

Spokane, Washington  
September 28, 2011

## **REGULAR SESSION**

The board of directors convened in regular session on the above date at 7 p.m.

Present: Directors Jeff Bierman, Garret Daggett, Bob Douthitt, Rocky Treppiedi, Student Advisor to the Board Shanice Applewhaite, and President Sue Chapin, presiding.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Chapin introduced Superintendent Nancy Stowell and her staff. President Chapin then welcomed Mr. Claude Kistler, general manager of KSPS-TV, to the podium to introduce Mr. Gary Stokes, the new executive director of the Friends of KSPS-TV. Mr. Stokes expressed appreciation for the warm welcome and for the opportunity to continue the good work KSPS has already done in public broadcasting.

## **MINUTES**

President Chapin asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Garret Daggett moved to approve minutes of the August 31, September 7, and September 14, 2011, special meetings; and the September 14, 2011, regular meeting.  
Second: Jeff Bierman

With regard to the August 31 special meeting minutes, Director Bierman asked that a correction be made to paragraph 5 on page 3 of the minutes wherein the second sentence would read, "Metrics are included for each area of the Teaching and Learning plan. The following areas of the Work Plan were further discussed for possible modification." Director Douthitt suggested a correction to the September 7 special meeting minutes: paragraph 1, second sentence would read, "Director Douthitt noted the board has isolated itself from school personnel largely because of the protocol that all communication has to go through the superintendent." Director Bierman asked that a correction be made to paragraph 6, fourth sentence of the September 7 special meeting minutes to read, "Director Bierman indicated his disappointment. . .noting that the district should recognize. . ."

A vote on the motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections was taken.

Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0

## **CHANGES IN THE AGENDA FROM THE BOARD OR THE ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Stowell asked that the request for approval of 2011-12 DAC membership remain on the agenda even though Ms. Jeffries-Simmons is not able to be here to make the request. Director Bierman noted that he and Director Douthitt will present an update on the newly-revised superintendent evaluation form under Board Reports.

## **HEARING OF DELEGATES ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

President Chapin invited comments regarding items not on the agenda. No delegates requested to address the board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

President Chapin asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including the supplemental reports.

### *Long-Distance Travel*

Approval by Mullan Road Elementary staff to take 96 sixth graders on an overnight excursion to Chewelah Peak Learning Center, Chewelah, WA, September 29-30, 2011, was requested.

### *Gifts and Grants*

#### Gifts

The Audubon Parent Teacher Organization donated \$914.45 to Audubon Elementary School's ASB to support extracurricular student activities.

The South Hill Rotary donated \$1,000 to Roosevelt Elementary to purchase books that will be given to all students.

The Ferris Dance Team Parent Group donated \$1,672.49 to Ferris High School's ASB/Dance Team to help offset the cost of uniforms as the school moves toward having school-owned uniforms.

ServePro donated \$1,000 to Lewis & Clark High School's ASB/General Athletics to support fall intramural extracurricular activities that have been eliminated by the GSL.

North Central Cross Country parents donated \$679.43 to North Central High School's ASB/Boys' Cross Country to purchase supplies and equipment for the program.

The North Central Booster Club donated \$1,000 to North Central High School's ASB/Football to purchase shoulder and knee pads for the football team.

Herb Dorr (Class of 1952) donated \$520 to North Central High School's Trust/Dorr-Native American to support Native American student needs during high school.

Hagadon Directories, Inc., donated \$1,368.60 to Rogers High School to support TEConnections activities for the students.

Rick Gaebe donated \$1,000 to the Shadle Park High School ASB/Boys' Basketball program to enhance the program.

#### Grant/Entitlement Applications

21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers – The Student Intervention & Support Services Department applied for renewal of a federal grant through OSPI in the amount of \$400,053. The monies will be used to provide students with additional math and literacy support to

successfully finish high school while providing them with knowledge and skills that will assist them in post-secondary opportunities.

Grant/Entitlement Awards

Federal Funds for Special Education IDEA-B – The Student Intervention & Support Services Department received a federal grant through OSPI in the amount of \$6,059,812. The funds will be used to pay for excess costs of providing special education and related services to K-12 children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, Section 611.

Federal Funds for Special Education Preschool, Section 619 – The Student Intervention & Support Services Department received a federal grant through OSPI in the amount of \$152,810. The monies will be used to pay for excess costs of providing special education and related services to preschool children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, Section 619.

Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting – The Teaching & Learning Department received a federal grant through OSPI in the amount of \$1,590,811. The funds will be used to increase the academic achievement of all students by helping improve teacher and principal quality and ensure that all teachers are highly qualified.

Washington Navigation 101 – Several schools have received a state grant through OSPI totaling \$105,000. The monies will be used to provide college and career activities including; student-led conferences, advisory, planning, and visits to all students at the following schools:

Adams Elementary	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Hamblen Elementary	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Indian Trail Elementary	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Glover Middle School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Chase Middle School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Sacajawea Middle School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Salk Middle School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Ferris High School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Lewis & Clark High School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
North Central High School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Shadle Park High School	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Havermale High School/West	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
Bancroft	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant
On-Track Academy	\$ 7,500.00 – implementation grant

Highly Capable Students Program – Libby Center received approval for state apportionment through OSPI in the amount of \$264,123. The funds will be used to fund approximately 25% of the district’s Tessera and Odyssey programs.

Early Childhood Education Assistance Program - The Student Intervention & Support Services Department received continued state funding in the amount of \$272,741 passed through the Community Colleges of Spokane. The funds will be used to provide inclusion opportunities for pre-school students who qualify for special education services and assist them in preparing for their K-12 environment.

Washington Regional Afterschool Project (WRAP) – The Student Intervention & Support Services Department received a federal grant in the amount of \$131,976 passed through School’s Out Washington (SOWA). The monies will be used to create a regional school-age care system with the goal of increasing the quality and availability of out-of-school care in Spokane and surrounding counties.

*Resolutions*

Board adoption of Resolution No. 2011-15 was requested. The resolution provides for approval of the value engineering study and accepted implementation for the Jefferson Elementary School replacement project.

Board adoption of Resolution No. 2011-16 was requested. The resolution certifies that new facilities identified in the project application for preliminary funding status (Form D-5) for Jefferson Elementary School replacement submitted to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will not create or aggravate racial imbalance.

Resolution No. 2011-17 was presented for board adoption. The resolution certifies that existing facilities identified in the project application (Form D-3) submitted to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will not be used in the future for district instructional purposes or be eligible for future state funding assistance pursuant to WAC 392-347-042.

*Alternate Purchases*

Alternate Purchase No. 151-1112 - It was recommended that a contract in the amount of \$292,889.44 be awarded to Camtek, Inc., Spokane, WA, for the implementation of Package 2 of the Integrated Security System – additional installations project.

*Certification*

Board approval of Basic Education Compliance Form 1497 was requested. The certification of compliance with the state’s minimum Basic Education requirements is required for annual submission by the State Board of Education.

*Approval of Amendment “A” to Professional Services Contract for Superintendent*

Amendment “A” to the Professional Services Contract for the superintendent was presented for board approval.

*Audits*

Warrant Register 1011 through 1013, General Fund	\$1,409,198.99
Warrant Register 584 through 585, Capital Fund	1,511,851.47
ASB Registers 835 through 838	110,299.39

Vouchers 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 have been recorded on a listing which is available to the board.

*Resignations/Retirements; Nominations; Leaves of Absence; and Supplementals, if applicable*

**CERTIFICATED RECOMMENDATIONS**

**TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Petty, Melissa – Havermale East – On Track, Teacher, High School Counselor – Resign .4 of 1.0 FTE, 09/26/11  
Watson, Laura – Rogers, Teacher, Social Studies/History – Resign .2 of 1.0 FTE, 09/15/11

**NOMINATIONS**

Broemeling, Ana – Lincoln Heights, Teacher, ELD (.8 FTE)  
Bromley, Wendy – Ferris, Teacher, Administrative Assistant (.6 FTE)  
Fritts, Anna – TBD, Psychologist (.2 FTE)  
Hall, Bryan – Willard, Teacher, Full Day Kindergarten (1.0 FTE)  
Jessett, Gail – Hutton, Teacher, Kindergarten (.5 FTE)  
Massey, Nicole – TBD, Speech Language Pathologist (.7 FTE)  
McCormick, Terrie – Rogers, Teacher, Math (.2 FTE)  
O'Halloran, Timothy – Havermale West, Teacher, Community Connections (1.0 FTE)  
Painter, Helen – Special Ed Center, Occupational Therapist (.1 FTE)  
Watson, Maurice (Erron) – Lincoln Heights, Teacher, Grade 5 (1.0 FTE)  
Wolfley, Anne – Professional Learning, Facilitator, Professional Learning (.5 FTE)

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Pence, Jane – Hutton, Teacher, Special Education, Resource – Health, 09/01/11 to 11/28/11 (approximately)

**CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS**

**TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Express

Robinson, Bonnie – Express, Itinerant Site Director – Retire, 05/31/11

Instructional Assistants

Berg, Kim – Roosevelt, Special Design Preschool IA – Resign, 09/02/11  
Boyd, Ramona – Bancroft, Special Design BI IA – Resign, 09/16/11

Technology Services

Ward, Christopher – Skills Center, Technology Support Specialist – Resign, 09/30/11

**NOMINATIONS**

Custodians

Auld, Patty – Shaw, Sweeper

Professional/Technical

Divelbiss, Janet – Skills Center, Chef Assistant Specialist (Temporary position ends 06/19/12)

Secretarial/Clerical

Bass, Andrea – Logan / Lewis & Clark, Library Clerk  
Miller, Virginia – Balboa, Assistant Secretary

Specialists

Frackelton, Lorenza – Garry, Bilingual Specialist – Spanish Language

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Instructional Assistants

Cantu, Randy – Roosevelt, Special Design BI IA – Health, 09/20/11 to 09/26/11  
(approximately)

Clark, Patricia – Balboa, Special Design DI IA – Health, 09/01/11 to 10/01/11  
(approximately)

Nutrition Services

Heim, Deborah – Jefferson, Worker I – Family Care, 09/01/11 to 01/06/12

Secretarial/Clerical

Sullivan, Mollie – Woodridge, Assistant Secretary – Personal, 09/28/11 to 10/20/11

*Supplemental Report*

CERTIFICATED RECOMMENDATIONS

**TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Thill, Linda – Browne, Occupational Therapist – Resign .4 of .6 FTE, 09/09/11

**NOMINATIONS**

Farzana, Toraj – Ferris, Teacher, ICAN (.2 FTE)

Hadorn, Rhonda – Shadle Park, Teacher, Science (1.0 FTE)

Hammond, Angela – Shaw, Teacher, Special Education, Resource (.6 FTE) / Teacher,  
Intervention (.2 FTE)

Homberg, Robert – Shadle Park, Teacher, Social Studies (.6 FTE)

Johnson, Amanda – Linwood, Teacher, Title/LAP Intervention (.5 FTE)

Johnson, Martin – Cooper, Certificated Nurse (.8 FTE)

Mitchell, Lori – Ferris, Teacher, Intervention SISS (.5 FTE)

Ratcliffe-Phillips, Patricia – Elementary Art, Teacher, Grade 4-6 Art (.2 FTE)

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Arnzen, Margie – Havermale, Counselor (.4 of 1.0 FTE)

Howard, Kathy – Finch, Teacher, Title/LAP Intervention – Personal (.5 of 1.0 FTE),  
2011-2012 School Year

CLASSIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS

**TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS**

Specialists

Mata, Katie – Sacred Heart, Job Specialist – Resign, 10/07/11

**NOMINATIONS**

Professional/Technical

Holm, Marcus – Printing & Mail Services, Press Operator

Secretarial/Clerical

Carlson, Christie – Adams/Roosevelt/Wilson, Library Clerk  
 Wiese, Tyson – Shaw, Secretary (Temporary position ends 06/18/12)

Specialists

Lopata, Joanne – Shadle Park, Licensed Nurse  
 Thommes, Hope – Balboa, Licensed Nurse

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Express

Parr, Diane – Jefferson, Express Activity Leader – Health, 09/01/11 to 03/23/12

Professional/Technical

Crapes, Deborah – Havermale East, Career Specialist – Health (4 hours per day of 8-hour schedule), 09/13/11 to 08/31/12

*Travel Report*

<b><i>Travel Date(s)</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Purpose</i></b>	<b><i>City/State</i></b>
<b>EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION</b>			
Sept 29, 2011	Kristin Whiteaker	OSPI Online Advisory Committee Meeting	Olympia, WA
Sept 30, 2011	Gregory Brown	OSPI Technical Advisory Comm Meeting	Olympia, WA
Oct 3, 2011	John Hagney	Regional Teacher of the Year Ceremony	Seattle, WA
Oct 3, 2011	Shawn Jordan	Regional Teacher of the Year Ceremony	Seattle, WA
Oct 7, 2011	Cindy Coleman	SDAAC Meeting	Burien, WA
Oct 11-13, 2011	Dennis Conger	WAVA Fall Conference	Richland, WA
Oct 13-15, 2011	Matt Buchanan	WASTS Conference	Renton, WA
Oct 13-15, 2011	Scott Dethlefs	WASTS Conference	Renton, WA
Oct 13-16, 2011	Therese Haworth	WASTS Conference	Renton, WA
Oct 14, 2011	Linda McDermott	Large District Financial Round Table Mtg	Renton, WA
Oct 16-18, 2011	Tennille Jeffries-Simmons	School Law Conference	Renton, WA
Oct 28-29, 2011	Stefanie Heinen	WAAETAG Conference	Wenatchee, WA
Nov 1-4, 2011	Don Belcher	SEMA Automotive Trade Show	Las Vegas, NV
Nov 1-4, 2011	Dan Horton	SEMA Automotive Trade Show	Las Vegas, NV
Nov 28-Dec 1, 2011	Jody Walker	SL Tech National User Training Conf	Glendale, AZ
<b>GRANT EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION</b>			
Sept 28-29, 2011	Brent Perdue	BERC - HR Workshop #1	Tacoma, WA
Sept 29-30, 2011	Mike Peterson	Digital Commiss, Resolve Tech Issues	Brewster, WA
Oct 2-3, 2011	Bill Fitzner	NW Profiles Shoot	Penticton, BC
Oct 2-3, 2011	Scott McKinnon	NW Profiles Shoot	Penticton, BC
Oct 2-3, 2011	Lynn Veltrie	NW Profiles Shoot	Penticton, BC
Oct 4, 2011	Victorya Rouse	Refugee Impact Grant Orientation Mtg	Seattle, WA
Oct 5-7, 2011	Dr. Linda Takami	Institutional Education Fall Meeting	Aberdeen, WA
Oct 16-18, 2011	Erin Griffin	GEAR UP Conf	Portland, OR
Oct 16-18, 2011	Mark Kadel	School's Out WA - Bridge Conference	Seattle, WA

Oct 16-18, 2011	Brenda McDonald	GEAR UP Conference	Portland, OR
Oct 16-18, 2011	Joey Morton	GEAR UP Conference	Portland, OR
Oct 16-18, 2011	Michael Syron	GEAR UP Conference	Portland, OR
Oct 22-26, 2011	Molly Bozo	Reading Recovery / Literacy Conference	Hot Springs, AR
Oct 22-26, 2011	Linda Wert	Reading Recovery / Literacy Conference	Hot Springs, AR
Dec 6-9, 2011	Dr. Lorna Spear	WA State Assessment Conference	Seattle, WA
Dec 9, 2011	Bernice Buchanan	WRAP Face-to-Face Meeting	Seattle, WA
Dec 9, 2011	Joe Garza	WRAP Face-to-Face Meeting	Seattle, WA

**SHARED EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION**

Oct 13-14, 2011	Jeff Halstead	WSASCD/OSPI Annual Conference	Seattle, WA
Oct 13-15, 2011	Moleena Harris	WSASCD/OSPI Annual Conference	Seattle, WA
Oct 13-15, 2011	Anne Wolfley	WSASCD/OSPI Annual Conference	Seattle, WA
Oct 17-18, 2011	Dr. Mark Anderson	WSRMP Exec Bd Mtg/School Law Conf	Renton, WA

**GRANT SHARED EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION**

None

**SCHOOL ASB EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION**

None

**NON-EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION**

Oct 2-8, 2011	Col. Dan Oukrop	AFJROTC Inst Recertification Course	Maxwell AFB, AL
Oct 11-12, 2011	Eric Magi	OSPI Biology EOC Perfm Level Mtg	Seattle, WA
Oct 11-13, 2011	Lisa White	WAVA Board Meeting and Conference	Richland, WA
Oct 12, 2011	Dr. Irene Gonzalez	Evergreen State College Board Meeting	Olympia, WA
Oct 14-15, 2011	Dr. Tammy Campbell	WSASCD Annual Conference	Seattle, WA
Oct 25, 2011	Eric Magi	LASER Steering Committee Meeting	Seattle, WA
Nov 2-6, 2011	Dr. Tammy Campbell	Natl Assn for Gifted Children Convention	New Orleans, LA
Nov 2-6, 2011	Stefanie Heinen	Natl Assn for Gifted Children Convention	New Orleans, LA
Nov 13-19, 2011	MSG William Patton	AFJROTC Inst Recertification Course	Maxwell AFB, AL

**GRANT NON-EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION**

None

**SHARED NON-EXPENSE - PRIOR NOTIFICATION**

None

**EXPENSE - POST NOTIFICATION**

Sept 17-28, 2011	Devon Rauenzahn	ASBO Conference	Seattle, WA
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**GRANT EXPENSE - POST NOTIFICATION**

Sept 9, 2011	Joe Garza	WA Afterschool Network Meeting	Ellensburg, WA
Sept 9, 2011	Marty Robinette	BERC - HR Workshop #1	Tacoma, WA
Sept 9, 2011	Jon Swett	BERC - HR Workshop #1	Tacoma, WA
Sept 9, 2011	Lori Wyborney	BERC - HR Workshop #1	Tacoma, WA
Sept 22, 2011	Mike Peterson	Yearly Site Visit	Troy, MT

**SHARED EXPENSE - POST NOTIFICATION**

None

**GRANT SHARED EXPENSE - POST NOTIFICATION**

None

**SCHOOL ASB EXPENSE - POST NOTIFICATION**

None

**NON-EXPENSE - POST NOTIFICATION**

Sept 15, 2011 Mickey Hanson 6th Grade Camp

Coeur d'Alene, ID

**GRANT NON-EXPENSE - POST NOTIFICATION**

None

**CANCELLATIONS**

None

- Motion: Jeff Bierman moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Supplemental Report.
- Second: Garret Daggett

Referring to the three resolutions presented for board adoption related to the Jefferson Elementary replacement project, Director Treppiedi stressed the importance of those resolutions, noting the considerable amount of work that has taken place. He expressed appreciation for the effort undertaken to study the design concepts and recommendations that helped to move the process along. Dr. Mark Anderson, associate superintendent for School Support Services, added that the resolutions are required in order to receive state matching funds. He also noted that the value engineering study represents a lot of work between the architectural firm, the district's capital projects staff, and the independent firm hired to conduct the study. The study includes almost a half million dollars of money-saving ideas for the project.

Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Teaching and Learning Services**

Secondary Standards-Based Grading and Reporting

Ms. Karin Short, associate superintendent for Teaching and Learning Services, introduced Dr. Tammy Campbell, executive director of Instructional Programs, who presented a report on secondary standards-based grading and reporting (SBGR).

Director Treppiedi asked Dr. Campbell to address several concerns as she makes her presentation: How will this be reviewed and accepted by colleges? What is the role of the board when it comes to this subject? Is the board merely listening to what educators are doing or will the board adopt a policy that embraces this, and will there be procedures for enacting it? If it is a departure from the current grading policy, what would happen if the board were to reject all or part of the recommendation?

Dr. Campbell shared what the committee accomplished last year, what work will happen this year, as well as some long-term implementation goals. She also shared several samples of progress keys used in other districts. A video clip of district teachers talking about how SBGR is different was also viewed by the board. Summarizing her report, Dr. Campbell said the plan is to fully implement SBGR at the secondary level in 2013-14, once the staff gets a sense of how the pilot programs work.

President Chapin thought the idea is great, saying that it is actually embarrassing that grades, being subjective and open to interpretation, haven't been based on a standard for so long. She felt students deserve more consistency and objectivity as they are being evaluated. Director Daggett concurred with President Chapin's comments.

Discussion took place about homework and the fact that some students may not do the homework if they aren't graded on the work. Dr. Stowell indicated that the staff will assess students often and will be really clear about what is happening with individual students and what is being measured.

Director Bierman agreed that SBGR will assess how much a student knows, but he felt a missing component is how students compare to other students. He talked about external stakeholders such as employers, trade schools, and colleges or universities that will rely on that information. He felt the component needs to be a separate overall performance measure for how a student did compared to other students in a class. Dr. Stowell noted that the Common Core State Standards will at least have some commonality to show how Washington State students compare with students in other states. In addition, the PSAT will also provide some of that information and Readiness Step at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level will provide data as well.

Director Treppiedi agreed with Dr. Bierman, noting that he understands the value, but high school is different from elementary/middle school reporting in that the report card is looked at by outside agencies. He felt it raises other questions with which the district needs to be concerned. Dr. Campbell assured the board that university partners will be a part of the process.

Director Douthitt expressed his hope that the staff would come back to the board earlier rather than later to share their thinking. He questioned why more isn't being done with competency-based credits. Dr. Campbell indicated that the state is looking at competency-based credits versus seat time. Board members asked to hear what the counter arguments are to secondary SBGR. Dr. Campbell indicated that feedback can be compiled and shared with the board. Dr. Stowell added that surveys are another way to collect information so the board gets a sense of how strong or weak the support is for secondary SBGR.

## **School Support Services**

### Preliminary Student Enrollment Update

Ms. Linda McDermott, executive director of Finance, presented preliminary enrollment data based on the fourth day enrollment count. Comparing last September's enrollment to this September's enrollment, the count shows elementary enrollment up by 51.4 FTE; middle school up 17.6 FTE; high school down by 92.7 FTE; and the special schools up by 4.4 FTE for a total of 28,093 FTE students. Ms. McDermott noted that the total is down by 28.1 FTE students as of the fourth official count date.

In terms of annual FTE and its impact on the budget, Ms. McDermott reported that the 2011-12 budget assumed that the district would have 150 fewer students; however, the final enrollment count shows 85 more students when comparing budget to actual which will result in a positive budget variance and additional staffing changes. Ms. McDermott emphasized that the forecast could change, but the staff feels it is a good measurement of where the enrollment will end up compared to last year.

### Interim Financial Report

Per the board's request, the Interim Financial Report will be reviewed at the second board meeting of each month, focusing primarily on the General Fund. Ms. McDermott presented an overview of the district's monthly financial position, explained what is being reported to the board on a monthly basis, and highlighted some of the trends and implications for the end of the last school year. She noted that future reports will reflect the monthly status of the contingency fund for the 2011-12 school year.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### Approval of New Diversity Advisory Council Members for 2011-2012

Board approval of new members to the Diversity Advisory Council for 2011-12 was requested. President Chapin noted that the board members were provided the bios on the recommended new members in advance.

Motion: Jeff Bierman moved to approve new members to the Diversity Advisory Council as recommended.  
Second: Garret Daggett  
Vote: Yes – 5; No – 0

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Stowell reported that this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row the finance team has received the Government Finance Officers Association highest award for school finances. Dr. Stowell extended congratulations to the team for its hard work which is affirmed by this award.

The district needs to sell more bonds; therefore, a board representative is needed for an October 19 planning session and conference calls to the rating agencies on October 24. Director Douthitt volunteered to participate.

A final look at the District Work Plan is scheduled to take place in a work session Wednesday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 403.

A preview of the October 12 board meeting agenda includes:

- Dick Stannard Principal of the Year Recognition
- Report on AYP
- Fall Staffing Update
- United Way Campaign Resolution

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### Student Advisor's Report

Student advisor Shanice Applewhaite reported that the school year is off to a good start; she has heard feedback from other district students that class sizes seem to be larger this year compared to last.

### Legislative Update

Directors Bierman and Douthitt presented a follow-up report to the recent WSSDA Legislative Assembly. A copy of Director Douthitt's notes from the meeting was included in the board's late

folders, along with an amendment to one of the district's five legislative proposals relating to nonrenewal of certificated staff who do not meet new evaluation criteria. In addition, a chart of the state's entire budget posted on Representative Ross Hunter's website was also shared with the board.

A meeting with Representative Ormsby took place this afternoon on the importance of continuing LEA funding; meetings with Representative Billig, Senator Baumgartner, and Representative Parker have also been scheduled. A meeting with Senator Brown will be scheduled soon.

#### Middle School Update

Director Treppiedi reported that the first Middle School Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 25.

#### Other

Directors Bierman and Douthitt reviewed the revised superintendent evaluation process; copies of the evaluation worksheet and report were included in the board's late folders. Also included were copies of Policy and Procedure 1500 to be presented for first reading at the October 12 board meeting. The revised policy and new procedure which reference the superintendent evaluation process will replace Policy and Procedure 5125.

Director Bierman noted that today was the first elementary cross country meet. Eight elementary schools and Libby Center students participated. President Chapin asked that a note of appreciation be sent to those agencies that have made this possible for district kids.

As a follow-up to Moran Prairie parent concerns expressed at the last board meeting, Director Bierman indicated that he called the parents, both of whom were appreciative of the follow-up contact. A parent meeting is scheduled tomorrow at Moran Prairie to discuss the issues and to discuss how they as a group can address the concerns.

President Chapin reported that four board members attended the Spokane County School Directors meeting last evening.

Director Treppiedi talked about the happy ending to a concern a Sacajawea parent had with regard to his child being placed in the honors program.

Director Bierman requested that all of the board advisory committee meeting dates be included on the board's web calendar.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, President Chapin adjourned the meeting at 10:23 p.m.

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Nancy J. Stowell, Ph.D., Secretary

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Susan S. Chapin, President