

**Eatonville School District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 9, 2008, 7:00pm  
Columbia Crest Elementary**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Tim Patterson called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm. Also present were, Mr. Robert Homan, Director, Mr. Bruce Lachney, Director, Mr. Kirk Heinz, Director, Superintendent Raymond Arment, Ms. Cathy Bryant, HR/ Business Manager, Laura Severson, Student Representative and Ms. Debi Hamilton, Recording Secretary. Administrators present were Mr. Jacobson, Principal of Columbia Crest Elementary and Director of Special Services, Mrs. Lucy Fountain, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Mrs. Janna Rush, Dean of Students, Columbia Crest Elementary

**FLAG SALUTE**

Vice President Robert Homan led the flag salute.

**COLUMBIA CREST  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRESENTATIONS**

**Mr. Chandler's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Writing Showcase**

Superintendent Arment Introduced Mr. David Jacobson, Principal of CC and Janna Rush, Dean of Students for CC. Mrs. Rush introduces Mr. Chandler who in turn explained to the board about the writing program that they had at CC. After looking at WASL requirements and trying to find a way to help students achieve, they decided to include 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the writing program. The following students read the stories that they were authors of to the board. Enoch Larson, Hailey Capra, Ethan Betzer, Esther Larson, and Ashlynn Schwaller.

**Mrs. Anderson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Seed Journal Display  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Journals of The  
Adventures of Edward  
Tulane**

Mrs. Rush also pointed out Mrs. Anderson's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seed Journal Display, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Journals of The Adventures of Edward Tulane and the art work of the students after studying with the Artist in Residence. The board went to the hall to see the final mural that was created by the students with the Artist in Residence. The displays were impressive and enjoyed by all.

**Board Comments to  
Students**

Mr. Lachney: Expressed that writing is a craft. He expressed how far ahead of the game they were. He encouraged them to keep writing and talked about what absolutely great writers they will become.

Mr. Heinz: Encouraged the students to take any opportunity they can to present their work in front of a crowd, take the challenge. He also stated that it was wonderful to have the students present tonight.

Mr. Homan: Stated, besides the great writing that they did, the way that it was presented was exciting and entertaining. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Ms Laura Severson: Loved all of the stories. She shared, "Writing is a great way to express yourselves and to let your voices be heard... Keep writing."

Mr. Patterson: "Its fun to try to be creative and put your thoughts on paper and see if you can have other people envision what you are thinking." He would love to see pictures that would go with those stories.

There was interactive discussion with the students.

Superintendent Arment: A common theme through all of the stories was living in this community and the culture that you experience. He grew up in a city and did not have the opportunities to experience some of the things that they do living in this area. He extended his appreciation to the parents for all of their support, not only for having them here tonight but for all the work that they have done to help the children grow, because the teachers cannot do it alone. He expressed his appreciation of the level of learners they have become and shared with them that they have been in school 540 days so far and have 2,250 day left to graduate from high school. He thanked the teachers and students for their presentations.

Mr. Jacobson mentioned to the board that the PTA gave their annual Founders Day Award tonight to Tiny Freeman for his great service to the school and community. The students were dismissed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was brought forth for approval. Mr. Lachney asked to remove C-1, Resignation of Tessa Watters, at end of 07-08 SY, for discussion. Mr. Heinz made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus item C-1. There was a second and the motion carried.

- A. Approval of School Board Minutes:**
  - 1. March 15, 2008 Special Meeting
  - 2. March 26, 2008
- B. Consider Classified Human Resources Recommendations:**  
None
- C. Consider Certificated Human Resources Recommendations:**  
---Removed from Consent Agenda for discussion.
- D. Consider Extra-Curricular Appointment/Resignation Recommendations:**  
None
- E. Financials**
  - 1. April-2008 Capital Projects Fund Vouchers \$739,368.82

There was discussion about employee turnover in the SPED department. Mr. Jacobson will be giving a report to the cabinet on that subject at the next cabinet meeting. Superintendent Arment explained that item C-1, resignation for Tessa Watters was due to the fact that she has received her degree in Library Science and one of her dreams was to work in that field. She hopes to take a job in that field next year. President Patterson asked for a motion to approve C-1. Mr. Heinz made a motion to approve item C-1 the resignation of Tessa Watters, effective end of 07-08 SY. There was a second to the motion and the motion carried.

- C. Consider Certificated Human Resources Recommendations:**
  - 1. Approved Resignation of Tessa Waters, EHS-Special Education Teacher, effective end of 07-08 SY.

**HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS**

There were no individuals or groups to address the board.

**NEW BUSINESS  
Director District 1**

The interview of Director District 1 was stricken from the agenda at the request of the candidate, The candidate will be moving out of District 1.

**Call for bids for the Weyerhaeuser Water System Improvements**

There was discussion about the water project at WES. Mr. Homan made a motion to approve the call for bids for the Weyerhaeuser Elementary School Water System Improvement project. There was a second and the motion carried.

**Resolution 533  
Inter-Governmental  
Cooperative Purchasing  
Agreement**

Resolution 533 was brought before the board for approval. Superintendent Arment explained the purchasing agreement was to give us additional purchasing options. There was some discussion. Mr. Homan made a motion to approve Resolution #533 an Inter-Governmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Eatonville School District#404 and Vancouver School District #37. There was a second and the motion carried.

**Policy 2020 and 2020P**

The suggested changes were brought before the board for approval. Mrs. Fountain explained. The changes brought the policy more into compliance. There were questions and discussion. Additional wording added to the policy is as follows. *"The Superintendent will notify the school board when an instructional material complaint is received."* Mr. Heinz made a motion to approve Policies 2020 and 2020P with the changes. There was a second and the motion carried.

**Professional Services Agreement with Nixon Consulting International, Inc. and Eatonville School District #404 for Constructability Review**

Contracts to complete the Constructability Review for Weyerhaeuser Elementary (WES) and Eatonville Elementary (EES) were brought before the board for approval. There was discussion. Superintendent Arment explained the constructability review process. There was discussion. Mr. Lachney made a motion to approve the PSA agreements for agenda item 6-E and 6-F. with Nixon Consulting International, Inc. and Eatonville School District #404, Constructability Review for WES and EES.

**Services for WES and EES** There was a second and the motion carried.

**08-09 Calendar Changes** The 08-09 SY calendar was brought before the board for some date changes. There was discussion with Ms. Bryant about the changes. Mr. Heinz made a motion to approve the changes. There was a second and the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Superintendent Arment asked the board to direct him to advertise again for Candidates for Director District #1. Mr. Homan made a motion to direct Superintendent Arment to re-advertise for Director District #1 position. There was a second and the motion carried.

President Patterson referred to the Board Self Evaluations. He asked the board to go through and do the evaluation and pass on feedback to the board president.

**BOARD COMMENT**

**Laura Severson:** Talked about the concern about conduct at dances. Expressed appreciation for taking the time to get student input while coming up with the new dance rules. The student body appreciates the opportunity to be heard. She explained some of the ways that the communication will get out to the students. The rules will be incorporated into the handbook for next year. Thank You for the plexus glass on the reader board.

**Mr. Lachney:** Stated that Columbia Crest Elementary has a great newsletter, suggested putting something in the newsletter about the Director District #1 vacancy. Mr. Lachney has been doorbelling and the two consistent items he hears about when he is talking to people in Eatonville are ALS and the schools. He gets some interesting responses. Open Public Meeting Act. (OPMA). Mr. Lachney feels his interpretation of the law may be different than others. He feels it would be fruitful in the future to sit down with Bill Coats and go over the OPMA so they can all have a consensus on the interpretation. Discussion followed about Superintendent Arment explaining the OPMA to the SEAG committee. The board feels it is appropriate to bring forth to the SEAG committee the information that he shared. A work-study will be scheduled on this subject once we have a fifth member on the board.

**Mr. Heinz:** Asked for clarification on heavy backpacks and how many sets of books are available for the students. Are there a set of study books to take home and a set for the classroom? If there is, the students would not have to carry all of the books in their backpacks since they do not have lockers. Mrs. Fountain stated that some classes had enough books for that purpose others did not.

Shared that the Town of Eatonville will be having a week long clean up. On April 20<sup>th</sup> they will have hot dogs at noon. The town was hoping to invite some of the students to attend and receive community service hours. Suggested posting on reader board.

**Mr. Patterson:** Expressed his appreciation of the student presentations and the parents that support them. He feels the parents should be pleased with the education process at CC. Noted Mr. Lachney's comments about public expression of the schools. It would be good to hear some of the comments. Most often we hear the negative and not the compliments. Wanted to make a point that Superintendent Arment does a good job with leadership for the district. Made a suggestion that we possibly host a board meeting at the ISC and ADL house.

**Mr. Homan:** If you have not taken a tour of the High School yet, he encouraged the board to take a tour with Superintendent Arment. Mr. Homan took a tour today and was excited about what he saw.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

At the next board meeting we will be having a presentation on the Pool Annex along with the construction updates. Introduced Tom Misner in the audience who has been with the district for 18 years. Tom takes care of and repairs a multitude of things throughout the district. Thank you Tom and thank you for the hospitality you extend to Columbia Crest Elementary. Encouraged the board to come by the district to get their hard-hat and tour of the HS campus. Comments will be prepared for the next board meeting about community day this year. The cabinet will be working on this at cabinet meeting tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

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**Timothy R. Patterson, President**

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**Raymond F. Arment, III, Secretary to the Board**

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**Debra Hamilton, Recording Secretary**