

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

Minutes
June 24, 2008
7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback

Administrator: Dave Holmes

Guests: Doug Woltgesdorf and Zach Woltgesdorf

PART I – CALL TO ORDER

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

Corrections to the Agenda:

None.

Motion 07/08-58 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Chord, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 27, 2008 and minutes of the Board Retreat meeting held June 10, 2008.

Motion Carried

Audience and Board Communication:

“Say Something Positive”

Mr. Taylor started us off by stating for the record how much he appreciated being able to attend Don Phillips funeral service and hear from many other people that the service and passion for kids Don brought to our school Board was evident throughout all aspects of his life. Mr. Taylor cannot say enough good things about Dr. Phillips and he will be greatly missed. Mr. Taylor also felt that graduation was really nice and went well. Mrs. Yaw shared her appreciation of Don’s great enthusiasm that was evident right up to the last time she saw him, two weeks before his passing. Mrs. Chord agreed and stated she would miss him. Mrs. Miller also stated that it had been a privilege to know Dr. Phillips and she will miss his many perspectives. Mrs. Miller also echoed the sentiment that graduation was great and she was very proud of the decision the board had made to allow two students to “walk” because of issues with WASL that were beyond their (or the schools) control. She feels it was the right decision. Dr. Mansell shared that he personally will miss Don’s great stories and is glad he had an opportunity to serve with him. He also shared how excited he is about the new staff members hired to fill the spots opened up by retiring teachers. We have found some young, “good clay” and he looks forward to seeing how they grow. Mr. Holmes shared that the high school has decided to start a “professional learning community” (PLC) and has had 10 veteran teachers raise their hands to participate. He is so pleased and so grateful to be able to work with such a phenomenal staff. He is expecting great things this year.

Public Input

Doug Woltgesdorf and his son, Zach, came to the meeting to share why they voted no on the recent bond request. Mr. Wolgesdorf stated that he is a retired teacher (40 years) and most of his reasons are economic. He felt he just couldn't afford the increase in taxes. He also stated that he feels the bond proposal was too ambitious for this community. He feels that a whole bunch of portables would better suit what people here want and that we should just rent a football field/stadium from one of the surrounding districts for our games. Also, he suggests a serious look at consolidation. By that he means combining the La Center School District with Battle Ground, Ridgefield, or Woodland to make one big district because those districts have much more diversified tax bases. The board thanked him for his input, shared that we had held numerous public meetings and decisions were based on input from the majority of views expressed at those meetings. Dr. Mansell invited Mr. Woltgesdorf and his son to attend the next public forum and share his perspective. He agreed and left his name, phone number and e-mail address so we can let him know when that might be.

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

Motion 07/08-59 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Chord,
to approve the consent agenda as follows:

6. Vouchers
 - A. June payroll in an amount not to exceed \$615,000.00
 - B. General Fund Warrants #71733-71875 in the amount of \$177,695.36
 - C. ASB Fund Warrants # 7086-7116 in the amount of \$23,803.18
 - D. Private Trust Fund Warrants #212-214 in the amount of \$207.00

7. Personnel
 - A. Certificated:
 1. Shae Whelchel, 6th Grade Teacher
 2. Katie Tyrrell, HS/MS PE Teacher

8. Donations
 - A. Sharon & Tom Reed, donation of books, games, Indian artifacts, and a backpack to the K-8 library valued at \$155.00
 - B. Vancouver Radiologists, 7 computers, 3 Windows Notebooks, 3 network storage devices.

9. Other items for Board Review:
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Principals' Report
 2. Curriculum Director's Report
 3. Budget Report
 4. Cash Flow Analysis
 5. Impact Fee Report
 - B. Fee Increase (See attached Memo)
 - C. Board Meeting & Workshop Calendar for 2008/2009
 - D. Deletion of Obsolete Policy No. 2255 *Alternative Learning Experience Programs*

Motion Carried

PART II – LINKAGE

None this month.

PART III – ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

10. Monitoring Report: EL-6 Staff Evaluations – New evaluation system is going really well and it has allowed new avenues for conversations between administrators and staff. The high school has implemented a practice of having a “mid-year chat” to see how things are going and if there are areas of support needed/wanted.

Motion 07/08-60 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve EL-6 Staff Evaluations monitoring report as presented.

Motion Carried

11. Monitoring Report: ENDS-3 Personal Skills Development: Mr. Taylor asked a few clarifying questions around community service which were answered by Mr. Holmes.

Motion 07/08-61 made by Mrs. Yaw, seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve ENDS-3 Personal Skills Development monitoring report as presented.

Motion Carried

12. Monitoring Report: ENDS-4 Social Skills Development:

Motion 07/08-62 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Yaw to approve ENDS-4 Social Skills Development monitoring report as presented.

Motion Carried

PART IV – WRITTEN POLICY

13. First Reading of GP-8-E: Annual Board Agenda

Motion 07/08-63 made by Mrs. Chord, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve First Reading of GP-8-E Annual Board Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

PART V – OTHER ITEMS NEEDING BOARD ACTION/DISCUSSION

14. Approval of Superintendent’s Contract:

Motion 07/08-64

made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Chord,
To approve the superintendent's contract as presented.

Motion Carried

- 15. Board Director Position #5 Vacancy: This vacancy is due to the passing away of Dr. Don Phillips on June 10. The board has directed the superintendent to advertise in accordance with policy and bring forward any candidates for review at the August board meeting.
- 16. No July Workshop. Regular meeting re-scheduled for July 29th.

PART VI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 17. Informal Superintendent Review: The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:47 and reconvened at 8:15.

PART VI – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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

Board Chair

Member

Member

Member

Member

Board Secretary