



Board of Directors' Official Minutes

School Board Meeting

June 8, 2011

Estacada High School Choir Room

4:30 p.m. Budget Committee Hearing

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mark Greene. Roll call was taken. Present were Directors: Mark Greene, Sherri Graham, Leslie André, Ralph Branson, Steve Woods, and Timothy Schultz. Also present were Superintendent, Howard Fetz; Business Manager, Donna Cancio; and Executive Secretary, Sabrina La Londe.

Ms. Cancio opened the hearing to the public, and stated that the hearing will be held open for one half hour. No comments or questions about the Budget were asked by the public or staff.

Mr. Greene talked about the Budget Sub-Committee meetings recently held, and said that the one important lesson learned during the meetings was that the public wants “transparency.”

Mr. Fetz said the delay in getting budget-related information out to staff, and the public was partly due to the need to receive “solid” information on school funding from the State and partly out of respect for employees’ emotional well-being, which greatly affects school and classroom learning atmospheres. Contractual agreements and District Policy also were factors in the communication of budget discussions to the public. In short, the timing of public disclosure was carefully calculated to allow maximum information from the legislature about our funding and substantial progress in our negotiations with the two associations before notifying staff about layoffs and programmatic changes in order to prevent unnecessary panic, and to allow maximum learning until the very last day of school.

Mr. Greene suggested having a Board-Administrator retreat to continue the positive communication process that has begun to take place this year. Mr. Greene also suggested meeting with the sub-committee members throughout the year on an “as-needed” basis to keep the community and parents informed about District developments. Mr. Greene also said he would like to see a study about where District students are going and when & why they leave the school district.

Mr. Fetz said we have been tracking this data. Scott Sullivan said that all students who drop from our school system get coded. Many have left the State. The other chunk went to Sandy, Clackamas, and Gresham. Most went to live with other families. Mr. Greene said that it would be nice to get that info numerically and in one document.

The Board all agreed that a retreat would be very helpful. The last Board/Administration retreat was held at the Collins Retreat Center. This would include board members, a couple leaders from the associations, and the A-Team. The Board members don’t think the District should pay for the cost of the retreat. (Consider later in the summer before school starts.) Mr. Greene said that he likes the idea of the District setting some goals and having the Board work through them together.

5:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION Called to Order by Chairman, Mark Greene

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

-SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- **ASPIRE** – Mary Ann Bugni presented a power point on a “year-in-review” for the ASPIRE program at Estacada High School. The Board would like to have Gus at the Estacada Newspaper do an interview with Mary Ann Bugni about the ASPIRE Program. ASPIRE volunteers don’t have to be college educated to be mentors. They meet here at the ASPIRE office in the High School once a week to meet with and help students with their post-high school planning. Parents need to sign a permission slip for students to participate in the ASPIRE program. These slips go home at the beginning of the school year. This year there was a record high 1.6 million dollars received in grants and scholarships by Estacada High School graduates.
- **Title I Parent Involvement Report**– Tina Rhue, principal at Eagle Creek Elementary School, reported on Parental Involvement regarding Title I funding that is currently allocated to all Estacada School District elementary schools. There were no sanctions this year because all elementary schools met AYP. The annual Title I meeting for the parents is combined with each school’s Open House. If parents attend the Title I parent meeting before Open House, their children will get a few “coupon bucks” for the book fair. The Title I meeting fulfills federal & state requirements and increases parents’ capacity to understand what is going on in their student’s education. Parents also participate by way of site councils, and PTA meetings. The District has in place a “Student/Parent Compact,” which is an agreement between the school, parents, & students outlining the responsibilities of each. All parties sign this agreement in the beginning of the school year. Director, Steve Woods asked about each elementary school being a Title I school. Ms. Rhue said, “Yes,” the District meets the State’s definition for “school-wide” Title I. Any child can receive Title I services at any of the elementary schools. Mr. Woods asked if this is an opportunity to reach out to home-schooled students. Ms. Rhue said, “We invite home-schooled kids to come to music, PE, etc. and yes they are welcome to attend the elementary schools and receive other services.”
- **Secondary Parental Involvement Report** – Dan Draper reported that the Estacada Junior High School Parent volunteers will be hosting a reception after the promotion scheduled for Thursday night June 9th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Junior High had parents represent their school for the recent sub-committee meetings as well as serve on the Site Council. Their parent volunteers help in a lot of areas such as dances, the 4th Annual Arts Day, clubs, sports activities, reading mentors, and even finishing the creation of the school garden. Scott Sullivan also discussed Parent Involvement activities at Estacada High School.

HEARING OF CITIZENS: (Action Items)

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consent Agenda
Ralph Branson moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. Declaration of Zone 3 Vacancy/Authorization for District to publish vacancy
Leslie André moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to Declare the Zone 3 Board position vacant and to authorize the District to publish the vacancy. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Resolution #213 Approval and Adoption of 2011-2012 Fiscal Budget
Steve Woods moved, seconded by Leslie André, to approve Resolution #213 to approve and adopt the 2011-2012 Fiscal Budget, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Resolution #214 Approval and Appropriation of Expenditures
Timothy Schultz moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to approve the Appropriation of Expenditures, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Resolution #215 – Imposing and Categorizing Taxes 2011-2012 –
Leslie Andre moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to approve Resolution #215 Imposing and Categorizing Taxes 2011-2012, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. Resolution #216 Amending the Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 –
Ralph Branson moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to amend the Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, as presented.

Discussion – Donna Cancio explained that the District had to move \$350,000 to the Special Revenue Fund.

The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Approval of Sub-Committee Recommendation to Implement Option B for Blended Classrooms for 2011/2012 School Year for all three Elementary Schools.
Timothy Schultz moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to approve the Sub-Committee Recommendation to implement Option B for Blended Classrooms for 2011/2012 school year for all three elementary schools. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Tina Rhue, Principal – The elementary PLC meeting was outstanding today! All new grade-level group leaders were selected for K, 1st, 2/3rd, 4/5th, & 6th. The “hum” of the small groups was very positive.

Howard Fetz, Superintendent - The fiscal challenges took a lot of cooperation and team work. All District employees have made substantial fiscal and professional sacrifices. The Association leaders are to be commended for what we have accomplished this year to address the budgetary crisis.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT:

There were no questions about the Business Office report in the packet.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Steve Woods – Mr. Woods said that the Board members recognize the tremendous sacrifices that have been made by staff. Mr. Woods said "...we wish we could do something about it. I believe we are handing you an inadequate budget, but that is all we have. We know you will go out and do what you need to do, professionally. We have not given you the ammunition you deserve to do your job. We appreciate all that you do."

Mr. Woods also read a poem – "Big Mud Puddles and Sunny Yellow Dandelions."

Ralph Branson – Mr. Branson said he has talked to several people this last week and the reaction he is getting is that they are pleased that our District is not having the levels of dissension and turmoil that every other district is having. We are trying to solve problems together!

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Non-Action Items)

None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Action Taken

1. Consent Agenda - Approved
2. Declaration of Zone 3 Vacant/Authorization for District to publish vacancy - Approved
3. Resolution #213 Approval and Adoption of 2011-2012 Fiscal Budget - Approved
4. Resolution #214 Approval and Appropriation of Expenditures - Approved
5. Resolution #215 – Imposing and Categorizing Taxes 2011-2012 – Approved
6. Resolution #216 Amending the Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 –Approved
7. Approval of Sub-Committee Recommendation to Implement Option B for Blended Classrooms for 2011/2012 School Year for all three Elementary Schools. - Approved

Mark Greene

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Date

Howard Fetz

Superintendent

Date