B-16, and the terms proposed.

4. **Revisions to Selected 1000 and 2000 Policies – Adoption
1114 – Board Member Resignation
2320 Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Education**

The Board approved the revisions to Policy 1114 (Board Member Resignation) and Policy 2320 (Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor Education).

5. **Donation to Aviation High School.** The Board approved the \$24,838 donation from the Aviation High School PTSA to be used as follows: (1) \$10,728 towards the Dan Hartley Scholarship, (2) \$14,110 for Aviation High School mini-grants, new student recruitment, field trips, and awards.

6. **Donation to Highline High School.** The Board approved the \$9,628.09 donation from the Highline High School Band Booster Club to be used as follows: \$9,628.09 toward the cost of the Highline High School spring 2009 band trip that occurred in April/May 2009.

7. **Approval of Vouchers and Warrants (voucher review for August 12 through August 19, 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:

General Fund warrants #221231 through #221324 dated 8/12/2009 for \$173,925.40;
Capital Projects Fund warrants #221325 through #221334 dated 8/12/2009 for \$438,846.57;

ASB Fund warrants #221335 through #221340 dated 8/12/2009 for \$2,683.65;
Trust Fund warrant #221341 dated 8/12/2009 for \$1000.00;

General Fund warrants #221342 through #221427 dated 8/19/2009 for \$385,390.50;
Capital Projects Fund warrants #221428 through #221450 dated 8/19/2009 for \$2,555,435.41;

ASB Fund warrants #221451 through #221453 dated 8/19/2009 for \$2,322.89;
and Trust Fund warrants #221454 through #221455 dated 8/19/2009 for \$10,800.00.

8. **Personnel Matters.** The Board approved six (6) resignations, seven (7) new hires, two (2) new hires – retire/rehires, and ten (10) others as listed on the regular agenda; and eight (8) resignations, fifteen (15) new hires, four (4) new hires – retire/rehire, and twenty-one (21) others as listed on the supplemental agenda.

9. **Interlocal Agreement Between the Highline School District and Educational Service District #113 (ESD 113) for Electronic Finger Print Processing.**

The Board approved the recommendation to implement the electronic Live Scan System and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the ESD #113 effective September 1, 2009.

Michael Spear moved approval of the consent agenda as revised; Susan Goding seconded the motion.

The consent agenda was unanimously approved as revised.

MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Non-Consent Agenda Items

Resolution No. 2387 – Capital Facilities Improvement Plan-15,000 Square Feet of Valley View Early Learning Center to Supplement State Funding Assistance for the McMicken Heights Elementary School Replacement Project.

Assistant Superintendent of Support Services Geri Fain responded to Julie Burr Spani's questions regarding the impact of removing 15,000 square feet at Valley View from the school district's K-12 allocation with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. She reviewed the rationale for the proposed action, the potential impact, and the options available to the district if future growth required additional classroom spaces be available in the SeaTac area. The removal of the square footage at Valley View allows the district to apply for an additional \$1.3 million of state matching funds for the construction of the new McMicken Heights Elementary School.

Resolution No. 2388 – Purchase of Real Estate – 3.16 Acres from Port of Seattle – Replaces Resolution No. 2338 Adopted August 13, 2008.

Assistant Superintendent of Support Services Geri Fain responded to Julie Burr Spani's questions about the purchase and sales agreement to purchase 3.16 acres next to the Puget Sound Skills Center currently owned by the Port of Seattle. She reported that the Board had previously approved the purchase in August 2008. However, during the due diligence period certain soil conditions had been discovered reducing the value of the land. The Port of Seattle and the District agreed to hire a third appraiser to evaluate the land value. The new appraisal supported the district's offer and the new purchase and sales agreement reflected the new purchase price of \$870,000.

Michael Spear noted a typing error in the Resolution 2388 document that mistakenly indicated that the third appraisal valued the property at \$850,000 – instead of the correct amount of \$870,000. Board members agreed to correct the typo and initial the correction.

Michael Spear moved approval of Resolution No. 2387 and Resolution No. 2388; Julie Burr Spani seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 2387 (noting the actual amount of the third appraisal value was \$870,000) and Resolution No. 2388 were unanimously approved.

UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATIONS

Sara Mendoza of Normandy Park shared her frustrations regarding her son's education and the differing educational expectations at Seahurst Elementary School.

Superintendent Welch and Board Vice President Sili Savusa, on behalf of the district, apologized and promised to look into the situation.

DISCUSSION

1. Legislative Report

No legislative report was given.

2. Board and Superintendent Business and Updates

Board members wished Jackie Martinez-Vasquez well in her future endeavors and congratulated Michael Sita and Bruce Dearborn on their new positions with the district.

Julie Burr Spani expressed her appreciation to the *Highline Times* for the clear and concise story about the district's Friday early release days for Professional Collaboration Time.

Bernie Dorsey thanked the Board and superintendent for the work done at this week's retreat, and reported that he'll be attending the SeaTac Back-to-School Fair on Thursday, August 27.

3. Next Steps:

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on September 16, 2009, at 6:00 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.

President Dorsey declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary to the Board