

**Eatonville School District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 7:00pm  
Eatonville Elementary School**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:03 pm by President Patterson.

President Patterson led the flag salute.

Due to the fact that we did not have a quorum when the meeting opened President Patterson announced that Mr. Heinz is en-route. We will go forward with other items that do not need action until Mr. Heinz has arrived. Announced that district 5 is open. Welcomed Kaitlyn Barratt Student Rep

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVED  
CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO  
AGENDA**

Also present were;

Mr. Kirk Heinz, Director, arrived at 7:45

Mrs. Paulette Gilliard, Director

Superintendent Raymond Arment

Ms. Debi Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Ms. Cathy Bryant, HR/Business Manager.

Student Representative Kaitlyn

Mr. Robert Homan was not present due to work.

Administrators present were Mrs. Heersink, Mr. Andersen

President Patterson led the flag salute.

There were no additions to the agenda.

**EES PRESENTATIONS  
Martin Luther King  
Presentation**

The first graders sang songs about Mt. Luther King and shared their dreams for the world. The board members individually thanked the parents and students for the presentation. Superintendent Arment and the board talked to the parents about their students and thanked the parents for being involved and sharing them. Superintendent Arment talked about how many days they had until they graduate and shared some thoughts with the parents.

**Community Survey**

Mrs. Heersink gave a presentation to the board on the results of the community survey. She welcomed the board and community members to Eatonville Elementary, home of the eagles. An eagle is the new mascot that was chosen. She touched on Home School Communication, Parent Teacher Relations, Student Teacher Relationships, School Discipline, Personal Safety, Classroom Learning Climate, High Expectations by Staff, Extra Curricular Programs. And Vocational Higher Ed Prep., She presented the plan EES will focus on in the future.

President Patterson asked what the greatest challenges were during construction. Mrs. Heersink shared with the board how great the staff and students have been. They have all been very flexible and have adapted well to the inconvenience of construction. The construction management team comes to staff meetings which has been very helpful. Their biggest challenge is the lack of playground area. But they have no regrets. Staff and students are excited. She shared the vacate schedule.

President Patterson announced that we would move onto Superintendent Comments until Mr. Heinz could be here to make a quorum.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was brought before the board for approval. Mrs. Gilliard made a motion to approve the consent agenda. There was a second and the motion carried.

**A. Approved School Board Minutes:**

1. Minutes from 01-28-09 meeting

**C. Approved Certificated Human Resources Recommendations:**

1. Employment of Chris Hunke, EHS-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Success Teacher

(One class:1<sup>st</sup> Semester, Possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester), effective 2009-2010 SY

**E. Financials**

- 1. February 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Run of Capital Projects Fund Vouchers **\$236,727.21**

**HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS**

No individual or groups were signed to address the board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS Policy 2126 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Policy 2126 HIV/AIDS Prevention. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Other sexually transmitted diseases have been added to the policy wording as Mr. Homan requested. The wording is supported by district curriculum. A motion was made by Mr. Heinz to approve the changes. There was a second to the motion and the motion carried.

**Policy3246 & 3246P Tabled**

The board tabled Policy 3246, 3246P and 6801

**Policy 6801 Tabled**

These policies will be put back on the agenda within the next two meetings

**NEW BUSINESS Reduction of social studies requirement**

The reduction of social studies requirement was brought before the board for approval. The state has added an additional math requirement. At this time we have more requirements than what the state requires. To meet the additional math requirement, we will need to remove the extra social studies requirement. Mr. Heinz made a motion to approve the reduction of the social studies requirement. There was a 2<sup>nd and</sup> the motion carried.

**Resolution 556**

Resolution 556 is a resolution for the authorization to sell bonds. The bond team was Introduced. Bond counsel Cynthia Weed from K L Preston Gates & Ellis, Mr. John Peterson from Piper Jafray and Mr. Rodriquez from Caldwell Flores, Winter (CFW). Ms. Weed talked about the resolution to authorize the sale of the third and final series of bonds. The expectation will be that the bonds will be sold on the public market with (CFW) as the financial advisor and Piper Jafray, the underwriter, on March 11<sup>th 2009</sup>, with delivery to be on March 25<sup>th 2009</sup>. These dates however are flexible. The market rates are very positive for Go Bonds. The Bond team feels they will be sold at a good interest rate. There were questions. President Patterson talked about their responsibility to the tax payers. He talked about why the board hired CFW as our advisors. He talked about the positive results we have had with CFW as our advisors. ESD was the first district in the state that hired CFW and has had very good results. With the current economy we are striving to stay within our goals. The board is taking every step to make sure we are good stewards of the funds. Mr. Rodriquez complemented and thanked the district. John thanked the board for being here. He talked about high grade municipal bonds and at this time they are in high demands. There was interactive discussion about borrowing rates, which are favorable for the district at this time. There was discussion about how the bonds will be sold. Superintendent Arment expressed the district feels we have a great team for the sale of our bond and would like to express his appreciation from the school district for all that has been done to bring this together Mrs. Gilliard made a motion to approve Resolution 556. There was a 2<sup>nd and</sup> the motion carried.

**Director District 5 Search**

A motion was made to direct Superintendent Arment to search for a director for district 5 by Mr. Heinz. There was a 2<sup>nd and</sup> the motion carried.

**Surplus the ADL House**

Superintendent Arment informed the board that the ADL house was surplus to the district. The board gave the superintendent their consent to proceed with the arrangements to surplus what is referred to the ADL house. Superintendent Arment will make arrangements with our land use attorney.

**BOARD COMMENT**

**Ms. Kaitlyn Barrat** - The board welcomed Kaitlyn as our new student representative and asked her to share some things about herself. Kaitlyn is a junior as EHS, involved in ASB and is committed to opening the communications between the board

and the students. These is some student concerned about moving back into the new high school She shared that Superintendent Arment took her on a tour of the HS and she has been sharing the maps with the students who are excited and have extended their appreciation of the good job that has been done on the school.

**Mrs. Paulette Gillardi:** Interested and excited to tour some of the school buildings and looks forward to meeting the staff.

**Mr. Kirk Heinz:** Thank you to the administration for implementing his suggestion to do announcements at the games. They are already doing this and it is nice to hear about some of the other activities that are happening in the school.

**Mr. Timothy Patterson:** Talked about cutting back on idling busses. Reminder to keep it to a minimum. The board will meet at the regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be an hour executive session up front so the regular meeting will start at 8:00pm. The board will also have a retreat on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to look at goals and objectives for 09-10 SY, construction projects to make sure they are on time and within budget, the 2009-2012 levy impact fees, and the adjustments of starting times for the 09-10 school year. If the public has concerns we welcome your views. Mr. Patterson reminded the community of the policy and lines of communication that people should follow when they have a concern. Please follow these procedures as it makes sure your voice is heard and also shows respect to the administrators.

**SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS**

**Update of Accident and  
Safety**

Superintendent Arment commented on the following items:  
Superintendent Arment shared with the board what he knows about the bus accident after the hearing of individuals and groups. The district does not know what fully occurred. The insurance agency had done a forensic investigation and Chief Lewis has also done an investigation. We do not know the results of those investigations at this time. In the meantime, the district will add bicycle and walking safety to the curriculum. Has asked the highway department to make changes at the intersection. They do not have plans of making any changes to that intersection. The driver is still out until we get a resolution. The medical testing for the driver is clear. Mr. Patterson commented on this issue with the following. He extended his best to the student and the driver. Suggests portable flags that students can cross themselves. Make sure crosswalks are well marked along with stop lines for drivers. Mrs. Gillardi stated she noticed students do not use the crosswalks. There was discussion about doing everything possible to educate and keep them safe.

Superintendent Arment continued with his comments on:

The district has posted an additional cross guard at Washington and Center Streets for the afternoon. Crossing guards are being mistreated by drivers and community members when there is no police presence. We need help from parents and community members to show patience during this time. The district has ordered new stop signs for the crossing guards with lights and they have new highly visible jackets.

**Clarification of Open Public  
Meeting Act vs. Staff  
Meetings**

The board instructed the Superintendent to give clarification of an open public meeting vs. staff meeting. He explained the RCW (Open public meeting act.). There was discussion about the SEAG committee which is a sub body of the board to review special education programs. Because SEAG is formed by the board it is also subject to the open public meetings act. A staff meeting within the school does not fall under the open public meeting act. A board member can come to staff meetings and this does not fall under the public meeting act. Legal Counsel in audience agreed with that explanation

**Legal Clarification of board  
members signing for  
documents**

Legal clarification of signatures for board items. If a board member votes no or sustains on an action, the board member is not obligated to sign the document. However when a quorum is needed and the motion passes signatures need to be on documents to show there was a quorum present.

**State Finances**

The district has been working hard to keep a good fund balance for when things get rough and that time is here. Ms. Bryant was at conference that OSPI gave a presentation on state finances. The items touched on were: There are seven school

districts there are in a binding condition with the state. The prediction by OSPI is there will be 30 districts in that condition at the end of the year. Levy equalization money will be cut even more next year. I-728 monies will be reduced or eliminated. This is the first time in many decades that OSPI will not be able to make their monthly funding for all of the districts. There is concern within the state of what really is happening. Hopefully there will be a clearer picture in March. There will be many programs and staff cut in the districts within the state. For the record, Eatonville School District is in decent condition with our fund balance because of the whole staff in the district. When we were in a negative balance all staff worked to bring about a reversal. Superintendent expressed his appreciation of the staff for playing a large part. There was discussion about not only do we have to be concerned about us we have to be concerned about the districts besides us and the assuming of debt of surrounding districts. We are healthier than most but we will be affected. This is why the board has called a retreat, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Homan and Superintendent Arment went to legislative session. It was a worthwhile visit. The legislature relayed they have no idea where the funding would be going either.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Personnel  
Legal  
Real Estate**

No executive session was needed,

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Patterson adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

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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**