

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: May 12, 2011

Place: Woodward Middle School Library

Board of Directors Present

Board President – Patty Fielding

Board Vice-President – Mary Curtis

Directors – John Tawresey, Mike Spence, Tim Kinkead

Call to Order

5:40 p.m. – Board President Patty Fielding called the meeting to order and a quorum was recognized.

Public Comment

President Patty Fielding noted a sign-up sheet had been provided for citizens who would like to make public comment regarding items not on the agenda. A time limit guideline of three minutes for verbal comments will be followed, with flexibility of time depending on the agenda topic and number of speakers requesting comment. Once the business meeting has begun, public comment will be taken before a specific agenda item when it is appropriate.

Citizen Kristen Brelsford, a parent with two students in Bainbridge schools, spoke in support of the Band Program at Sakai Intermediate School. She asked that as the district deliberates how to address the budget reductions being imposed by the state, it be a transparent process. Ms. Brelsford added she hoped the board would listen to parents and staff regarding options about moving the band program from within the school day to a before school program.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Faith Chapel provided the board with the enrollment report for May 2011. The average for the year has remained steady with 61 students over the projected enrollment for 2010-11. This has a positive impact on the apportionment the district receives. In other good news, Ms. Chapel announced Bainbridge High School's annual Arts Festival was underway through the end of the week. She recommended folks take time to view the visual arts displayed, including the award winning student photographs.

Ms. Chapel informed the board of a couple of grant opportunities that became available through the Department of Justice. Commander Sue Schultz of the Bainbridge Island Police Department would submit the grant application that would provide funds to support a School Resource Officer.

Board Reports

No board reports.

Public Hearing: *Budget Extension (Debt Service)*

Board President Patty Fielding opened the public hearing regarding the Debt Service Fund Budget Extension. Director of Business Services Peggy Paige explained that in creating the 2010/2011 Budget last summer, the district included estimated payments for its current bonds and additional bonds to be issued during the year. In October 2010, the district issued \$14M in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) and finalized the debt repayment schedule for the bonds. Ms. Paige noted by law, the district cannot exceed its budgeted appropriation making it necessary to increase the appropriation by \$16K in the Debt Service fund to accommodate the new bond repayment schedule. Other adjustments to this fund

include a reduction in local tax collections due to a lower tax levy, a reduction in interest earnings (based on current year-to-date earnings), and an increase in other financing sources to reflect the transfer of remaining 2006 bond project funds in the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund. Ms. Paige provided a copy of the revised Debt Service Fund and Resolution 09-10-11: Budget Extension for board review and consideration. The board will consider approval of the resolution under agenda item *D. Resolution 09-10-11: Budget Extension*. No public comment was offered regarding this item. President Fielding closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing: *2011-2012 District Budget*

President Fielding opened the hearing regarding the 2011-2012 District Budget and asked for public comment related to this topic. No public comment was offered and the hearing was closed.

Presentations

A. State and District Budget Update

Superintendent Faith Chapel provided a legislative and district budget update and included in that update the latest state budget information gathered by the Washington State School Directors' Association (issued May 10th). It was noted both the Senate and the House passed bills suspending Initiative 728 (HB 1131) that funded smaller class sizes, and Initiative 732 (2SHB 1132) that funded teacher COLAs for the next two years. Ms. Chapel noted House budget chair Ross Hunter (D-Medina), introduced an amendment to reduce the apportionment payment from \$253 million to \$128 million. The smaller amount is due to an unexpected windfall generated through a tax amnesty program offered this year. The result would be more money coming to districts in their June 30 apportionment payment and less of a hole to fill in the 2011-2013 biennial budget. Other items of note in the WSSDA update included action by the House Education Committee (HB1410) to remove the requirement that graduating students pass the science assessment to earn a high school diploma, and public testimony on HB 2110, which would change the May notification date for reductions in force (RIF). Current law states that school districts have until June 15th to notify employees of a possible RIF if the two-year budget bill hasn't passed the legislature by May 15. Ms. Chapel noted this current requirement has been problematic for districts as they watch the special session and have to plan for the worst case scenarios with the May 15th notification deadline looming. At the conclusion of the update, Ms. Chapel noted it is difficult to move forward with additional planning for the district budget in the absence of definitive information from the Legislature.

B. K-12 Mathematics Program Review – Process & Timeline

Associate Superintendent Julie Goldsmith provided an overview of the program review process and timeline for Mathematics, noting over the next two years the district will work with teachers, administrators, and community members to review the current mathematics program. The first year of the review process will focus on grades 6 – 12, and the second year will focus on grades K-5. The purpose of the program review will be to assist in the development of comprehensive plans to ensure students meet the K-12 Common Core National Mathematics Standards. These standards will be the basis for state assessments beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Goldsmith explained the key steps related to the district program review process, as well as how the committee membership was developed for the first year review. Following the brief overview of the review process, board members questions and discussion included the time commitment for committee members, measurement of success for the review process, information about assessments other than those that were state mandated, and the rationale for starting the review process with grades 6 – 12.

C. Increase in School Lunch Prices (Gr. 9-12)

Director of Business Services Peggy Paige explained that to insure Food Service revenues will adequately cover direct and indirect expenditures the district increase milk prices for all schools, and meal prices at the high school for Fiscal Year 2011/12. This change will set lunch prices as follows: \$3.00 (K-6), \$3.25 (7-8), \$3.50 (9-12), \$4.00 (adult), \$2.00 (breakfast – student), and \$2.50 (breakfast – adult). Milk sold ala

carte will be \$.65. Other ala carte items will increase as necessary to cover procurement costs and be competitive with other sources.

Motion 74-10-11: That the Board approves the increase in school lunch prices as presented. (Kinkead) The affirmative vote was unanimous.

D. Resolution 09-10-11: Budget Extension

Director Paige provided information about Resolution 09-10-11: Budget Extension during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Ms. Paige provided a copy of the revised Debt Service Fund to the board.

Motion 75-10-11: That the Board approves Resolution 09-10-11: Budget Extension. (Curtis) The affirmative vote was unanimous.

E. Resolution 10-10-11: Washington Interscholastic Activities Association – Delegating Authority

An annual resolution by the Board of Directors (Chapter 32, Laws of 1975-1976) delegating to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association the authority to control, supervise and regulate interschool activities consistent with the rules and regulations of WIAA. The Board of Directors retains the right to establish eligibility standards that meet or exceed the rules and regulations of WIAA.

Motion 76-10-11: That the Board approves Resolution 10-10-11: Washington Interscholastic Activities Association – Delegating Authority. (Spence) The affirmative vote was unanimous.

F. Monthly Communications Report

Community Relations Coordinator Pam Keyes provided a summary of district communications activities from April 8 – May 5, 2011. Highlights from her report include the following: *Publication Updates* – Elementary principals reviewed the content for their postcard to non-parent residents, with the target date for mailing set for Friday, May 13. *Website Updates* – Related to the district’s move to Schoolwires as the vendor for website hosting, key administrators and the Board Communication Committee reviewed criteria and examples of template/custom website designs. Related to the district’s current website content, Ms. Keyes provided an overview of website reads with Employment Opportunities the most frequently visited webpage. High numbers were also recorded for the Family Access and Weather webpages. *Community Outreach* – The district provided informational materials for the candidates’ forum held on April 30. Ms. Keyes also re-engaged in Islandmoms web exchange, correcting misinformation about the District turning down federal grants, and the Sakai band program. Community group Global Source Education has been nominated by Superintendent Chapel for recognition by the Washington Association of School Administrators related to their Only What You Can Carry project. It was announced yesterday that Global Source Education was the state winners.

Personnel Actions

Motion 77-10-11: That the Board approves the Personnel Actions dated May 12, 2011 as presented. (Curtis) The affirmative vote was unanimous.

Consent Agenda

Student Field Trip - Overnight

1. Request for Board approval from Blakely Elementary School 4th Grade Teachers Abrams, Connelly, McMahon, and Wilson to take 4th grade students to Olympic Park Institute (Lake Crescent, west of Port Angeles) for the annual Outdoor Education experience May 25 – 27, 2011.

Donations

1. Donation to Sakai Intermediate School in the amount of \$1,076.52 from the Sakai PTO for the purchase of classic books.

2. Donation to Bainbridge High School in the amount of \$15,000.00 from Harry Abernathy to support the Abernathy Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors at BHS.
3. Donation to Bainbridge High School Wrestling in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Bainbridge High School Boosters for the purchase of wrestling mats.

Staff Travel – Out of State

1. Request for Board approval from Bainbridge High School Social Studies Teacher Michael Holloway to participate in the reading and assessment of the 2011 AP European History Exam in Kansas City, Missouri May 31 – June 8, 2011.

Minutes from the April 14, 2011 School Board Meeting

April 2011 Payroll: (Payroll Warrants) 1000430 through 1000473

(Payroll AP Warrants) 171394 through 171429 = \$2,671,671.13

Motion 78-10-11: That the Board approves the revised Consent Agenda as presented. (Kinkead) The affirmative vote was unanimous.

The following vouchers as 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, were also approved for payment.

(Capital Projects Fund Voucher)

Voucher numbers 4063 through 4072 totaling \$ 77,590.15.

(General Fund Voucher)

Voucher numbers 2002451 through 2002536 totaling \$102,489.07 .

(General Fund Voucher)

Voucher numbers 2002537 through 200253 totaling \$ 5,592.40 .

Adjournment

7:00 p.m. – Board President Patty Fielding adjourned the meeting.