

BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Meeting
January 25, 2010

MINUTES

4:30 PM President Gibson called the meeting to order and moved the Board into executive session for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee. He announced that the session would last 60 minutes.

5:35 PM The executive session concluded and, following a brief break, the Directors convened in a work session at 5:40 PM. The purpose of the work session was to review mid-year Board performance and alignment with Operating Principles (Policy 1620).

Dr. Jerry Jenkins, Superintendent of NWESD189, shared feedback that he had received earlier from Board members and asked that the entire Board consider overall performance as it pertains to five of the principles outlined in Policy 1620.

1. No surprises
2. Practicing governance role
3. Recognizing authority as an entire Board
4. Debating the issues and not each other
5. Speaking to agenda issues

In general, the Board believes that there is consistent commitment and accountability to these five principles.

It was agreed that the Board could continue to look to limit comments (specifically to the audience) during Board meetings that are not pertinent to the agenda.

It was felt that while some humor and informal discussion with the audience is healthy, it is important to strike a balance and remain focused on the business of the Board.

There was some discussion on the approval process: motion, second, discussion, vote or to discuss prior to calling for a motion and second, which is the format currently in use. Dr. Jenkins commented that, Robert's Rules of Order is the ideal format. The objective is to have all Directors feel respected and comfortable in sharing their perspective and actively participating in discussions.

Dr. Jenkins asked the Directors what happens if one Board member brings up something that is not on the agenda. It was generally agreed that no action would be taken on the matter, although the Superintendent may be asked to research the issue for a future meeting. It was acknowledged that future agendas will include formal opportunity for Board comment and concerns.

In closing, the Board thanked Dr. Jenkins for his guidance and leadership. They expressed appreciation for the way he has demonstrated to them ways to serve the District by helping to discretely, carefully, and clearly discuss and work together.

I. Call to Order

7:00 PM President Gibson called the regular meeting to order with Directors Dodd, Berge, McClusky in attendance. Director Holmes was excused. The National Anthem was sung by the Blaine High School Chamber Choir.

II. Recognition of Visitors and Placement on the Agenda

None

III. Good News

A. The Blaine High School Choir was introduced prior to singing "Jolly Ole' St. Nick", the song which won first place in the "Stars of Christmas" contest. Scotty Vandryver, representing KAFE Radio, and Katherine Pennington, from ConocoPhillips, presented director Andy Harmening with the award check for \$1000. Pennington noted that students who participate in music tend to excel in math and science, subjects that are important to the petroleum industry.

B. The Directors were pleased to recognize the National Board Certified Teachers: Mike Couto, Mike Stevens, Mary Edgley, Mike Coffey, Sue Steelquist, and Terre Shaprio. Each received a Certificate of Recognition from the District.

C. Superintendent Spanjer spoke on behalf of the staff, students and the community in presenting Certificates of Appreciation to each Board Member. It is National School Board Recognition Month and Blaine joined Governor Gregoire in applauding this dedicated group of volunteers.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion by Berge, second by McClusky, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.

A. Minutes of December 17, 2009 meeting

B. Financial Matters

1. General Fund	12/31/09	97886-97961	\$ 52,113.02
(Excluding Northwood Alliance		#97926	\$ 1,166.67)
General Fund	1/15/10	97962-98083	\$ 181,102.46
2. ASB Fund	12/31/09	7447-7458	\$ 8,292.32
ASB Fund	1/15/10	7459-7470	\$ 4,996.15
3. Payroll	12/31/09	97835-97885	\$ 1,467,840.01

C. Personnel

1. Cindy Selcho-Hired as BMS History Day Advisor
2. Mary Lou Zender Kelly-Hired as BES Math Team Coach
3. Pam Cochran-Hired as BES Math Team Coach
4. Deleted
5. Donna D'Angelo: Retirement as of 6/30/2010

D. Trip Approval: High School Technology Team to Bellevue March 25-27, 2010

E. Warrant 0910-07: Cancel General Fund Warrants

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V. Public Comments/Hearing of Individuals or Groups

None

VI. Budget Report

Business Manager Donna D'Angelo provided updates on financial informal and enrollment.

A. Enrollment through January 4, 2010: We show an average of 2062, which is a drop of 8 students over last month. However, we are slightly above the budgeted number of students for this year.

B. The Budget Status report through December, 2009, noted no unexpected receipts or expenditures.

VII. Program Reports

A. 21st Century Program Update: Kathy Newport and Molly Mitchell presented information on the 21st Century Grant 3D Program for middle and elementary students. Currently 78 students participate in a variety of small group instruction settings to support math and science. The classes are Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:00 PM and include regular Parent Night events. They report the program is a success and there are students on the waiting list for openings.

B. 2010-11 Budget Planning Timeline: Superintendent Spanjer reviewed the proposed schedule which will culminate in budget adoption in July or August. The District is closely following legislative activity in Olympia while our administrative team prepares preliminary budgets showing 4%,5%,6% and 8% reduction impacts.

C. Long Range Planning Update: The Steering Committee has begun a review of the information received during the community forums. Future meetings will be held on Feb 2 and 9 (6:30-8:30 PM) and on Feb 22 at a 4:30 work session with the Board.

D. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Spanjer announced that, if there are no more Snow Days, graduation will be held on June 11, and the last day of school will now be June 16 (first snow make up day). He also shared that the Blaine High School Band is planning to return to the Funabashi Music Festival in Japan in February 2011.

VIII. Action Items

Northwood Alliance Warrant # 97926: Motion by Dodd, second by Berge, to approve warrant for payment. Motion passed 3-0, with Gibson abstaining.

IX. Board Comments

President Gibson invited Directors to provide input for general comments, concerns or needs regarding Blaine School District or suggestions for agenda items for the February 25, 2010 meeting.

Director McClusky suggested that he would like to have the Board discuss having student representation on the Board. There being no objections, Superintendent Spanjer offered to research other districts on this topic. It was agreed that a work session could be held for discussion, perhaps in June.

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With Directors Gibson, Holmes, and McClusky planning to attend the Legislative Conference on Feb. 7-8 along with Superintendent Spanjer, the Directors were asked to offer input for meetings on the "Hill". The Directors anticipate very intense lobbying from many quarters, with education being a very significant issue. All school districts are in the same boat with budget reductions a growing concern.

X. Executive Session

The Directors moved into executive session at 8:35 PM for 30 minutes to review the District's position in bargaining.

XI. Reconvene and Adjourn

The Board come out of executive session at 9:05 PM and adjourned the meeting on a motion by Berge and second by Dodd.

Meeting adjourned.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Gibson	President
Mike Dodd	Director
Todd Berge	Director
Campbell McClusky	Director
Susan Holmes	Excused
Ron Spanjer	Secretary/Clerk
Patt Van Wanseele	Recording Secretary

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Pat Grubb	Mary Edgley	Molly Mitchell	Kathy Newport	Wayne Vezzetti
Sue Steelquist	Terre Shapiro	Mike Coffey		

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/CLERK