



Board of Directors' Official Minutes

School Board Meeting

May 11, 2011

Estacada High School Choir Room

6:00 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting

7:40 p.m. GENERAL SESSION Called to Order by Standing Chairman, Mark Greene

Present were Directors: Mark Greene, Ralph Branson, Steve Woods and Leslie André. Directors Timothy Schultz, and Sherri Graham were absent. Also present were Superintendent, Howard Fetz; Business Manager, Donna Cancio, and Executive Secretary, Sabrina La Londe.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Award – Danny Scott- The School Board presented the Scott family with a plaque honoring the memory of Danny Scott, former Board Chairman, for his many contributions to the School District, School Board, and Estacada community.
- Student Body Report – Estacada Web Academy – Student Frank George IV reported on his educational experiences at the Web Academy, and all the learning that takes place. Student Sean LeTourneau spoke about his educational experiences prior to attending the Web Academy, and the challenges/struggles he has faced. He is grateful to the Web Academy for helping him turn his life around, and for helping him to push through the academic process.
- National Teacher Appreciation Week – Steve Woods read a proclamation honoring teachers for their hard work all year long.
- High School Student Art Presentation – Principal, Scott Sullivan, introduced Rochelle Fullerton, the Estacada High School “Artist in Residence.” She is a highly decorated art student beyond the average high school student. A few of her paintings are at Portland State University right now on display. Her “modest nudes” are the portraits of plus size models, and can be seen at the Estacada High School Art Show. (For mature audiences only.)
- Patriot Flag Presentation – Community member, Becky Ginsbach, spoke about the upcoming National Flag Tour, and its stop right here in Estacada on Friday June 3rd. Estacada School District students will be participating in a processional from the High School down to the Estacada Memorial to watch the ceremony of the flag raising.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: (Action Items)

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Elect a new Board Chair and Vice Chair for May and June 2011
Leslie André moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to nominate Mark Greene as the Chairman and Steve Woods as the Vice Chairman of the Board for May & June, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Consent Agenda**
Ralph Branson moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. **Approval and Adoption of the 2011-2012 K-12 School Calendar**
Leslie André moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to approve the Adoption of 2011-2012 K-12 School Calendar, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. **Approval of the “Estacada Education Association Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012”** – Ralph Branson moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to approve the “Estacada Education Association Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012,” as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. **Approval of the “Oregon School Employees’ Association Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012** – Steve Woods moved, seconded by Leslie André, to approve the “Oregon School Employees’ Association Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012.” The motion was unanimously approved.
6. **Approval of the “Administrative/Confidential/Supervisory/Non-Represented Group Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012”** - Ralph Branson moved, seconded by Leslie André to approve the “Administrative/Confidential/Supervisory/Non-Represented Group Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012.” The motion was unanimously approved.
7. **Declare Board Position Zone 3 Vacant for May & June 2011 without attempting to fill this position for May & June** – Steve Woods moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to Declare Board Position Zone 3 Vacant for May & June 2011 without attempting to fill the vacancy. The motion was unanimously approved.
8. **Resolution #212 – Accepting Offers for Insurance Agent of Record** – Ralph Branson moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to approve Resolution #212 Accepting Offers for Insurance Agent of Record, as presented. (The Fournier Group was awarded the bid.) The motion was unanimously approved.
 - Discussion – Ralph reported that he was part of the selection committee, and said that one of the concerns was the size of the agent. The Fournier Group offered more resources for us as a smaller district. They were the best choice.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **Scott Sullivan** – Principal of the Estacada High School reported about the changes in the school calendar for next year. With the new calendar, every day will be the same for all students district-wide which will cause less conflict for families. This calendar represents increased instructional minutes for kids. The Wednesday early release will move to Friday. The Elementary schools will also move to the “quarter” model for report cards.
- **Blending** – Mark Greene said he is not going to entertain the blending conversation tonight; rather, he will facilitate a sub-committee to discuss this topic. Tina Rhue said there is a community meeting already scheduled for June 2, 2011 at Eagle Creek Elementary for this topic, and anyone is welcome to attend.
- **Donna Cancio** – Donna reported that there will be another Budget Committee Meeting on Monday the 16th to try to pass the budget.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT: None this month due to Budget Meetings.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

- Ralph Branson – Mr. Branson reported that he has seen a very successful blending model that was very popular with parents, students, and teachers.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Non-Action Items)

- Kari Hulsey – Blending. Ms. Hulsey, a teacher at River Mill Elementary, spoke about the positives of “blending,” and said the year she taught in a blended classroom was her most favorite year. This model lightens the load on teachers and provides district-wide PLC opportunities.
- Corey Reidel – Mr. Reidel, a parent, said he is concerned about the transparency of the budget process. The feedback that he has been getting is that the decisions for next year have already been made to do blending, and cut teachers. He is interested in seeing the analysis on closing a school, and blending.
 - Mark Greene responded to Corey’s concerns, and said that the budget is created with many different scenarios to get to the bottom line. There will be a sub-committee formed to address the concerns brought tonight.
 - **SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING** – Monday May 23, 2011 at 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the High School Choir Room. Mark Greene will be the facilitator and Tina & Steve will be there to help.
- Dolly Cooper – Ms. Cooper, a former school district employee, and current community member, would like the district to look at all aspects of the possibility of closing a school sometime in the near future. She is in favor of blending, and said that most people don’t understand the difference between blending and split classes.
- Dante Torgerson – Mr. Torgerson, teacher at Estacada Junior High School, spoke about the 15 hours that are required to be made-up by the licensed staff due to earlier snow closures in the district. He would like for the licensed staff members who participate in the sub-committee for “blending and cutting” to be considered as part of their required 15 hours. He thinks it is dumb for the teachers to have to make-up the snow days that they were paid for.
- Carrie Bartlett – Ms. Bartlett is a teacher, and parent of a child who was in a blended classroom this year. There were many positives that came out of this experience. Blending does not look at grade or age; it looks at abilities. This is a positive thing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Action Taken

1. **Elect a new Board Chair and Vice Chair for May & June 2011** – Approved for Mark Greene as Chair & Steve Woods as Vice Chairman.
2. Consent Agenda – Approved as presented.
 - Approval of April 13, 2011 School Board Meeting Minutes.
 - Approval of Personnel Actions/Resolutions as presented in Staff Reports
 - Fast Track Adoption of policy IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar
 - Second Reading and Adoption of Policies GBK – Tobacco Free Environment
 - GDA – Educational Assistants
3. Approval and Adoption of 2011-2012 –K-12 School Calendar – Approved
4. Approval of the “Estacada Education Association Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012” – Approved
5. Approval of the “Oregon School Employees’ Association Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012” – Approved
6. Approval of the “Confidential/Supervisory/Administrative/Non-Represented Memorandum of Understanding for 2011-2012” – Approved

7. Approval of declaring Zone 3 Vacant without attempting to fill the position for May & June 2011 – Approved
8. Approval of Resolution #212 Accepting Offers for Insurance Agent of Record - Approved

Mark Greene
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Howard Fetz
Superintendent

Date

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