



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Camas School District was held on **February 9, 2009**, at the Dennison Administration Center, 1919 NE Lone Street. Board members present were Doug Quinn, Connie Hennessey, Mel Cardon, Casey O'Dell and Mary Tipton.

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| 1. | REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Doug Quinn – 5:36 PM |
| 2. | ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: A few human resources items and a request for approval to extend Crown Road listing with Crest Realty were added under the consent agenda. |
| 3. | CONSENT AGENDA |
| | <p>A. <u>Board Meeting Minutes</u>: Approval of regular school board meeting minutes dated January 26, 2009, and workshop/planning session minutes of January 30, 2009.</p> <p>B. <u>Accounts Payable and Payroll</u>: Figures for February 9, 2009, accounts payable: General Fund (Employee Reimbursements), \$10,561.25; General Fund (Vendors), \$214,625.10; A.S.B. Fund, \$29,989.08; and Capital Projects Fund, \$2,864,546.26. January Payroll: \$3,571,684.69.</p> <p>C. <u>Human Resources</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Long-Term Leave of Absence Without Pay: Laurel Aston, effective 3/4/09-6/22/09. • Special Work Assignments for Certificated Staff: Approval of special work assignments, dates of work, and pay rates for specified staff members. • 2008-2009 Spring Extracurricular Contracts: Approval of spring extracurricular contracts for specified staff members. • 2008-2009 Supplemental Contracts: Approval of supplemental contracts for specified staff members. • VEBA III Approval: Approval for qualified members of the Camas Association of Principals to participate in the Voluntary Employees' Benefits Association Plan III, a pre- and post-retirement medical expenses reimbursement plan. <p>D. <u>Travel Approval Request</u>: Approval of travel request as submitted.</p> <p>E. <u>Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services</u>: Approval of Agreement with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide nursing services for a special education student who has extremely fragile health conditions requiring constant care.</p> <p>F. <u>Acceptance of Donation</u>: Acceptance with gratitude of the following donations made to Camas High School: A donation of \$1,000.00 from Macy's to be used by the Camas High School band; and a donation of \$500.00 from the Keys Foundation.</p> <p>G. <u>Approval to Extend Crown Road Listing with Crest Realty</u>: Approval to extend Crown Road property listing with Crest Realty, through December 31, 2009. This contract involves no cost to the district.</p> <p>Motion was made by Connie Hennessey, seconded by Mel Cardon, and carried unanimously approving the consent agenda as listed.</p> |
| 4. | REPORTS |
| | <p>A. <u>Superintendent's Report</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Nerland asked the board's availability on March 9, at 3:30 PM, to tour the construction sites of the new Grass Valley and Helen Baller Elementary schools; and for conducting board workshops on February 23, and March 23, at 4:00 PM, for elementary and secondary school principals, respectively, to present their School Improvement Plans (SIP). • He also shared that presentations about the budget development process would be given at the school PTA meetings, beginning tonight at Dorothy Fox Elementary School at 6:00 PM, followed by J.D. Zellerbach Elementary School at 7:00 PM. He related that budget presentations have been given at staff meetings at all district buildings. • The superintendent distributed invitations received from the following: Superintendent Twyla Barnes to attend the 40th anniversary celebration of Educational Service District 112, on February 24, 2009; and a Safe Community Task Force breakfast meeting on February 27, 2009, where they will present a community overview of gang activity in Clark County. <p>B. <u>Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Update</u>: Mary Tipton reported on the February 2, Citizens Advisory Committee meeting held at Skyridge Middle School. She expressed that discussion focused on the budget presentation given by Business Services Director Ina Evers-Martin, Superintendent Nerland and Assistant Superintendent Tanis Knight. She said members were very engaged in the budget discussion and provided great input, including views on pay-to-play, and the importance of class size. Superintendent Nerland gave a handout entitled <i>This Week in Olympia</i>, a bulletin provided by the Washington Association of School Administrators, giving updates on bills before the Senate and House,</p> |

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| | committee hearings, and issues relating to the 2009 Legislative session. |
| 5. | EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND LIFELONG LEARNING |
| | A. <u>Proposed WASL Changes</u> : Tanis Knight gave a printout from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website, which summarized Superintendent Randy Dorn's plans to bring change and improvement to the state's student assessment system relating to the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL); existing timelines for new math and science standards; Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) in grades 3-8; High School Proficiency Exams (HSPE); and Standards/Curriculum/EOC Testing. She expressed that Superintendent Dorn's proposed WASL changes have raised many questions, which are still being addressed. She further indicated no change would be made for WASL testing this school year; however, next school year, with the implementation of new testing guidelines, the WASL will be re-identified as the "Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program (WCAP)." Tanis Knight also announced receipt of a notice, this past Friday, from OSPI cancelling the optional WASL testing for ninth graders, effective immediately; basing this solely on a financial and budgetary decision in an effort to avoid nearly \$500,000.00 in unfunded testing costs for the state. |
| 6. | OPEN AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS |
| | A. <u>Legislative Report</u> : Mike Nerland reported that he and Casey O'Dell attended the 2009 Washington State School Directors' Legislative Conference on Sunday, February 8. He distributed copies of information obtained at the conference, including a listing of all the educational bills that are still under consideration. He noted that unfunded mandates were a major topic of discussion and that he and Casey O'Dell met with Senators Jim Honeyford and Joe Zarelli expressing their concerns and the importance of fully funded education. |
| 7. | QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES |
| | A. <u>Request for Approval of Change Order No. 2 for the New Helen Baller Elementary School Construction Project</u> : Capital Programs Construction Manager Helen Charneski provided a copy of contractor Robinson Construction Company's Change Order No. 2 for the Helen Baller Elementary School construction project. She expressed that contract changes totaling \$42,077.68 under this change order encompass the following: changes to casework laminate; deleting louvers for skylights at the covered play area; placement of pilasters in the cafeteria/commons; door frame revisions; door hardware changes; sunshades; insulation to chiller piping; as well as two credit items. She announced that the project is nearly one third complete and change orders to-date equal less than 1% of the total construction costs. Motion made by Casey O'Dell and seconded by Mary Tipton, approving Change Order No. 2, submitted by Robinson Construction Company, dated February 4, 2009, for Change Order Proposal Nos. 006, 014R1, 017, 024, 026, 027, 033, 035, 036, 040, 041, 042, 043, 044, 045, 046, 050, in the amount of \$42,077.68, for the new Helen Baller Elementary School construction project, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. B. <u>Request for Approval of Cooling Tower Repair</u> : Helen Charneski expressed that during December when temperatures dropped near single digits, the cooling tower at Prune Hill Elementary School froze causing numerous cracks in the tube bundle. She related that \$850,000.00 of bond money for capital project improvements had originally been set aside for the Prune Hill HVAC system improvement project, which has since been completed under budget by \$159,000.00. She related that these savings will help pay for the cost of the bundle replacement, and that an insurance claim has been submitted to try to recoup the cost of repairs. Motion made by Mary Tipton, seconded by Connie Hennessey, and unanimously carried, approving McKinstry Essention's contract proposal in the amount of \$55,442.00 for replacement of the cooling tower bundle at Prune Hill Elementary School. C. <u>Request for Approval of Districtwide Lighting Upgrade</u> : Helen Charneski asked for board approval to complete the districtwide lighting upgrades in the gyms at Lacamas Heights and Prune Hill Elementary Schools, Skyridge Middle School, and the bus maintenance area, at a cost of \$85,978.39. She indicated bond money set aside for these lighting upgrades will be used. Operations Director Bryan McGeachy indicated the district could expect to receive rebates of nearly \$19,000.00 over time, plus energy cost savings of nearly \$14,000.00 per year, once all the upgrades are complete, providing a return on the initial investment in just 6-1/2 years. Motion made by Casey O'Dell and seconded by Mel Cardon, approving the districtwide lighting upgrade for the gymnasiums at Lacamas Heights Elementary, Prune Hill Elementary, and Skyridge Middle Schools, and for the bus maintenance area, in the total amount of \$85,978.39. D. <u>Request for Approval of Architectural Services Proposal</u> : Helen Charneski announced that programming and schematic design development for the new Hayes Freedom High School is complete and she is asking board approval to accept Mahlum Architect's architectural services proposal in the amount of \$432,700.00, for design development, construction drawings, and construction oversight for the project. |

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| | <p>She expressed that the fee proposal of \$432,700.00 is 11% of the total construction budget cost of \$3,800,000.00, for this net zero ready building. After a brief discussion, the board by consensus approved the architectural services proposal.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mary Tipton, and seconded by Casey O'Dell, approving Mahlum Architect's architectural services proposal in the amount of \$432,700.00 for the new Hayes Freedom High School project, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>E. <u>Request for Approval of Contract for Life Skills House Improvement Project:</u> Helen Charneski announced that bids for the Life Skills house improvement project were received, ranging from \$36,000.00 to \$42,399.00, and she provided the board with the Bid Proposal-Summary Sheet. She related that improvements to the house are necessitated to ensure the house is compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), for accessibility and use. She requested the board's approval to accept the low bid received from Healy Associates in the amount of \$36,000.00, indicating it was within budget and plans are to have the improvements completed by the end of spring break.</p> <p>Motion was made by Casey O'Dell, seconded by Connie Hennessey, and unanimously carried, authorizing acceptance of the low bid received from Healy Associates in the amount of \$36,000.00 for the Life Skills house improvement project.</p> <p>F. <u>Capital Programs Update:</u> Helen Charneski reported on the progress of the capital projects underway, stating that Helen Baller is nearly 34% complete, and Grass Valley Elementary School is 48% complete, with roofing being added, Tyvek going up, doors/frames being installed and electrical/plumbing/HVAC rough-ins being installed. She reported that the Doc Harris Stadium, the district office conversion to J.D. Zellerbach Elementary School, and the Hayes Freedom High School net-zero ready building are all in design development. She also announced that the lighting upgrades at Liberty Middle School are complete. Charneski also reported that design development for the expansion projects at Camas High School and Dorothy Fox Elementary School are projected to begin in March; and the Skyridge Middle School drainage and covered play area project is set to go out to bid in May.</p> |
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| 8. | ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING – 6:38 PM |
| | Doug Quinn announced the board would be moving into executive session to discuss property and personnel issues, with the meeting to last approximately one hour, and no action would be taken. |
| 9. | EXECUTIVE SESSION: PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL – Doug Quinn – 6:48 PM |
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| 10. | RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT – 8:26 PM |
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Meeting Minutes Prepared by Lynette Marshall

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