

BREMERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 100-C
Regular Board Meeting
October 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Bremerton School District Board of Directors was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Board President Cynthia Galloway. The meeting was held at the Administration Building, 134 Marion Avenue North, Bremerton, Washington 98312.

Call to Order

Members Present: Ms. Cynthia Galloway, President
Dr. DeWayne Boyd, Vice President
Ms.Carolynn Perkins

Administrative Staff Members Present: Mr. Lester “Flip” Herndon, Superintendent
Ms. Linda Jenkins, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Wayne Lindberg, Director, Finance & Operations
Ms. Denise Zaske, Director of Personnel
Mr. John Grant, Supervisor, Special Education
Ms. Patty Glaser, Community Services Coordinator

Director Perkins led the pledge of allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

The agenda was revised to add under “Reports,” an update on the Spring 2009 WASL Performance for the district. Director Perkins moved to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Revisions

Bremerton High School student, An Ho, was recognized with a “Good Citizenship” award presented by the Board for the Letter of Appreciation received from the Bremerton Police Department for his actions on the evening of September 12, 2009, while on patrol with an officer. The award was presented by Principal Katharine Gleysteen who introduced the student along with one of the officers he works with. Officer Phat explained the program and the situation that led up to Explorer Ho receiving the Letter of Appreciation from the police department.

Board Recognition

Public input was received from Cheryl Butt who read out loud an email she had sent to Superintendent Herndon. She thanked Superintendent Herndon for being present in the schools, but voiced her concern about cuts in the music, physical education and library programs.

Public input

Matt Taran, Crownhill teacher, represented many Crownhill staff and families who were in attendance. He also addressed the many concerns they have with the cuts in Physical Education, Music and the Library programs. He read the letter that Crownhill staff had addressed to the Board. A copy of that letter is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. David Rubie, parent, spoke in opposition to these cuts affecting elementary specialists and students as well. He asked the Board to consider that this may be a reason student enrollment is decreasing.

The Board thanked everyone for their input and the caring and concern expressed. They reiterated that there will even be less money next year and more difficult cuts to make while trying to maintain quality education and meet the needs of our students.

*Public input
(continued)*

Board President Galloway asked for a motion on the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 1, 2009; personnel report 2009/2010-05; payroll for issue date October 15, 2009; and acceptance of donations of \$585.00 from the Seattle Robotics Association to assist with start-up of a new First Tech Challenge team at Mountain View Middle School, \$100.00 from Mr. Charles McDowell for the Bremerton High School football team, \$100.00 from Ms. Estelita Lomboy for the Bremerton High School football team, \$100.00 from Mr. Lawrence Moniz for the Bremerton High School football team, \$100.00 from Dr. Michael Archuleta, DDS, for the Bremerton High School football team, \$100.00 from the Benik Corporation for the Bremerton High School football team, \$100.00 from Ms. Margaret Joyce for 5th grade Crownhill students' Islandwood Camp, and \$267.00 from the Personnel office staff to provide a luncheon for the District's Office Coordinators on August 20, 2009. Dr. Boyd moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Boyd took a moment to introduce Mr. Leroy Williams who was in the audience. He explained that Mr. Williams had been a Board member for approximately 20 years.

*Introduction of
Previous Board
Member*

Superintendent Herndon announced that Crownhill Elementary School will be honored at the Washington D.C. Title 1 Conference in January, as one of two nationally distinguished schools in the nation. Also, he recognized Mountain View Middle School Counselor Karla Polilla for being recognized by Governor Christine Gregoire for her efforts and the work she has done in signing up students for the College Bound Scholar program. He explained that several people have asked him whether the district or the Board will be taking a stance on Initiative 1033. He stated that this could be a future topic of discussion for the Board members.

*Superintendent's
Report*

Ms. Amber Coleman, student representative to the Board of Directors, reported on the Homecoming Coronation, upcoming Homecoming activities, on Spirit Week activities at Mountain View Middle School, and their upcoming Costume Ball on October 30th. She explained that KIRO Radio was at the school today to interview students about the Dare Not to Swear campaign. She reported on sports activities, words of the week and upcoming conferences at the end of the month.

Student Report

Mr. Tom Stokes from the Department of Social & Health Services, Department of Children and Family Services, presented data of Kitsap County and maps showing areas where children have been removed from their homes and the areas where they have been placed. The statistics showed that higher numbers of children are removed from Bremerton than any other area in the county. They also showed that only 10% of those students are placed in foster homes in Bremerton because of the lack of foster homes in the area. Using these statistics, he estimated that in terms of funding, the district probably loses close to \$800,000 per year. He explained that the mapping program was purchased for a new project, Family to Family, and that he came to the Board to solicit the district's help in recruiting foster

*DSHS Presentation
on Foster Care within
the Bremerton School
District Boundaries*

families in areas such as Naval Avenue Early Learning Center so that we can keep Bremerton children in their home school district. He introduced Barbara Holbrook who works with some of our neighboring school districts in this same endeavor. She provided information on the type of outreaches that other districts are providing. Dr. Boyd asked them to contact Superintendent Herndon's office to schedule a meeting to begin working on ideas for this partnership, which the district could then bring back to the Board.

DSHS Presentation
on Foster Care within
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District Boundaries
(continued)

Assistant Superintendent Jenkins reviewed Bremerton School District 2008-2009 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) results and trends, and these were discussed. The District did not make AYP and is in Step 2. She reviewed areas of improvement and those needing additional focus at pertinent grade levels. She also reviewed achievement data by ethnic group. She explained what the District or schools have focused on and what their continued concerns are. She pointed out that the growth at Crownhill Elementary School, with 60% poverty, shows that we can overcome poverty in regard to State testing. As principals present their CSIP reports to the Board this year, they will include WASL results and plans for improvement in their building.

Spring 2009 WASL
Performance District
Level Report

Superintendent Herndon advised that this year there will be a change in the process as we will now be receiving reports from two schools each evening at those meetings set aside for CSIP reports. In this way, we will hear from each school twice each year, and he stressed that the presentations are a means to inform the Board of each building's focus so that the Board in turn can provide the support and resources necessary.

Superintendent
Comments

Principal Katharine Gleysteen provided a report on the Bremerton High School Comprehensive School Improvement Plan and efforts to increase student achievement. She introduced her administration and department heads who were in attendance. She provided the Board with a copy of the high school's CSIP plan along with goals that she and her staff wrote, focusing especially on reading and engagement of students. She reviewed academic competencies in math, reading, writing, special education, as well as the cells in which the high school did not meet adequate yearly progress (AYP). She explained that next year, Special Education students will be taking an alternate exam, so she believes those scores will increase. Ms. Gleysteen then discussed graduation rates, absences, efforts to address credit deficiency, as well as cultural competence.

BHS CSIP

Principal Michaeleen Gelhaus reported on the Mountain View Middle School Comprehensive School Improvement Plan and efforts to increase student achievement. She introduced the staff members in the audience this evening. Ms. Gelhaus reviewed AYP data, highlighting areas of improvement as well as those needing further focus. She compared Mountain View Middle School with other schools whose demographics are comparable. She entitled her presentation Systems to Individual Student Achievement and talked about evaluating growth on multiple levels. She spoke further about staff teamwork, the new classroom configuration this year, and increased community partnerships. Ms. Gelhaus reviewed her system of collecting data and the analysis done for each student. She concluded by reviewing staff goals and what they are doing to enhance the future of their students.

MVMS CSIP

Mr. Lindberg presented for approval Resolution 2009/2010-2, levy collection roll back. On February 7, 2006, the voters of Bremerton School District passed a 2010 General Fund Maintenance, Operations and School Support Levy in the amount of \$10,561,000. The General Fund Levy cannot exceed limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.0531. The final calculations provided by OSPI provide for a 2010 collection of \$10,252,396. The General Fund Levy must be reduced to \$10,252,396 and re-certified to collect the allowable funds. Dr. Boyd moved to approve Resolution 2009/2010-2 as presented. By roll call vote, Dr. Boyd voted aye, Ms. Perkins voted aye, and President Galloway voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Res. 2009/2010-02,
Levy Collection
Rollback

Superintendent Herndon presented Resolution 2009/2010-03 for approval. Newly elected School Board members' names may not be known until very close to the dates of the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Annual Conference. The Attorney General's office recommends that school boards pass a resolution to allow newly elected members to attend the WSSDA Annual Conference. This resolution was adapted from the suggested resolution wording sent to the District by WSSDA. Director Perkins moved to approve Resolution 2009/2010-03 to authorize newly-elected Board members to attend the WSSDA Conference. The motion passed unanimously.

Res. 2009/2010-03,
Newly Elected Board
Members to Attend
WSSDA Conference

Superintendent Herndon invited the Board to agree on a date to come together in a study session to review the information the District has pulled together for them. He recommended that the meeting be in October so that the resolution necessary to set a date for the levy could be done at the November meeting. He would then ask that if all of the information is provided and questions answered, the Board would take the necessary action on November 12th. The date of October 29th was suggested. Director Perkins made a motion that a study session be scheduled for October 29th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss levy options. The motion passed unanimously.

Set Date for Study
Session to discuss
Proposed Levy

Written reports were noted. A copy of these documents and all other written materials are in the supplemental minutes and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

Written Reports

The calendar of events was noted.

Calendar of Events

There were no Board comments.

Board comments

At 7:21 p.m., Dr. Boyd moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Adjournment

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors