



CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Camas School District was held on Monday, November 28, 2011, at the J.D. Zellerbach Administration Center, 841 NE 22nd Avenue, Camas. Board members present were Connie Hennessey, Casey O'Dell, Doug Quinn, Julie Rotz and Mary Tipton.

1.	<p>REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – CONNIE HENNESSEY – 5:30 PM</p> <p>A. <u>Flag Salute</u>: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Operations Director Bryan McGeachy.</p> <p>B. <u>Public Comments</u>: A parent expressed her concerns relating to A.S.B. charges for students at Hayes Freedom High School (HFHS) who attend classes at Camas High School (CHS). She also sought clarity on student fundraising for A.S.B. activities and use of district facilities. The Board thanked her for her comments, and Superintendent Nerland relayed that administration at CHS and HFHS are currently working on policy to define A.S.B. student participation guidelines between both of the high schools.</p>
2.	<p>BOARD COMMUNICATION: Connie Hennessey confirmed a Board workshop scheduled for Monday, December 12, at 3:00 PM, for the purpose of legislative discussion and to share informational takeaways from the Board's recent attendance at the Washington State School Directors' Association Conference. In addition, she indicated the Camas High School Magnet students will be presenting their project boards, beginning at 4:30 PM, the same afternoon. Doug Quinn commented on the exciting 3A football championship game held in the Tacoma Dome, where Camas High School (CHS) competed against O'Dea High School. Although CHS did not win, Quinn commended the team for their great sportsmanship throughout the game.</p>
3.	<p>ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA: Connie Hennessey announced that a few human resources items and a request to approve donation were added to the consent agenda.</p>
4.	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>A. <u>Board Meeting Minutes</u>: Approval of regular meeting minutes of November 14, 2011.</p> <p>B. <u>Accounts Payable</u>: Approval of specific figures for the November 30, 2011, accounts payable run as follows: General Fund (employee reimbursements-direct deposit), \$4,838.20; General Fund (vendors), \$321,113.62; A.S.B. Fund, \$43,282.28; and Capital Projects Fund, \$139,940.06.</p> <p>C. <u>Human Resources</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hiring Recommendation for 2011-12 School Year: <u>Classified</u>: Kelly Behnke, Prune Hill Elementary School, effective 12/5/11. • Requests for Approval of Long-Term Leave of Absence Without Pay: Cresoula Grimes, Papermaker Preschool, effective 1/3/12 – 6/20/12; and Star Moran, Skyridge Middle School, effective 3/8/12 – 6/20/12. • Special Work Assignments: Approval of 2011-12 special work assignments for specified certificated staff, as submitted. • Winter Extracurricular Contracts: Approval of 2011-12 winter extracurricular contracts for specified staff, as submitted. <p>D. <u>Acceptance of Donations</u>: Acceptance with gratitude of the following donations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A donation made to Helen Baller Elementary School, in the sum of \$3,000, for the use of field trips. • \$501 received from Maxcess, for use by the Camas High School F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Team. • \$500 received from the Professional Firefighters Association, to be used by the Camas High School F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Team. • \$500 received from Randal and Michelle Potter, to be used by the Camas High School Band. • \$1,500 received from the Grass Valley Elementary School PTA, to be used to purchase books for the school's library. <p>Motion made by Casey O'Dell, seconded by Doug Quinn, and carried unanimously, approving the consent agenda as listed.</p>
5.	<p>REPORTS</p>
	<p>A. <u>Superintendent's Report</u>: Superintendent Nerland spoke of his recent attendance at the Quality Schools Coalition meeting, along with fellow superintendents and school board members, noting the focus of discussion centered on the state budget crisis and the impacts of proposed budget cuts to K-12 public education. He distributed copies of a matrix of alternative budget cuts that would offset the governor's proposal of cutting levy equalization funding. He asked for the Board's feedback on the alternative proposed cuts. Nerland invited the Board to attend an informational meeting scheduled for December 7, at 3:30 PM, at the Zellerbach Administration Center, to discuss the upcoming 2012 Summer English Language Camp in Poland.</p> <p>B. <u>Student Representatives' Report</u>: Hayes Freedom High School student representative Lindee Treece reported on the success of their recent spirit day, themed <i>pajama day and movie night</i>, commenting that there was great student and staff participation. Camas High School student representative Andrea Saechao reported on the school's great athletic season, including the outstanding performance by the CHS football team when competing against O'Dea High school in the Tacoma Dome for the state semi-finals. She also commented on the wonderful performance by the CHS band in the Portland Macy's Day Parade; the leadership team's work on promoting the annual Stuff the Bus food drive; and invited everyone to attend the CHS band</p>



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	<p>holiday concert on December 6.</p> <p>C. <u>Monthly Budget Status Report</u>: Business Services Director Donna Gregg reported on the projected fund balance from September 2011 through August 2012, commenting that there are no significant changes and projections are continuing as anticipated. She did indicate, however, that a budget revision may be required due to changes in collective bargaining agreements to mitigate the 1.9% reduction implemented by the state to certificated salaries.</p>
6.	<p>EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND LIFELONG LEARNING</p> <p>A. <u>School Improvement Progress Report – Hayes Freedom High School</u>: Principal Amy Holmes, along with several of the Hayes Freedom High School staff, were in attendance to share their School Improvement Progress work. Amy Holmes spoke of data mining and the elimination of “noisy data” used to identify struggling students, and to help aid in the development of instructional strategies to target the specific educational needs in the classroom. She commented that reviewing data and school improvement work is an ongoing process with student assessment scores being a gauge to define whether or not developed strategies are working. The Board thanked the team for their work and for the in-depth work of their data mining.</p>
7.	<p>QUALITY FACILITIES AND RESOURCES</p> <p>A. <u>Request for Final Project Acceptance, Department of Commerce Energy Grant Projects</u>: Capital Programs Construction Manager Helen Charneski requested the Board’s final acceptance of the Department of Commerce Energy Grant projects completed within the district. She commented that the energy efficiency projects totaled \$197,200 and generated a \$68,100 grant reimbursement, as well as \$6,000 in utility incentives. The Board was pleased with the work completed, and Helen Charneski was personally thanked for her work in applying for the grant. Motion made by Doug Quinn, seconded by Julie Rotz, and unanimously carried, accepting the Department of Commerce Energy Grant projects as complete.</p> <p>B. <u>Request for Approval to Award Contract for 2-Way Digital Radio System for Transportation Department</u>: Operations Director Dick Essex reported that the Federal Communications Commission is requiring that all school bus transportation 2-way radio systems be digital, rather than analog systems, by January, 2013. Mike Nerland commented this is another unfunded mandate. Essex indicated bids went out for the replacement radio system project and, following a review of the bids received, recommended approval to accept the bid received from Silke Communications, for the ICOM Digital Advanced System, in the sum of \$97,087.14, inclusive of tax and licensing. Essex commented that Silke Communications also offered a bid for the Kytera System, which was approximately \$700 lower than the suggested bid to accept; however, due to the lack of servability locations for the Kytera System, the ICOM Digital Advanced System was being recommended. Motion made by Doug Quinn and seconded by Mary Tipton, approving an award of bid to Silke Communications for the ICOM Digital Advanced System, in the sum of \$97,087.14, inclusive of tax and licensing. Motion carried unanimously. Connie Hennessey announced that following adjournment of the regular meeting, the Board would be moving into executive session to discuss a property matter, with the meeting to last approximately twenty minutes, and no action would be taken.</p>
8.	<p>ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING – 6:42 PM</p> <p>A short recess followed for the signing of approved meeting documents prior to the Board convening for executive session.</p>
9.	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY – CALLED TO ORDER - CONNIE HENNESSEY – 6:55 PM</p>
10.	<p>RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT – 7:14 PM</p>

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Lynette Marshall

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