



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Camas School District was held on **October 12, 2009**, at the J.D. Zellerbach District Office, 841 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Camas. Board members present were Doug Quinn, Connie Hennessey, Mel Cardon, and Casey O'Dell. Mary Tipton was excused.

1.	<p><b>REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Doug Quinn – 5:29 PM</b></p> <p>A. <u>Flag Salute</u></p> <p>B. <u>Public Comments</u>: An audience member commented on Policy 3207, Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, expressing perceived gaps and gray areas within the policy, asking for the board's review of the policy. The board responded to her comments and Superintendent Nerland relayed that all district policies follow federal and state law. He also added that policy recommendations are made by the Washington State School Directors Association and follow a stringent review process by the State Attorney's Office to ensure they adhere to state law. The board asked she provide them with the specific areas she has identified as having gaps or gray areas so her concerns could be addressed more thoroughly.</p>
2.	<p><b>BOARD COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p>Casey O'Dell announced that the Camas Youth Advisory Council would be hosting their annual candidate forum tonight at Camas High School, beginning at 7:00 PM. Mel Cardon said he would be attending the Washington State School Directors' Association Regional Meeting on October 28, in Ridgefield. Doug Quinn spoke of the success of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Camas Educational Foundation (CEF) auction and dinner. Superintendent Nerland also commented on the CEF auction and said a heartfelt message was given by Doug Lombard, father of Camas High School graduate Jenna Lombard. He said Jenna, now a published author, benefitted greatly from the programs and adaptive technology equipment made available through the district, which supported her special needs. He thanked all those who worked tirelessly to make the evening a great success.</p>
3.	<p><b>ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA:</b> A human resource item was added under the consent agenda.</p>
4.	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <p>A. <u>Board Meeting Minutes</u>: Approval of regular meeting minutes dated September 28, 2009.</p> <p>B. <u>Accounts Payable</u>: Figures for the October 12, 2009, accounts payable run, as follows: General Fund (Employee Reimbursements), \$11,960.10; General Fund (Vendors), \$226,903.30; A.S.B. Fund, \$43,124.20; and Capital Projects Fund, \$1,006,998.78. September Payroll: \$3,438,566.78</p> <p>C. <u>Human Resources</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Hiring Recommendations–Certificated: Greta Jensen, Skyridge Middle School, effective 10/5/09. Classified: Michael Gutz, Transportation, effective 10/1/09.</li> <li>• Request for Long-Term Leave of Absence Without Pay: Beth Osgood, Camas High School, effective 2/16/2010 – 4/30/2010; and Vickie Young, Lacamas Heights Elementary School, effective 1/1/2010 – 6/17/2010.</li> <li>• Special Work Assignments for Certificated Staff: Approval of special work assignments, dates of work, and pay rates for specified staff members, as submitted.</li> </ul> <p>D. <u>Acceptance of Donations</u>: Acceptance with gratitude of the following donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 Dell GX620 desktops, 188 Gateway E4500D desktops, 17 HP DC5100 desktops, and 362 flat panel monitors, from the State of Washington, through the Computers for Kids Program.</li> <li>• 3 desktop computers, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Peterson.</li> </ul> <p>E. <u>Travel Approval Requests</u>: Approval of travel requests, as submitted.</p> <p><b>Motion was made by Casey O'Dell, seconded by Mel Cardon, and carried unanimously, approving the consent agenda as listed.</b></p>
5.	<p><b>REPORTS</b></p> <p>A. <u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Mike Nerland distributed a new version of the accounts payable report to be used in their board packets and the board, by consensus, approved the new format. He also provided the Board with a summary of ESHB 2261, which was passed by the state Legislature during its last session. The passage of Bill 2261 begins the process of redefining the definition of "basic education" and restructuring the state's school funding formulas. He further shared that Bill 2261 will be phased in over a period of years with plans for full implementation in 2018.</p> <p>B. <u>Citizens Advisory Committee Report</u>: CAC Chair John Spencer reported the committee's first meeting was held at Grass Valley Elementary School, beginning with Principal Patricia Erdmann giving a tour of the</p>

	<p>beautiful new building. He said this was a joint meeting with the School Board where the focus was on goals and plans for the district and the committee for this school year. Doug Quinn said it was a great meeting and everyone is ready to engage.</p>
6.	<p><b>EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND LIFELONG LEARNING</b></p> <p>A. <u>ARRA – Stimulus Funding for Education</u>: Tanis Knight gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the 2009 WASA/WASBO/OSPI conference that she, Mike Nerland, Ralph Pruitt and Ina Evers-Martin recently attended. She said the meeting focus was on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. She stated this is a new federal program providing stimulus funding for education and expressed that most of the available stimulus funds, at this time, have been earmarked for Special Education and Title I programs. Tanis Knight further spoke of the government's plans on reforming America's education system. She spoke of the integrated core educational reform priorities and conveyed everyone's surprise by the rapidness of the proposed reform and the vast changes it will entail.</p>
7.	<p><b>SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>A. <u>Energy Conservation Program Update</u>: Operations director Bryan McGeachy and utilities secretary Heidi Burkart-Wear gave an update on the district's energy conservation program, as outlined in Policy 6811, Resource Conservation Management Program. They reported the district has already seen utility savings of just over \$50,000 since launching the program in January, 2009. Doug Quinn equated those savings to being able to keep a teacher in the classroom. Bryan McGeachy shared goals that would further enable the district to continue its path toward environmental stewardship, to further create and maintain sustainable healthy school environments, and to be fiscally responsible through long-term resource conservation management.</p>
8.	<p><b>OUTSTANDING TEACHERS AND STAFF</b></p> <p>A. <u>Approval of 2009-2011 CAEOP Contract</u>: Human Resources Director Rita Pakenen announced that through very productive negotiation meetings the CAEOP contract terms for the next two years have been ratified by the members. Key negotiation team members were thanked, as well as the entire CAEOP group, for their continuous hard work and professionalism. Rita Pakenen asked for board approval of the 2009-2011 Camas Association of Educational Office Professionals (CAEOP) ESP/WEA Contract.</p> <p><b>Motion made by Casey O'Dell, seconded by Mel Cardon, and carried unanimously, approving the 2009-2011 Camas Association of Educational Office Professionals ESP/WEA Contract, as submitted.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES</b></p> <p>A. <u>Capital Programs Update</u>: Heidi Rosenberg provided a bond projects update, stating that only a few punch list items remained to be completed at the new Helen Baller and Grass Valley Elementary Schools. Helen Baller held a successful open house on October 2, with Grass Valley Elementary open house scheduled for October 28. Demolition of the old district office is complete and groundwork has begun for the new Hayes Freedom High School. The Doc Harris Stadium remodel project is going out to bid on November 3, and the project is scheduled to begin in late November. The Camas High School and Dorothy Fox Elementary School remodel projects are in the schematic and design phase; and Phase I of the district office move is now complete. She said the Special Education Department is scheduled to move to the new district office on October 15, with the Technology Department to follow later in November. Other projects she spoke of were the Leadbetter Road expansion and the Camas High School baseball/softball field study.</p> <p>B. <u>Resolution No. 09-03, Authorization to Re-Certify Maintenance and Operations Levy</u>: Ina Evers-Martin stated that Resolution No. 09-03 authorizes the district to re-certify its General Fund Maintenance and Operations (M&amp;O) Excess Levy. She stated that initially when the budget was adopted information at that time indicated the district had to roll back its M&amp;O levy to the levy lid, estimated to be \$9,672,453. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction just released new levy lid figures and the district's levy lid is now at \$10,102,138. She said this higher amount is due to the Federal stimulus funding the district received during the 2008-2009 school year. Approval of this resolution will enable the district to collect most of its \$10,111,289 approved levy. She further relayed that instead of having to roll back our levy by \$438,836, the district would only have to roll it back by \$9,151. Ina Evers-Martin responded to the board's questions, followed by the board's approval of Resolution No. 09-03.</p> <p><b>Motion made by Connie Hennessey, seconded by Casey O'Dell, and carried unanimously, approving Resolution No. 09-03, providing authorization to re-certify the maintenance and operations levy.</b></p> <p>C. <u>Resolution No. 09-04, Authorization to Apply for State Guarantee</u>: Ina Evers-Martin stated Resolution No. 09-04 provides authority to the superintendent to apply for a state guarantee for the portion of the upcoming bonds that will refund the district's Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds – 2000. She reported that by refunding those bonds the projected savings to the taxpayers of Camas will be \$83,350. She further stated that the district is still planning to sell the \$15,000,000 Qualified School Construction</p>

	Bonds and the refunding bonds in the amount of \$2,670,000. The board commended her for her great work. <b>Motion made by Mel Cardon, seconded by Casey O'Dell, approving Resolution No. 09-04, Authorization to Apply for State Guarantee. Motion carried unanimously.</b>
10.	<b>ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING – 6:30 PM</b>
	Doug Quinn announced the board would be moving into executive session to discuss a property and personnel matter, with the meeting to last approximately thirty minutes, and no action would be taken.
11.	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION: PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL – CALL TO ORDER – Doug Quinn – 6:37 PM</b>
12.	<b>RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 PM</b>

*Meeting Minutes Prepared by Lynette Marshall*

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