



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Camas School District was held on **September 22, 2008**, at Liberty Middle School, 1612 NE Garfield Street. Board members present were Doug Quinn, Connie Hennessey and Casey O'Dell. Mel Cardon was excused.

1.	<p>REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Doug Quinn – 5:33 PM</p> <p>A. <u>Public Comment</u>: Camas resident Beverly Lemons addressed the board by reading a letter, expressing her support for the Public School Employee (PSE) members and relaying her concerns about present negotiations; and Camas resident Brian Anderson also expressed his concerns about PSE negotiations. Kathy Duley, district staff member and PSE president, took a moment to publicly thank Gary Tipton for the commitment, time and energy he devoted to the Camas School District, as a school board member and as a parent.</p>
2.	<p>ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD PRESIDENT RESIGNATION AND DISCUSSION OF INITIATION OF REPLACEMENT PROCESS</p> <p>Doug Quinn announced the receipt of a letter of resignation from District V Director/President Gary Tipton, dated September 5, 2008, and for the record formally read aloud the resignation letter. Motion was made by Connie Hennessey and seconded by Casey O'Dell accepting with regret the resignation of Gary Tipton as District V Director/President of the Camas School Board, declaring the position open. Motion carried unanimously. Board members discussed posting of the vacancy, timeline for acceptance of applications, interviews and the selection process per board policy. The board members agreed by consensus to post the vacancy for two weeks, followed by a review of applicants and interviews on October 7, 2008.</p>
3.	<p>BOARD ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT</p> <p>A. <u>Call for Nomination for President</u>: Nomination was made by Casey O'Dell, seconded by Connie Hennessey and unanimously carried to elect Doug Quinn board president to fill the vacancy created by Gary Tipton's resignation. B. <u>Election of Board President</u>: Doug Quinn was announced board president. C. <u>Call for Nomination for Vice-President</u>: Nomination was made by Casey O'Dell, seconded by Doug Quinn, and unanimously carried, to elect Connie Hennessey vice-president to fill the vacancy created by Doug Quinn transitioning to the role of board president. D. <u>Election of Vice-President</u>: Connie Hennessey was announced board vice-president.</p>
4.	<p>BOARD COMMUNICATION: Superintendent Nerland shared a letter received from the Camas-Washougal Soroptimist thanking the school district for being a depository for their food drive, where nearly 4,000 lbs. of food was received for distribution to the East County Resource Center and Treasure House.</p>
5.	<p>ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: A few human resources items; approval of Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) Contract; and a travel request were added under the consent agenda.</p>
6.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>A. <u>Board Meeting Minutes</u> - Approval of regular school board meeting minutes dated September 8, 2008. B. <u>Accounts Payable</u> - Figures for September 30, 2008, accounts payable: 2007-2008 Budgets – General Fund (Employee Reimbursements), \$48.23; General Fund (Vendors), \$15,014.73; A.S.B. Fund, \$0.00; Capital Projects Fund, \$670,983.57; and Trust and Agency Private Purpose Fund, \$2,500.00. 2008-2009 Budgets – General Fund (Employee Reimbursements), \$17,842.91; General Fund (Vendors), \$602,795.49; A.S.B. Fund, \$45,495.98; and Capital Projects Fund, \$53,203.46. C. <u>Human Resources</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hiring Recommendations: Classified – Lesley King, Camas High School; Helen Schakols, Liberty Middle School; and Carolyn Waring, Skyridge Middle School. • Resignations: Melanie Crawford, effective August 28, 2008; and Jeannette Scott, effective December 31, 2008. • Certificated Staff Special Work Assignments: Approval of special work assignments, dates of work, and pay rates for specified staff members. • 2008-2009 Extracurricular Contracts: Approval of Fall extracurricular contracts for specified staff members. D. <u>Acceptance of Donations</u>: Acceptance, with gratitude, of donations made to Camas High School in the summer of 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, as follows: \$1,000.00 to the Girls' Volleyball Program; \$500.00 to the Boys' Golf Program; \$761.00 to the Boys' Soccer Program; and \$500.00 to the Jazz Band</p>

	<p>Program.</p> <p>E. <u>Approval to use District Van to Transport Life Skill Students</u>: Approval to use the district's special education van to transport Life Skill students to jobs, where travel times can be claimed on the District Car Route Log for route survey.</p> <p>F. <u>2008-09 Extracurricular Contracts</u>: Approval of Fall extracurricular contracts for specified staff members.</p> <p>G. <u>Special Work Assignments for Certificated Staff</u>: Approval of special work assignments, dates of work, and pay rates for specified staff members.</p> <p>H. <u>Approval of Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) Contract</u>: Approval to enter into a contract with Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) for continuing services relative to the ELL Demonstration Classroom Grant at Dorothy Fox Elementary School, a fixed price contract in the amount of \$27,989.00 for the period commencing August 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.</p> <p>I. <u>Approval of Travel Request</u>: Approval of travel request as submitted.</p> <p>Motion was made by Connie Hennessey, seconded by Casey O'Dell and carried unanimously approving the Consent Agenda as listed.</p>
7.	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>A. <u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Mike Nerland thanked Capital Programs Manager Heidi Rosenberg for providing the school board members and administration with a tour of the new Grass Valley and Helen Baller Elementary Schools' construction sites and the Lacamas Elementary School expansion projects. He also spoke of his recent attendance at the Clark County Superintendent's meeting where they discussed legislative priorities. Superintendent Nerland expressed that he would like to form a district leadership team, with members from the PSE, CEA, CAEOP, unrepresented staff, administration and the board. The purpose of the team would be to invite local legislators to meet and discuss legislative priorities. He requested the board's permission to work on developing such a leadership team. The board members fully supported the idea.</p> <p>B. <u>Student Representative Report</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECA student representatives in attendance were Aaron Christensen, Samuel Kent, Alyssa Elgort and Neima Hajarizadeh. Aaron Christensen spoke of their plans to attend DECA's New York Experience Conference on November 19-23. He shared a few of the conference highlights, such as: meeting with business leaders; fashion/marketing/teambuilding workshops; and learning marketing strategies in a major sport/entertainment venue. The board congratulated their outstanding program, for receiving national recognition and asked the students to report back on their experience and the knowledge they gain after the conference. • Tanis Knight, on behalf of Leadership president Emma Sagor, announced Homecoming was in two weeks and the resurrection of the homecoming parade with floats and the Camas High School marching band, followed by a tailgate party at the Doc Harris Stadium. • Hayes Freedom High School student representative Jessica Harris reported on activities underway at the high school, expressing their excitement of having new teacher involvement in their congress meetings. She also shared of plans to participate in a suicide awareness walk in Portland, called <i>Out of the Darkness</i>; and of their efforts to connect with other local schools, and with those at the Jack, Will and Rob Center, hoping to increase student involvement in extracurricular activities.
8.	<p>STRONG COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS</p> <p>A. <u>Family Involvement in Education Month</u>: Mike Nerland announced that Governor Christine Gregoire has proclaimed October as "Family Involvement in Education Month" in the state of Washington and read the Governor's proclamation. He expressed that information would be provided through the district's web page as well as through the schools. Superintendent Nerland also shared the most important message of the proclamation which included the recognition that family involvement in a child's learning is critical to their success in school and life and that family involvement is an important element of the public education system.</p>
9.	<p>QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES</p> <p>A. <u>Request for Approval of Change Order #1 for Grass Valley Elementary School Project</u>: Capital Programs Manager Heidi Rosenberg provided the board with a complete breakdown of Robinson Construction Company Change Order #1, noting that several contract changes were submitted under this change order for the new Grass Valley Elementary School project. Keith Johnson from DOWA was in attendance and offered in-depth information on the contract changes, cost changes and answered the board members' questions. He also relayed that throughout the project the process of submitting change orders is common practice, however, their hopes were to keep them to a minimum. Heidi Rosenberg conveyed that the budget for the project includes contingencies for change orders such as these and, therefore, they will not be over budget.</p> <p>Motion was made by Casey O'Dell and seconded by Connie Hennessey approving Change Order Number 01, submitted by Robinson Construction Company and reviewed by Dull Olson Weekes</p>

	<p>Architects (DOWA) Inc., dated September 16, 2008, in the amount of \$114,257.21 for the new Grass Valley Elementary School project, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>B. <u>Presentation of Proposal for Expanded Hayes Freedom High School</u>: Heidi Rosenberg gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the 2007 Capital Program Budget allocation of \$800,000.00, plus an assumed state match of approximately \$800,000.00, for the relocation of Hayes Freedom High School to a new home at the district office site. She covered topics that included: a description of the Hayes Freedom High School program; an alternate building proposal; core elements of the school; cost comparisons between the existing and alternate proposal; potential sources of funding for the alternate proposal; next steps in the process; and gave examples of alternative high school facilities. Heidi Rosenberg answered questions and a brief discussion ensued about state funding matches. The board by consensus agreed that a board workshop and public hearing should be held to gather additional input from the community and district staff about the proposed ideas. It was suggested that the public hearing process begin at the next board meeting, however, no definitive date was established.</p> <p>C. <u>Request for Approval of Architectural Services Proposal</u>: This request for approval of the architectural services proposal related to the Hayes Freedom High School relocation project. By consensus, the school board members elected to reserve on any decision relating to this request until such time as a public hearing could be held.</p>
10.	PUBLIC COMMENTS
	District staff member Kathy Duley asked questions about how technology funding for computer replacements work. Technology Director Brandon Ray and Business Manager Ina Evers-Martin answered her questions and explained how technology levy funding is allocated for new schools.
11.	ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING – 7:08 PM
	Doug Quinn announced the board would be moving into executive session to discuss personnel, with the meeting to last approximately one hour and no action would be taken.
12.	EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL – 7:32 PM
13.	RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT – 8:11 PM

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Lynette Marshall

Secretary

President

ATTACHMENT TO OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008:

Under "2. Acceptance of Board President Resignation and Discussion of Initiation of Replacement Process"

The board members agreed to review applicants and hold interviews on October 7, to fill the vacancy on the school board created by Gary Tipton's resignation. (At this time the board members were unaware of Gary Tipton's passing)

On Tuesday, September 23, 2008, it was announced that Gary Tipton had passed away sometime on September 22. The board agreed by consensus, out of respect for the family and due to the sudden loss, to hold off on proceeding forward with posting and filling of the vacancy for a little while. They acknowledged their understanding that they have 90 days to fill the vacancy.

Secretary

President

