



Board of Directors' Official Minutes

School Board Meeting

November 8, 2011

Estacada High School Choir Room

7:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION Called to Order by Chairman, Mark Greene. Present were **Directors:** Mark Greene, Rick Mudrow, Sonja McCarty, Steve Woods, and Leslie André. Directors, Ralph Branson, and Tim Schultz were absent. Also present were Superintendent, Howard Fetz; Business Manager, Donna Cancio; and Executive Secretary, Sabrina La Londe.

SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- KPI Reports – Please visit www.esd108.org under “School News” to view all power points.
 - CRES – Principal, Seth Johnson, presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) for Clackamas River Elementary School. The demographics indicate a decline in enrollment numbers; ELL/SPED numbers have experienced a slight dip; attendance is above the 92% goal;
 - RME – Principal, Seth Johnson also presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Key Performance Indicators for River Mill Elementary School. Enrollment numbers for 2011-2012 are the down a little. The dip in SPED numbers was noted. Special Services Director, Shannon Powell, said that RME has two programs: SLCA & SLCB. These programs were moved so that staff could be shared. RME was above the 92% goal for attendance.
 - ECE – Principal, Tina Rhue, presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Key Performance Indicators for Eagle Creek Elementary School. Current enrollment is down slightly. ELL numbers are going up. Attendance is great. OAKS scores are good. This year the State’s reading cut scores are increasing. They are working on interventions in the classroom. In writing they have made a little improvement.
 - EJHS – Principal, Dan Draper, presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Key Performance Indicators for Estacada Junior High School. (Mr. Draper acknowledged Sarah Walker for her assistance at the EJHS) The enrollment numbers are dipping in the overall population. The 56% free & reduced lunch numbers are the highest they have ever been. They are above their goal for attendance. 7th grade writing will not be tested by the State this year. Highlights – Tiger Tutorial & Homework Club. There are only 8 ELL students at the JH because they are being promoted out. The goal is that within 5 years of entering the ELL program, all students will be exited out.

HEARING OF CITIZENS – Action Items

Ben Erickson – Community Patron & Eagle Creek parent, came to speak about the “Consent Agenda.” He requested that the Board consider holding off on the adoption of IGDA & IGDA-AR policies; “Student Organizations.” Mr. Erickson wants the Board to reconsider the sentence about staff avoiding directly participating in a religious club. He said this seems discriminatory. He would like staff members to be able to advise clubs where they have similar religious beliefs. Mr. Erickson suggested two alternatives: 1) allow no club advisors to participate at all; or 2) suggest the statement in IGDA-AR that

says “no non-school persons are allowed to participate in the club” be changed to “non-school district employees can participate in the club.” Please reconsider adopting that policy tonight.
Steve Woods – Mr. Woods told Mr. Erickson that what he is asking the Board to do is against the law. To allow staff to participate in Religious activity is against the law. The law says that if you are a District representative, you cannot be part of religious efforts. This is the essence if separation of Church & State.

Mr. Erickson said that this policy takes away any help to kids that have certain religious beliefs. Mr. Sullivan said there is a current club called “First Priority.” This group has an advisor who is a staff member, and Scott hasn’t been to a meeting lately so he couldn’t say what they do. Mark Greene asked if this policy affects the First Priority group. Mr. Sullivan said that if the advisor is leading spiritual/religious efforts, that wouldn’t be in line with policy, but if he is an advisor just making plans, he could still show up at meetings but cannot participate. He would be there in a “custodial role.”

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda
Sonja McCarty moved, seconded by Leslie André, to remove IGDA & IGDA-AR from the Consent Agenda. The motion to approve removing Policy IGDA & IGDA-AR from the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.
2. Steve Woods moved, seconded by Rick Mudrow, to approve the Consent Agenda, as revised. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Approval of Resolution #218 to authorize the Administration to use Capital Project Funds to negotiate, purchase, and complete the upgrading of COE Softball Field, up to a spending limit of \$35,000. Rick Mudrow moved, seconded by Steve Woods, to approve the motion with one change in the wording to “Softball” instead of “Baseball.” The amended motion was unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

none

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT:

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

Sonja McCarty visited to CRES, and took part of their parent teacher conferences. The Winter Festival is Saturday December 3rd from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A lot of planning has gone into this event, and everyone is invited. On November 29th there will be a Family Involvement Night from 6-8 p.m., and the focus will be on prescription drugs. There will be raffle prizes too.

Mark Greene – Anyone who has time to get involved in ASPIRE is encouraged to do so. This program helps kids figure out their next level of education after high school.

The Booster’s Club has split its organizational structure. One part of the organization is for fundraising, and the other part is for concessions. The fundraising efforts will be helping to pay for coaching stipends that weren’t funded this year. There will be a dinner auction on January 7th and all donated items must

be collected by the end of November. If you would like to donate anything of value, please contact Bonnie Erickson or Laurie Hull. Hopefully this will be a model that will continue for many years.

There is a ribbon cutting event tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. for the Biomass Project. This project was “budget neutral” and will be saving the District money every year.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Non-Action Items)

Vicki Foley – Citizen/Patron. She is a past mentor in the ASPIRE program. She volunteered for ASPIRE for 2 years, and it was very rewarding.

Ms. Foley recently listened to a lecture at CCC by a man named Alder Wiener. He spoke of his experiences during the holocaust. He was 13 when he was taken to a concentration camp. Part of his story was about a German woman who would hide a piece of bread under the chair for him for every day so he could have some food. He wrote a book about human kindness even after his experiences. If he could speak here at Estacada School District, Ms. Foley believes everyone would be touched. He is 80 years old today, and if anyone wants to have him to speak at a school, she would be happy to help set that up.

Mark Luedtke – Last month he talked about School District policies. Mr. Luedtke explained to the Board his perception of how an AR gets passed. Mr. Luedtke said he has a sneaky suspicion that these AR’s are written to achieve AYP only. He asked the Board how they can sit by and not do anything. (He is specifically referring to policies AB & BCD.) Since the last meeting he says he has submitted a request to the Board Chairman to place 4 items on the agenda. Not one of them were placed on the agenda this month. He wants to see these items on the agenda!

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Action Taken

1. Consent Agenda – Approved as revised.
2. Approval of Resolution #218 - Approved.

Mark Greene
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Howard Fetz
Superintendent

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