

UNOFFICIAL
Minutes

School Board Meeting
Oak Harbor School District #201
350 S. Oak Harbor St.
May 10, 2010; 5:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on **Monday, May 10, 2010**. Board president Peter Hunt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and immediately recessed the meeting to executive session to discuss the superintendent's evaluation and extension of contract. The meeting was reconvened at 6:30 p.m. and Mr. Hunt led the flag salute.

**Call to
Order/Recess/
Reconvene**

Elected board members Peter Hunt, Dave McCool, David Sherman, and Gary Wallin, and Student Board Member Michelle Maxwell were present. Corey Johnson was absent and excused.

Roll Call

MOTION PASSED: Mr. McCool moved to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

Consent Agenda

- 2.01 Minutes of the April 26, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.
- 2.02 Personnel Report. **Certificated Staff: Recommendation for Employment** (effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year): **Pauline Bonner**, Special Education (Life Skills) teacher at North Whidbey Middle School; **Holly Worrell**, Special Education (Life Skills) teacher at Oak Harbor High School. **Retirement: Anne Bertran**, 3rd grade teacher at Hillcrest Elementary after 5 years of service with the District (effective 7/1/10).
- 2.03. Resolution 09-13 – Delegating Authority to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA).
- 2.04 First Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy 1460, *Minutes*.

The motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Worley introduced Joyce Swanson, principal of Broad View Elementary. She presented Ron Dunphy, custodian at BVE, with a framed certificate honoring him for saving second grader Calvin Whelpley from choking by performing the Heimlich maneuver.

**Recognition of
Ron Dunphy**

Sandee Oehring, CTE Director, introduced the Wildcat Culinary and Management teams. The Culinary team won first place at State and 2nd in the National Competition in Kansas. The Management team won first place at State and 17th at National. The teams, together with their coaches, Louise and Leandra Reubel, and their mentor, Scott Fraser, were given a round of applause. John Dyer, on behalf of the Children's Commission, presented Mr. Fraser with the Children Hero award for his on-going work with the culinary students at the high school.

**Recognition of
Wildcat Culinary
and Management
Teams**

Student Board Member Michelle Maxwell highlighted events at the high school. Last week there was AP testing for Math and History. This week will be Foreign Language and English. The Leadership Team did something special for each teacher each day during Teacher Appreciation Week. The SADD Club will be hosting a blood drive and will also present a mock car crash demonstration just in time for Prom. "Into the Woods," the first musical to be presented at the SUB, also begins this week.

**Student Board
Member Report**

Cady O'Dell provided a letter to the board which contained her concerns regarding the construction of the tennis courts at the high school. She pointed out that the lights have not been used at the present tennis courts for a long period of time so the money allocated for lights could be better used for other items suggested in her letter. Dr. Fred Henninger representing the Whidbey Island Tennis Association announced that WITA is starting a tennis education program for children ages 5 to 10. He is hoping to interest younger children in tennis so they will be ready to compete in the 9th grade. He indicated that the letter presented by Ms. O'Dell had also been given to Mr. Romero, Construction Manager for the OHHS Modernization, but he had not heard any response as to whether the suggested changes were being considered.

Citizen Input

Dr. Schulte reported that the Business and Human Resources Departments are in the second week of the Skyward conversion. It is anticipated that the conversion will take longer than expected. Building secretaries will begin their training on Tuesday of this week.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Donna Aspery and members of her 2/3 class at Broad View Elementary, shared their learning experiences derived from an Earth Day project where they asked people in the school district to turn off their lights for at least 5 minutes. 230 people participated. Ms. Aspery integrated Math and Social Studies concepts into this learning opportunity with integration technology.

**Mrs. Aspery's 2/3
Class from BVE
Presentation**

Dr. Schulte asked for board member input as to whether Oak Harbor School District should sign on to the Race to the Top (RTTT) application. RTTT is a competitive grant program included within the ARRA (stimulus) legislation. Washington State intends to make application for the second round which is due June 10 and has encouraged local school districts to join in the grant application. There is a 2-step process involved. The first is the superintendent signing an intent to participate which is due by May 17 and given to OSPI. The second is, if the state receives the grant (only 2 states were selected during the first round), the district, if it chooses to participate, will have 90 days to submit a detailed and specific plan. OHSD could be eligible for about \$148,000 a year for 4 years if Washington state is chosen. The requirements that would come with the grant are a part of Washington Senate Bill 6696. Dr. Schulte expressed a concern that there is a huge disproportionality between resources provided and requirements within the grant.

**Race to the Top
Discussion**

Mike Watson spoke on behalf of OHEA and indicated that he had convened the executive board to discuss the issue. He indicated that they had a strong discussion regarding under funded and unfunded mandates. Therefore, even though it is difficult to say no to free money, the board advised him to respectfully and cautiously decline.

Dwight Lundstrom spoke on behalf of OHBAA. He said the general consensus is that Washington will not receive a grant. But in the interest of affecting the way it is administered, perhaps the district should sign on so it can leverage some local control.

Mr. Sherman asked if OHSD did not sign on, would it be blamed if Washington did not get the grant. Mr. McCool reiterated his position on unfunded and under funded mandates. Mr. Wallin recalled past programs where we had received grants, only to have the requirements in manpower etc cost more than what was received. Mr. Hunt was inclined to sign on perhaps with a letter presenting the district's concerns.

Dr. Lance Gibbon, Assistant Superintendent, indicated there had been strong public support for RTTT. He had met with the advisory council who really believe in some of the fundamental ideas that are part of RTTT. It might be difficult to make a case for saying no to the public as the reasons not to are too complicated to explain. It would be possible to sign on but have a strongly written letter expressing concerns. It would give more time and there would still be the ability to opt out.

Dr. Schulte indicated he would wait until the end of the week to make a decision. Hopefully in that time he will have received further information from OSPI in response to emails sent to them.

Upcoming board meetings will be on May 24, May 28 (noon voucher signing), and June 15 (Tuesday).

**Upcoming
Meetings**

Mr. Wallin praised Nicki Luper, Vic Rikard, the NJROTC students, Dr. Gibbon, and Wildcat Catering for the wonderful job they did preparing for and participating during Matt Gumbel's memorial service on May 8. He asked Dr. Schulte to pass his appreciation on to them.

**Miscellaneous
announcements.**

Mr. Sherman indicated that he had gone to the Masons scholarship meeting – 10 students from OHSD received scholarships.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Adjourn

Minutes prepared by Naomi Hanson.

Dr. Richard J. Schulte, Secretary

Peter Hunt, President