

**LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes
September 30, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Present: Superintendent Mark Mansell, and board members Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Cris Yaw, John Parsons and Wendy Chord

Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback

Administrator: Dave Holmes, Bonnie Lock, Carol Patton and David Cooke

Staff: Dan Bentson-Royal

Guests: Heather and Megan Wood

PART I – CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Corrections to the Agenda:

None.

Motion 08/09-2

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw,
to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 26,
2008 and Community Meeting and Board Special Meeting
held September 16, 2008.

Motion Carried

Audience and Board Communication:

“Say Something Positive”

Mrs. Chord went to CISPUS last week. She had a fantastic (if exhausting) time and our kids were excellent. She is simply blown away by how amazing the whole experience is. Mrs. Yaw is really impressed by the donations the district receives and by all that volunteers do for us. Mr. Parsons, who is new to the board, introduced himself and shared how pleased he is to have this opportunity to serve. Mr. Taylor welcomed Mr. Parsons to the board and stated that it was really great to have four applicants. That represents a great showing for the district. He also stated how positive he feels it is for the middle school teachers/principal to be reaching out to the families of students via “good job” phone calls. Mrs. Miller also welcomed Mr. Parsons to the board. Mrs. Miller made a point of saying how pleased she was with “Dr. Mark” for the interview he gave the paper regarding our WASL standing. She pointed out that our district was the ONLY district to step up and not blame something or someone for the scores. Our superintendent took responsibility and she likes that. Also she is pleased by all the work coaches and volunteers put in with our kids. Dr. Mansell stated that our WASL scores have allowed deep soul-searching by our administrators and staff. He shared that we have begun to think differently and that has resulted with a lot of learning going on. So far, it has been really exciting and a great thing to be part of. Ms. Patton stated that lots of learning and looking at things differently is taking place at the elementary also. She thanked the PTO for the map and the problem solving wheel out on the playground. Also, their purchase of a climbing wall for our

elementary gym and all the work that has (and will) go into this year's Fall Carnival. Mrs. Lock thanked the Instructional Materials Committee for the work they do. They are very conscientious. Mr. Holmes shared that the high school is also thinking differently about learning. A few highlights are the training in sexual harassment peer mediation completed by students who have already had the opportunity to use their newfound knowledge and skills, Mr. McCullough's fashion design class (this is very cool) and 3 women's studies classes being taught by Mrs. Grotte. In addition, Mrs. Newman has had her students making their own sports drinks – a definite learning experience with relevance to student life! Mr. Cooke talked about the learning going on within the leadership team. He shared how much he appreciates Dr. Mansell's leadership and the trickle down to teachers is already showing itself. Mr. Soske (audience member) was pleased to get an e-mailed version of the middle school board report.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda will be acted upon with a single motion unless a board member desires to remove an item from the agenda.

Motion 08/09-3

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Chord,
to approve the consent agenda as follows:

6. Vouchers
 - A. September payroll in an amount not to exceed \$653,827.02
 - B. General Fund 2007-2008 Warrants #72552-72566 in the amount of \$28,307.48
 - C. General Fund 2008-2009 Warrants #72567-72708 in the amount of \$457,913.20
 - D. ASB Fund 2007-2008 Warrants #7128-7132 in the amount of \$5,461.63
 - E. ASB Fund 2008-2009 Warrants #7133-7163 in the amount of \$45,480.07
 - F. Private Purpose Trust Funds Warrant #215 in the amount of \$50.63

7. Personnel
 - A. Certificated:
 1. Rita Persic, .5 Leave Request
 2. Amy Webberley, .5 non-continuing 1st grade
 - B. Classified:
 1. See attached memo from human resources
 2. Anita Calnan, Leave of Absence

8. Donations
 - A. NIKE, Inc., 77 white and 65 blue Kentucky jerseys to Football program. Value is \$14,200.
 - B. Chris Weitschich, 4 large bags of school supplies
 - C. Shannon Washburn, 30 composition books to Mrs. Harmon's class
 - D. Brook Steepleton, Books valued at \$55.00
 - E. Dale Smith, Books and Teacher Resources for Reading valued at \$296.00
 - F. Wendy Chord, Books valued at \$545.00
 - G. Tony & Patti Frasier, French Horn to MS Band program

9. Other items for Board Review:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Principals' Reports
 2. Curriculum Director Report
 3. Technology Director Report
 4. Budget Report
 5. Cash Flow Analysis
 6. Impact Fee Report
 - B. Curriculum Adoption (See attached)

Motion Carried

PART II – LINKAGE

10. Presentation/Appeal from Heather Wood, Parent: Ms. Wood asked the board to consider revising board policy 2410 regarding graduation requirements. She feels that students who suffer critical illness or accident should not be held to the requirement that they earn 23 credits in order to receive a La Center diploma. She stated that in the case of her daughter, she had to fight for her life and it was not fair that she should have to fight for her education also. Mr. Holmes clarified for the board that accommodations under the Special Ed program IEP process, as well as the ADA 504 program had been made and Ms. Wood's daughter, Megan, would be allowed to walk with her classmates and attend the graduation party. He also stated that if Megan stays on target with what she has indicated she plans on doing, she will be a 5th year senior next year and could possibly earn her diploma that way. Otherwise, she will be eligible for a Washington State Diploma when she reaches 19 credits. He also noted that there are no provisions in current district policy to award a La Center diploma for anything less than the required 23 credits.

PART III – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

11. Monitoring Report: EL-9 Facilities Program. Mrs. Yaw feels we do a great job in this area.

Motion 08/09-4

made by Mrs. Yaw, seconded by Mr. Taylor,
to approve Monitoring Report EL-9 as submitted.

Motion Carried

12. Monitoring Report: EL-10 Asset Protection. Mrs. Miller is pleased to see progress in this area.

Motion 08/09-5

made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mrs. Yaw to
approve Monitoring Report EL-10 as submitted.

Motion Carried

PART IV – WRITTEN POLICY

13. First Reading of Revised Policy No. 3421, Child Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention:

Motion 08/09-6

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Parsons, to approve the First Reading of Revised Policy No. 3421 as submitted.

Motion Carried

14. Review of GP-11 Board Members Conflict of Interest: No changes required.

PART V – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

15. KWRL October Meeting: This is the annual fall meeting and Mark needs two board members willing to attend. Bob Taylor and Cris Yaw agreed to go. This meeting will be held at KWRL on October 29th. Topics of discussion will be the property search for a southern bus facility and specialized transportation costs. Mark shared with the board that the ESD currently provides our district with these services and while estimated costs for this last year were \$15,000, actual costs are being billed at around \$30,000. More on this later.
16. WSSDA Conference: Several members are attending this conference in November. Questions about how to get there (fly) were decided.
- 16.a. Invitation from Clark College Board: Board members received an invitation to meet with the Clark College Board of Trustees on either October 13, or December 1 to discuss various topics affecting our student's opportunities in higher education. Our board chose to attend on December 1st. All but Mr. Taylor will be able to attend.
- 16.b. State of Washington question re: DNR Land: Mark shared with the board a visit he received from a consultant hired by OSPI to gauge the interest of our district (among others experiencing growth in Clark County and around the State) in purchasing DNR land for future school sites. The land in question is quite hilly and so far out and away from services that it would not be feasible within the next 50 years. The board does not feel it is interested in investing in such a long range and speculative purchase at this time.
17. October Workshop Agenda: Possible topics for October are as follows:
A. Graduation Requirements
B. Facility Committee Meeting Update

PART VI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

PART VI – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

18. Signing of Board Documents: (GP-2-E)

19. Board Self-Assessment: (GP-2-E)

Board Chair

Member

Member

Member

Member

Board Secretary