



## Board of Directors' Official Minutes

### **School Board Meeting**

**September 8, 2010**

Estacada High School Choir Room

#### **7:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION Called to Order by Chairman, Danny Scott**

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

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**P-Team** – Presentations were given regarding the first days of school, and the projected enrollments for this year as compared to last year.

**Seth Johnson** – Principal of River Mill Elementary, reported that their numbers are slightly up overall from this time last year. Current enrollment is approximately 317 vs. 309 last year. The Kindergarten has 39 students as of today. It has been a “rock’n-rollin’ good time. They are planning to start Dibels soon.

**Shannon Powell** – Special Services Director, stated that they started out with a bang! They have 16 new SPED students, of which half are high cost students. We have lots of home-schooled students enrolling in our district, some with special needs, and we look forward to serving them. The SPED enrollment is 355 right now as compared to 371 last year at the same time.

**Tina Rhue** Principal of Eagle Creek Elementary, reported they have about 325 students right now. They have a large ELL population 20%, and as a result they are continuing with the Extended Day ELL Program. The kindergarten students who are ELL & in need of additional services are coming to school at 10:30 a.m. They have an hour with an ELL teacher prior to their regular class starting.

CRE also has new safety procedures which have been implemented, and parents are very appreciative. They have a large “snake” around the building in which students lineup prior to getting on their buses. Every teacher knows exactly which students are getting on the bus, and which bus. Tina introduced Sarah Walker who will serve as a Teacher on Special Assignment/Assistant Principal at Eagle Creek 3 days per week. ECE will host a Bar-B-Que on September 16<sup>th</sup> during Open House.

**Nancy Torbert** – Principal of Clackamas River Elementary, reported they have a very large Kindergarten class this year with 52 total. They are exactly the same as they were in overall numbers this time last year, 336. The class sizes are bigger at CRES this year, so they are beginning to send students to RME to equalize class size. CRES would be up by 10 students if they weren’t sending kids to RME. They too are ramping up security measures this year, and all parents, maintenance people, etc. will be required to have a badge, and check in at the office. They are teaching their students that if they see adults without badges they are asked to please have the adults to go to the office, and ask for a badge. Nancy explained to her staff about the split classes, and even though their K class is large, the other classes are smaller as the grades get higher.

**Bonnie Erickson** – Vice Principal at Estacada High School reported that their numbers are up by 2 from last year, and they currently have 744 students enrolled. Only the freshmen students attended school Tuesday, and today, Wednesday, was a very calm day with all students attending. The LINK-Leaders did a great job with this event, led by Cindy Kuzmanich. They had a lot of help from the Food Service Dept, and they wanted to thank Greg for a great job. The High School is housing a LEEP

classroom this year as well as 3 Foreign Exchange students. Shannon reported that LEEP is an ESD program from the County, and they take moderate to severe students, and offer them services by pooling the money with Resolution dollars. Molalla, Sandy, Colton & N. Clackamas school districts send their students to us for early intervention programs. We saved \$60,000 in transportation costs by doing this. Tomorrow night is the High School's Open House beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Dan Draper** – Principal of the Estacada Junior High School, reported that only the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students attended the first day of school. The PBS matrix was reviewed with students, and they were reminded how to behave. It has been a smooth start to the school year, and Open House is on Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. They have approximately 345 students enrolled right now which is down a little bit from last year at 350. They, too, are happy to have Ms. Walker at the JH as a TOSA/Assistant Principal. Dan introduced Mr. Art Wheeler, who is a student teacher this year at the EJHS. He was a graduate of EHS.

**Truancy Court** – Gary Lewis, Estacada High School Athletic Director, presented the Board with information regarding the new Truancy Court Program. Gary reported that an issue at EHS last year was attendance. The daily average attendance was 89% last year. This averages out to students missing one day every two weeks. That is a significant number of students that would be considered truant by State Law. The State Law allows up to \$185 in fines if their student is truant from school. EHS wants to target kids who are missing a lot of school, and take preventative measures to help. There is a flow chart of how the program will work. The school wants to work with parents to assist parents in getting their students to school.

Trillium gave the high school a 40-hour a week Social Worker to work at the District free of charge to our District this year. Milwaukie High School implemented this same program last fall, and it greatly improved their attendance rate. Donna said that truancy only affects district funding if they miss more than 10 days. Then we have to un-enroll them. Gary said it is a problem when students dropout etc. Last year EHS absences totaled 11,646 days last year.

**McKinstry** – Cam Hamilton from McKinstry presented a Power Point regarding the Biomass Boiler Project. The ESD Biomass School District Overview shows the Scope of the Work was originally looking at both RME & EHS; however, the focus is currently on EHS only. They will be upsizing the boiler's BTU's. The economics for RME didn't really pencil out as enough savings to justify going forward with that upgrade at this time. RME boiler is being excluded from the project at this time. This will be a turnkey set-up at the High School. The boiler won't be in the existing boiler room but rather will be housed in the courtyard. This project is budget neutral, and cash flows positive on an annual basis. This is a return to the General Fund Dollars. McKinstry is currently working with the State to prorate the amount of funding to de-rate for RME. The anticipated EPA requirement is still pending; however, McKinstry has found a way to comply with those standards right now versus waiting.

Cam talked about the routine maintenance requirements of the new system. McKinstry will have remote access monitoring to our system which will help the District with the maintenance program. McKinstry will have 20-30 different eyes watching our system at any given time. Director Leslie asked about safety and security. Cam said they will place fences around the silo, and it will be locked. The building itself will be a steel fabricated building.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS: (Action Items)**

None

#### **Action Items:**

1. **Consent Agenda** – Mark Greene moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. **Approval of Security Resource Officer Contract for 2010-2011**  
Mark Greene moved, seconded by Leslie Andre, to approve the SRO Contract for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion was unanimously approved as presented.
3. **Approval of EHS Athletic Handbook for 2010-2011**  
Mark Greene moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to approve the EHS Athletic Handbook for 2010-2011 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved as presented.
4. **Approval of Resolution #210 to approve the Biomass Boiler Project, and Financing Model for RME & EHS**  
Mark Greene moved, seconded by Ralph Branson, to approve Resolution #210, accepting the Biomass Boiler Project, and Financing Model for RME & EHS, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Comment: Ralph Branson asked the Board if they wanted to amend the motion to include the adjustments to the RME boiler. Mark Green stated that if RME is not cash flow positive, then he wants to make sure we don't go thru with it. Mark said if it doesn't pencil out, then they don't want to do it. Cam said there is 8 times the savings at the high school. The energy savings was not enough to go forward at RME. He said it is a small boiler system over there, and the square feet is a lot smaller than at the High School. Mark Greene asked if we got stimulus money and Cam said yes, \$627,000. Mark said if it wasn't a cash flow positive then the financing model wouldn't be approved.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Joe Gamble, Facilities Manager, reported there is a new floor, and basketball backboards at ECE. The floor is really nice, and he encouraged board members to check it out. Tina Rhue added that they removed a condemned swing set from the playground. Joe and his crew got that out the first day of school and it was really appreciated. Mark asked what the hang-up was with the floor, and why it wasn't done by the first day of school. Joe said it was due to the painting issues they experienced.

**BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT:** Business Manager, Donna Cancio, reported that the financial reports are in the packet. Not much activity for the new year yet.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

Mark Greene –He mentioned that ASPIRE is still looking for mentors. He encourages everyone to get involved in it.

#### **OTHER:**

Mark Greene – He would like to see the District address the safety procedures in one document that outlines District safety processes so that the entire District is consistent. He reminded the Board that the biggest threat to students is from people they know, not strangers. He wants to be able to say we have a District-wide program.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS (Non-Action Items)**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Action Taken**

1. **Consent Agenda** – Approved as Presented.
  - Approval of August 11, 2010 School Board Meeting Minutes.
  - Approval of August 24, 2010 Special School Board Meeting Minutes
  - Approval of Personnel Actions/Resolutions as presented in Staff Reports
  - Approval and Adoption of Second Reading of Policy BBFA - Approved  
BBFA – Board Member Ethics & Conflicts of Interest
2. **Approval of Security Resource Officer Contract for 2010-2011-** Approved
3. **Approval of EHS Athletic Handbook for 2010-2011, as amended-** Approved
4. **Approval of Resolution #210 to approve the Biomass Boiler Project and Financing Model for RME & EHS -**  
Approved

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Danny Scott  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Superintendent

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