

**Eatonville School District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 7:00pm  
Columbia Crest Elementary School**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:04 pm by President Robert Homan. Present were Directors Kirk Heinz, Paulette Gilliardi and Ronda Litzenberger. Superintendent Raymond Arment, HR/Business Manger, Cathy Bryant and Recording Secretary, Debi Hamilton was also present. Student Representative Kaitlyn Barratt was absent.

Administrators present were Janna Rush, Dean of Students, Lucy Fountain, Director of Curriculum and Assessment and Mitch Kilgore, Facilities Manger.

**FLAG SALUTE**

President Homan led the flag salute.

**CC PRESENTATIONS  
Kelso's Choice**

Kelso's Choice is a program, implemented to teach choices for students when they find themselves in negative social situations. Cerena Laurance organized a video, done by all students at Columbia Crest along with Mr. Mlad's EHS video tech students, about the 9 options students have to deal with conflict. There was discussion. The board extended their support and appreciation of the video and all of the work that was done to complete it. A picture with all students with their names signed to it was presented to the board to be hung in the board room.

**Community Survey  
Presentation**

Mrs. Rush gave a power point presentation about the community survey and how they are implementing the suggestions in their school improvement plan.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**HEARING OF  
INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS**

Steve Cossalman presented his thoughts on Eatonville School District sending the Lions Club a bill. There was discussion about the policy. The board is looking into reciprocal agreements through our attorney that would allow us to use facilities between the school district and the Lions club. Mr. Heinz thanked Mr. Cossalman for attending the board meeting. He did relay to Mr. Cossalman that the board was apprised of the situation and are working on a solution.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
Policy 6801  
Capital Assets/Theft  
Sensitive Assets**

Policy 6801, was brought before the board for the third reading. There was discussion about the policy and how it would affect the intended reciprocal agreements. The board asked that we add the reference of Policy 4260 to Policy 6801. Mr. Heinz made a motion to approve the presented changed to Policy 6801 with the added reference of Policy 4260. There was a second and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS  
Discussion of Teacher of  
the Year**

WSSDA is taking Teacher of the Year nominations. There was discussion about the Teacher of the Year that the Grange presents at the beginning of each year. President Homan suggests we make two nominations to the WSSDA award. There was discussion about the scholarships that the recipients would receive. There will be some research on how some of the other school districts set this up.

**Review of Facilities Policy  
and Fee Schedules 4260 &  
4260P**

There was discussion about what the board wants to accomplish with this policy. It was recommended that the district start out by surveying other schools to see how they will be handling their facilities especially in light of the state budget cuts.

**Approval of PE Teachers to  
attend Nike Championship  
Basketball Clinic in Las  
Vegas**

This request was presented that two PE teachers and one coach asked for permission to use their IDEA money to attend the Nike Championship Basketball Clinic in Las Vegas. The board approved the two PE teachers to attend but did not approve the third teacher to attend. A motion was made by Mr. Heinz to approve

the use of IDEA money for Mrs. Serdahl and Mr. Danielson to attend the Nike Championship Basketball Clinic in Las Vegas. There was a second and the motion carried.

**Approve Declaration of Modified Education Programs**

Superintendent Arment asked Ms. Bryant to give some insight to what has been discussed at the business manager meetings in regards to the state cut backs of the budget. Some of the items include; loosing 93% of I-728 money. ESD is funding 7 teachers and several classified staff from those funds. Loosing 80% of levy equalization funds. The areas that the state is cutting are flexible spending dollars. Most moneys coming back in from the stimulus package are restricted funds. Other districts are cutting middle school sports and laying off staff. ESD's levy collections have been decreasing 3 % annually in the last couple of years. Ms. Bryant figures they will decrease 7% next year. There was interactive discussion. Superintendent Arment talked about the loss of the flexible spending that shows a loss of local control. The timeline for changes in staff has to be accomplished before May 15th. We are looking at program modifications and moving some of our levy funds to get the best use of them. Superintendent Arment is asking the board for a motion to approve the declaration so they can start making some of those changes. There was further discussion. Mrs. Gilliardi made the motion, (Motion Below)

Declaration of Modified Education Program(s):

The Eatonville School Board of Directors hereby recognizes that Washington State is undergoing a financial crisis that by reports will significantly modify Eatonville School District's educational, as well as, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs.

The superintendent is hereby directed to present to the School Board of Directors on April 22, 2009, at the regularly scheduled board meeting the district's recommendations on how to modify the educational programs of Eatonville School District due to financial reasons.

The superintendent is specifically requested to:

- 1) Identify certificated staff who he expects will be retained to implement programs;
- 2) Identify certificated contracts that will not be renewed.
- 3) Present recommendations on modifying education and support programs that the school board should approve.
- 4) Present recommendations on reallocating voter approved levy funding to sustain or modify core education as well as, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs to achieve Eatonville School Board and State School Board high school graduation and safety requirements.

Mr. Heinz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was further discussion. The board directed Superintendent Arment to have a community discussion meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00pm.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Mrs. Litzenberger: Kelso's Choice Video was amazing. Kudos to the tech department at EHS, the teachers and the students that made the video. It is important for students to learn to deal with conflict. Saw daffodil parade. Expressed her delight in the parade and the good comments on the band. Attended the science fair and the egg drop at EES. Thanks to the Dispatch for the great coverage they give the schools for these events. Thank you to the CC staff for hosting the meeting. Mrs. Gilliardi: Thanks to the CC staff. This is home for her. She graduated from this school. She expressed how CC still has a good sense of home and family and how

the school is the heart of the community. She expressed her appreciation of what the staff does for the community that causes them to come together. She talked about the rewards program at CC and commented that Mrs. Fountain started the first rewards program when she was principal of CC. She encouraged the staff to remember to reward the good students also.

Mr. Heinz: Thanked the staff that attended the board meeting. Agreed with the previous comments.

Mr. Homan: Expressed his appreciation to the school for opening their school to the board and his appreciation of the Kelso's Choice Program. Talked about the challenges that are coming up and reminded all to keep the focus on the kids. Talked to Senator Becker this week. Now is the time to call your legislature about levy equalization, I-728 and the Skill Center. Please call call call.

**SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS**

Superintendent Arment commented on the following:

Expressed his appreciation to the CC staff for their hospitality. Mrs. Rush is working on her principal credentials along with everything else she does. The school looks good. Thank you to Cathy Bryant for her work on the budget. This has been difficult for her. April 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will not be late starts due to WASL. The HS is moving toward graduation. Thank you to the board for all they do. Mrs. Fountain talked about the WASL and that it is a moving target. Each week there is new information on the subject. If you hear any complaints by the parents have them check with the principals and counselors for the latest.

It was brought up by one of the board members that the Kelso's Choice frog costume was made by Mrs. Arment. Superintendent Arment shared that Mrs. Arment actually has made 3 of the Kelso Frog costumes. She has made one for each elementary school.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Homan adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm.

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**Robert L. Homan, President**

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

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**Debra Hamilton, Recording Secretary**