

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
THE UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL BOARD
May 14, 2008
Regular Meeting**

Members Present: Mary Lu Dickinson
Paul Koppe
Rick Maloney

Members Excused: Kent Keel
Ray Tennison

Call to Order

Board President Rick Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm at Curtis Junior High School. He led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

There was an addendum to the agenda containing item 7-A, the 2008 Robert J. Handy Award. Mary Lu Dickinson moved, Paul Koppe seconded, and the motion carried to remove Consent Agenda item 6-2, consider the election of Paul Harvey as Executive Director of Human Resources, from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Public Comments

George Willard talked to the Board about an incident at Curtis Junior High School involving his future stepson, which involved an altercation, and resulted in a suspension. Mr. Willard said his fiancée's son was being harassed and defended himself. He requested the suspension be taken off of school records. Board president Rick Maloney asked Superintendent Banks to respond to Mr. Willard and to share the response with the Board of Directors.

Consent Agenda

Mary Lu Dickinson moved, and Paul Koppe seconded, and the motion carried approve items on the consent agenda, excluding item 6-2. Items on the consent agenda included:

The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the board held on April 23, 2008.

New Certificated Hires

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Effective
Johnson, Cari	Science Teacher	CJH	1.0	9/01/08

New Classified Hires

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	Effective
McCloy-Ross, Patricia	Health Room LPN	UPP	4/14/08
Shahan, Michael	Dir. of Transportation/Emerg Mgmt	Aux Serv	7/1/08
Doub, Brittney	Para Educator	Evergreen	5/1/08

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Sarah Rowe, English teacher at Curtis High School, effective June 20, 2008.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Kelly Indahl, math teacher at Curtis High School, effective June 20, 2008.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Jerry Lelli, metal shop teacher at Curtis Junior High School, effective August 31, 2008.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Caroline Harris, Director of Special Programs and Services, effective August 31, 2008.

The Board of Directors approved the request for a contract reduction for Jessica Sabo, science teacher at Curtis High School, from .8 FTE to .6 FTE effective September 1, 2008.

The Board of Directors approved a leave of absence for Stephanie Gallagher, English/Spanish teacher at Curtis High School, for the 2008/2009 school year.

The Board of Directors approved a .5 FTE leave of absence for the 2008/2009 school year for Allison Swarner, gifted teacher at Narrows View Intermediate School.

The Board of Directors approved .5 FTE leave of absence for the 2008/2009 school year for Dana Missel, 6th grade teacher at Narrows View Intermediate School.

The Board of Directors approved a leave of absence for the first semester of the 2008/2009 school year for Debi Srail, teacher at Curtis Bridge Program.

The Board of Directors approved of travel for Patti Banks, Superintendent, to the International Policy Governance Association Conference in Vail, Colorado, May 29-31, 2008.

The Board of Directors approved of travel for Nadine Sangston and Garvin Morlan, math teachers at Curtis High School, to the TI-Nspire training in Tualatin, Oregon, June 24-26, 2008.

The Board of Directors approved of travel by three students and one chaperone from Curtis High School, to the Future Business Leaders of America National Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, June 23-30, 2008.

The Board of Directors approved the March 2008 budget report.

The Board of Directors approved the School Improvement Plan for 2008/2009 for Evergreen Primary School.

The Board of Directors approved the adoption of Resolution 704-05-14-08, approving a request for apportionment redirection.

The Board of Directors approved acceptance of donations from the following individuals/groups/businesses to be used for the purchase of a cougar sculpture for the new Curtis Junior High School:

Connie Arnold	Sylvie Hillsberg	Jerry Lelli
Kevin Andry	Trista Dawson	Marci Howard
Kelley Artiaga	Linda Russell	

The Board of Directors approved the Interdistrict Agreement for Education Services to Students with Disabilities between Tacoma School District No. 10, and University Place School District No. 83, for the 2008/2009 school year.

The Board of Directors approved acceptance of a gift from the Narrows View Intermediate School PTSA in the amount of \$1,299.77, for the purchase of an electric viola and accessories.

The Board of Directors approved acceptance of a gift from the Chambers Primary PTSA in the amount of \$1,696.35 for the purchase of books for the school library.

The Board of Directors approved acceptance of a gift from the Drum Intermediate School PTSA in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the purchase of Smartboards, stands, and transponders.

The Board of Directors approved Washington Interscholastic Activities Association enrollment for the 2008/2009 and a Resolution Delegating Authority to WIAA.

The Board of Directors approved the request to declare books and equipment that the district has identified as obsolete, and of no further use to the district, as surplus.

Voucher Approval

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board.

Fund	Warrant Numbers	Amount
General Fund Warrants	58391 – 58405	81,602.36
General Fund Warrants	58406 – 58646	353,084.80
Associated Student Body Fund	10769 – 10816	41,135.35
Capital Projects Warrants	976 – 984	4,313,784.67
Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants		

04/15/08	74336 – 74509	112,142.74
Electronic Transfer		
Taxes		26,193.15
Dental Claims		36,455.27
Medical Claims		136,385.15
Vision Claims		3,075.00

Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants		
04/30/08	74510 – 74618	652,206.50
Electronic Transfer		
Direct Deposit		1,543,386.03
Taxes		614,045.50
Dental Claims		106,684.18
Medical Claims		40,880.26
Vision Claims		4,309.29

Paul Harvey

Deputy Superintendent Terry Pullen introduced Paul Harvey to the Board of Directors. He reviewed Mr. Harvey's educational background, read comments from references, and discussed the interview process the district followed for the HR position. Mr. Harvey introduced his wife Shannon, and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the UP school district. Paul Koppe moved, Mary Lu Dickinson seconded, and the motion carried to approve the election of Paul Harvey as Executive Director of Human Resources, effective July 1, 2008.

Assurance of Organizational Performance

Robert J. Handy Award

Board President Rick Maloney announced that WASA and Pemco Insurance awarded Superintendent Patti Banks the 2008 Most Effective Administrator Award in the large-size district category. He read from the nomination which acknowledged Superintendent Banks' "vision, leadership, and communication skills, which have inspired administrators, teachers, students, community members, and the school board to work as one."

Rob Adams, teacher at University Place Primary, congratulated Ms. Banks on her award. He said, "She is consistent and has been there for us from day one. She takes the heat, and she takes the good, which is finally being recognized. She is a woman I greatly admire."

Board Vice President Mary Lu Dickinson added, "It's about time that other people know what we've known all along."

Superintendent Banks thanked the Board for the recognition. She said her ability to lead the district is dependent on the entire administrative team, their interdependence and their mutual support, and a team of dedicated people. It also is dependent on a wonderful group of teachers and a community that cares uniquely for their schools.

Host School Report

Principal Jeff Chamberlin welcomed the Board to Curtis Junior High School. He reported that CJH has 950 students who are: 17% black, 14% Asian, 6% Hispanic, 1% Native American, and 62% white. Twenty-six percent of the students qualify for free/reduced meals, and 2% are English language learners. He talked about the focus on struggling students who are not succeeding academically, and/or have attendance or discipline problems. Since there are only two years of data on 8th grade WASL results, WASL scores from the 10th grade are used as the best indicators of CJH achievement. Mr. Chamberlin showed cohort progress from Grade 7 to Grade 10 in Math and Reading, and reviewed positive behavior support efforts.

Superintendents Update

Ruth Russell, Executive Director of Business Services, and Susie Jensen, Director of Student Services and Technology, talked to the Board about enrollment issues. Evergreen and UPP have large student populations and more students of poverty. They have been looking at ways to balance enrollment numbers, maximize transportation efficiency, and keep cohort groups together.

Superintendent Banks noted that Caroline Harris, Director of Special Programs and Services, has submitted her resignation. She said, "You don't hear a lot from Caroline, but she works day and night to help our most vulnerable students. I am grateful for her hard work and long hours. We will miss her."

Board Response to Monitoring

Mary Lu Dickinson moved, Paul Koppe seconded, and the motion carried to approve the monitoring on **EL-5 Staff Compensation** as in compliance, with no comments.

Paul Koppe moved, Mary Lu Dickinson seconded, and the motion carried to approve the monitoring on **EL-16 District Calendar**, as in compliance with one comment.

Board members discussed the monitoring on **E-3 Contributing Citizens**. Rick Maloney moved, Mary Lu Dickinson seconded, and the motion carried to approve the monitoring on E-3 Contributing Citizens, as in compliance with one comment.

Board Development

Board Self-Monitoring

Mary Lu Dickinson moved, Paul Koppe seconded, and the motion carried to approve self-monitoring on **GP-9 Board Members' Code of Conduct**, as in compliance with one comment.

Paul Koppe moved, Mary Lu Dickinson seconded, and the motion carried to approve self monitoring on **GP-10 Board Members' Covenants**, as in compliance with one comment.

Community Linkage

The Board will meet with Curtis High School students on May 28, 2008 at 11:00 am to discuss policies E-2 Academic Standards and E-3 Contributing Citizens.

Board Assessment of Meeting

Paul Koppe assessed the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

PATTI BANKS, SECRETARY

Board of Directors

RICK MALONEY, PRESIDENT

Board of Directors

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