

Washington State Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Mt. Baker School District Administration Building
August 22-24, 2001

MINUTES

President Gary Gainer called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Mr. Gainer introduced Dr. Richard Gantman, Superintendent of Mt. Baker School District, who gave an overview of the district. Dr. Gantman introduced Dr. Mark Venn, Assistant Superintendent.

Members Present: Phyllis Bunker Frank, Gary Gainer, Linda W. Lamb, Roberta "Bobbie" May, Tom Parker, Warren T. Smith, Sr., Neal Supplee, Carolyn Tolas, Ron Woldeit, Student Representatives Lacey Androsko and David Peterson

Members Excused: Jonathan T. Harris, Terry Bergeson

Guests Present: Tom Kelly, Deputy Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI); Marcia Riggers, Assistant Superintendent; OSPI, Mari Garrison, Special Education, OSPI

Staff Present: Larry Davis, Patty Martin, Pat Eirish

Executive Director Larry Davis reviewed changes in the agenda for Board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Tolas and seconded by Mrs. Lamb to approve June 15 and June 29, 2001, meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Board members, Tabs 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Supplee and seconded by Mrs. May to approve Tabs 3, 4 and 9 of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Tab 2-Applications for State Assistance in School Building Construction from the Grandview, Lake Washington, Northshore, Renton, Toppenish, and Vancouver School Districts

Motion: Moved by Mr. Supplee and seconded by Mr. Woldeit to approve Tab 2. Motion carried.

Tab 5-Status of Common School Construction Fund

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Tolas and seconded by Mr. Supplee to approve Tab 5. Motion carried.

Tab 6-Approval of Non-Public Agencies to Enter into Contracts with School Districts

Ron Hertel, Program Supervisor, Interagency/Service Delivery Linkages, Special Education, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented information on fifteen Non-Public Agencies due for full application renewal. Four of the fifteen are asking for conditional approval due to extenuating circumstances.

Letters for provisional Non-Public Agency Status will be sent to the following requesting they comply before October 1, 2001.

- Kinderling Center – license offered by Dept. of Health expires in January 2002. Must show documentation of update. Must supply renewed health and fire inspection documentation.
- SPARC - Must have fingerprint records on non-certificated staff.
- Dow Hearing Speech and Deafness Center – Must list clarification of services.

A letter denying NPA Status will be sent to: St. Christopher Academy–Located at John F. Kennedy High School, Catholic high school in Seattle. Sectarian influence goes against Article 9 of state constitution. Mission statement includes following Life of Christ. Mission Statement also mentions “St. Christopher students will be Kennedy students in every way.” Four other issues include a Crucifix hanging in SCA office. Fiscal audit, student files signed consent from parents, contracts did not contain full Kennedy handbook with minimum amount of volunteer hours from parents.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. May to approve Tab 6, Non Public Agencies 1-10 of list provided, plus New Horizons. Agencies 11-15 on list approved with provisions to be met by October 1, 2001. Motion carried.

Tab 7-Annual Approval of In-service Agencies

Mrs. Frank suggesting getting examples of offerings and evaluations of offerings.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. May to approve Tab 7. Motion carried.

Tab 8-Approval of Private Schools and Private Providers for Continuing Education Clock Hours for the 2001-02 School Year.

Marcia Riggers, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Support, OSPI, gave an overview of Private Schools. The vast majority was approved as usual. There were about 20 less than usual; a few will not operate this year. Spring Learning Centers did not meet current standards; they need new material. A handful will not be approved and do not meet approval standards for private schools.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Supplee and seconded by Mr. Parker to approve Tab 8. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED POLICY AMENDMENTS

Tab 10-Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies to Calculate the Area Cost Allowance

Following a discussion on the need for the rule changes, Tab 10 will be brought back for adoption consideration on Friday.

Tab 11-Proposed Amendments to SBE Policy to Determine Space Allocations: WAC 180-27-035 Space Allocations

Following discussion and a request to change some of the language for clarity, Tab 11 will be brought forward on Friday for adoption consideration.

Tab 12-Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies: WAC 180-79A-140 Types of Certificates and WAC 180-79A-231 Limited Certificates

Because of the nature of the statutes, this tab is up for emergency adoption. Following discussion, Tab 12 will be brought back on Friday for emergency adoption consideration.

Tab 13-Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies: WAC 180-77-120 Out-of-state Candidates and WAC 180-79A-257 Out-of-state Candidates

Dr. Lin Douglas, Director, Professional Education and Certification, OSPI, presented background information regarding the needed changes. Tab 13 will be brought back for adoption consideration on Friday.

INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES

Tab 14-Proposed Amendments to SBE Policy: WAC 180-57-050 Grade Reporting and Calculations System and WAC 180-57-055 Definition-Grade point average.

Executive Director Larry Davis mentioned that Page 2, subsection K, be amended to add the word "complete". Following discussion by Board members on the various aspects of the proposed changes, the motion was called for.

Motion: Mrs. May moved and Mr. Smith seconded to bring Tab 14 back to the October meeting for public hearing and adoption consideration. Motion carried.

Tab 15-Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies: WAC 180-16-200 Total Program Hour Offering-Basic skills and work skills requirements; Waiver WAC 180-16-205 Classroom Teacher Contact Hours Requirement; Waiver WAC 180-16-215 Minimum One Hundred Eighty School Day Year; WAC 180-18-030 Waivers from Total Program Hour Offerings, Teacher Contact Hours Requirements and Self Study Requirements; WAC 180-18-050 Local Restructuring Plan Requirements to Obtain Waiver; WAC 180-18-060 Waiver renewal Procedure; WAC 180-18-080 Alternative Waiver Application Procedure

Motion: Moved by Mr. Supplee and seconded by Mr. Woldeit to bring Tab 15 to the October meeting for public hearing and adoption consideration. Motion carried.

Tab 16-Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies regarding approval of standards for preparation programs, standard for accountability, standard for resources, and standard for program design

Dr. Lin Douglas, Director, Professional Education and Certification, OSPI, asked that this tab be pulled from the agenda at this time. It will be brought back to the October meeting.

WORK SESSION AND REPORT ON HOME-BASED INSTRUCTION

Gary McGill, President, Whatcom Homeschool Association, led a panel discussion on home-based instruction in the Whatcom county area.

Executive Director Larry Davis presented a verbal report on the results of the meeting of the homeschool Testing Work Group to Board members.

POLICY APPLICATION RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Following the lunch recess, the Board reconvened the meeting at Old Main Hall on the campus of Western Washington University. The Board broke into two groups to hear presentations by several preparation programs from various universities seeking Board approval of their Professional Certificate Programs.

Tab 17- Request for Approval of Pacific Lutheran University's Professional Teacher Certificate Program

Motion: Mr. Supplee moved and Mr. Parker seconded to approve Tab 17. Motion carried.

Tab 18- Request for Approval of Heritage College's Professional Teacher Certificate Program

Motion: Mrs. Frank moved and Mr. Woldeit seconded to approve Tab 18. Motion carried.

Tab 19- Request for Approval of Seattle University's Professional Teacher Certificate Program

Motion: Mr. Supplee moved and Mr. Smith seconded to approve Tab 19. Motion carried.

Tab 20- Request for Approval of City University's Professional Teacher Certificate Program

Motion: Mrs. Frank moved and Mr. Woldeit seconded to approve Tab 20. Motion carried.

Tab 21-Request for Approval of the Professional Teacher Certificate Program from University of Washington-Bothell.

Motion: Mr. Smith moved and Mrs. Tolas seconded to approve Tab 21. Motion carried.

Tab 22- Request for Approval of the Residency Certificate Program from City University.

Motion: Mr. Woldeit moved and Mr. Parker seconded to approve Tab 22. Motion carried.

Following the presentations by the various universities, Dr. Marvin Klein, Dean, School of Education, Western Washington University, welcomed Board members to Western. He and members of his staff, and students, presented an overview of the preparation programs at Western Washington University.

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POLICY APPLICATION RELATING TO BASIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Tab 23-Request for Waiver of WAC 180-18-040 Minimum 180 Days School Year from the Federal way, Grand Coulee Dam, Keller, Nespelem, Northport, North Thurston, Orting, and Sultan School Districts.

Pat Eirish, State Board Staff, presented information on the waiver requests. She noted that information from Columbia-Burbank School District in Burbank had been added to the Tab. The Board discussed the need to increase the time for which a waiver is granted to help align curriculum with the EALRs. Districts need a longer period of time to gather data. In future, the Board will deal with the length of waivers on a case-by-case basis.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. May and seconded by Mr. Supplee to approve waivers, including Columbia-Burbank. Motion carried.

Tab 24-Request for Waiver from WAC 180-44-050 (2) Regulatory provisions relating to RCW 28A.305.130(6) and 28A.600.010-School day a related to the teacher and from WAC 180-18-040 Minimum 180 Days School Year from the Tacoma School District for the Tacoma School of the Arts (Tacoma SOTA)

Pat Eirish, State Board Staff, presented information on the requests for waivers from the 180-day school year.

Motion: Mrs. Lamb moved and Mr. Woldeit seconded to approve Tab 24. Motion carried.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Tab 25-Consideration of State Board of Education Position Statement on Preparing Students to Become Responsible Citizens (proposed by the SBE Equity Committee)

Consideration of State Board of Education Position Statement on Equity in Education (proposed by the SBE Equity Committee)

Mr. Smith, Equity Committee Chair, stated that a member of the Human Rights Commission was at the last Equity Committee meeting. We have also met with OSPI to address the diversity issue. Andrew Griffin, Assistant Superintendent, Higher Education, Certification and Community Outreach, OSPI stated that every state board should have an equity committee. Partnerships are very important.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Tolas to approve Tab 25. Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Tab 26-Request for Approval of A Pilot Project in the Vancouver School District to Use a Professional Growth Plan Contract to Maintain Continuing Teacher Certificates Validity

Dr. Lin Douglas, Director, Professional Education and Certification, OSPI, presented background information on the request. Following discussion by the Board regarding the advisability of the request, the following motion was entertained.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Frank and seconded by Mrs. May to approve Tab 26. Motion carried.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Impact of New Certification Rules on School Districts presented by Susan Zoller, Deputy Superintendent, Bellingham School District. Ms. Zoller commented that it would be helpful to build flexibility into the Special Education Endorsement. We have six special education positions and are unable to fill them. We have a large special education department. Teachers are unable to get certified in special education because they are from outside the state. Performance assessment will be good for us. No flexibility at OSPI. Teachers have gone on to the business world.

Dr. Lin Douglas, Director of Professional Education and Certification, OSPI, mentioned asking Doug Gill's office about federal law on special education waivers.

Susan Zoller added that a teacher with a continuing certificate can walk into a special education teaching position and a person who does not have a continuing certificate cannot, even though he/she may be more competent.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS STANDARD BOARD

Update on Work of the Professional Educator Standards Board by Jennifer Wallace, PESB Executive Director, and Carolyn Bradley, PESB Member. The website for the Professional Educators Standards Board, www.pesb.wa.gov, had over 290 hits from Tuesday to Friday about the Alternative Routes to Certification. The PESB is overwhelmed by the volume of phone calls and e-mails. At least two states, Idaho and Iowa, are replicating this model.

The Transition to Teaching Grant Program is federally funded. The stated purpose is to address teacher shortages by helping talented individuals with a comprehensive strategy including recruitment, preparation, placement and follow-up.

Tab 29—Appointment of Election Board for State Board and ESD Elections

The SBE approved to appoint the following persons to serve as the regular and alternate election Board members for the 2001 election of the SBE. The appointment for the ESD Board elections will follow the same process.

Pearl Kirkpatrick
Ruth Gregory
Helen Haglund
Phyllis Wilson (alternate)

Motion: Moved by Mr. Supplee and seconded by Mrs. Tolas to approve Tab 29.
 Motion carried.

REPORTS

Executive Director Larry Davis presented a written report on the meeting at the Governor's office on K-12 Education Policy Advisory.

Kathleen Anderson, Retired State Board member, and Ted Andrews, Professional Education Historian Emeritus (retired), presented information/history on the Professional Education Advisory Boards (PEABs) and their importance to the college/university preparation programs.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Bobbie May reported on the work of the State Board's Accreditation Advisory Committee to date. The committee is working on making the State Board process for accreditation more in line with education reform and the EALRs. The August committee meeting featured presentations by Pete Blysm, OSPI, and a team from ESD 113 on the work being done to get the school improvement plan (SIP) information and forms online. The next meeting of the committee will be Monday, September 24.

WORK SESSION RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS

Barbara McLain, Senior Research Associate, Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP), presented the final draft report on "High School: The Next Challenge for Education Reform".

Culminating Projects—Parent Perspectives

Information on culminating projects from a parent's perspective was presented by Linda Parmenter, resident of Lynden School District; Patty Wells, of Nooksack Valley School District and Andrea Rheame, Vancouver PTA representative. They presented information on their experience with culminating projects.

Carol Taylor Cann, Government Relations Coordinator, Washington State PTA, shared the results of the PTA survey regarding culminating projects.

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Culminating Projects-Following discussion by Board members, Patty Martin, Associate Director of the State Board, showed a video on culminating projects from an organization known as SERVE-Improving Student Learning through Research and Development. Ms. Martin attended an institute on the subject of culminating projects and reported her findings to the Board.

Chair Gary Gainer reported on the upcoming work of the Certificate of Mastery Committee. A contract is being composed to address the validity and reliability study work for the committee. Cathy Hardison will also continue to provide research.

Chair Warren T. Smith, Sr., reported on the work done by the Equity Committee to date. They have been looking at district-wide culture and not using a top-down model, but working on building acceptance. All stakeholders need to be involved.

Chair Phyllis Bunker Frank presented information on the last meeting of the Professional Development and Certification Committee. Marlene Hoylater, Regional Vice President of Sylvan Learning Centers, presented information to the committee. There will be a training September 19 from 1-5 p.m. that Lin Douglas has developed for site visits. The State Board members need to be involved in site visits and needs training. It should be a rule that if you're not trained, you do not go.

Chair Carolyn Tolas reported on items concerning School Construction and Organization. She also reported on legislative contacts she has made during the interim. Mrs. Tolas will also be presenting at the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Assembly in Yakima.

Chair Neal Supplee reported on the work being done with the Mandate Review Committee. At the present time, they are working on the State Board authorized Washington Administrative Code.

Chair Neal Supplee provided background information on the Remote & Necessary Committee and the necessity for the remote and necessary designation for certain schools. The Remote and Necessary Committee will be traveling to the Leavenworth area in October to visit Beaver Valley Elementary, which has the designation of a remote and necessary school.

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ADOPTION CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED POLICY AMENDMENTS

Tab 10—Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies to Calculate the Area Cost Allowance

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Tolas and seconded by Mr. Supplee to adopted Tab 10.
Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 excused.

Tab 11—Proposed Amendments to SBE Policy to Determine Space Allocations: WAC 180-27-036 Space Allocations

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Tolas and seconded by Mr. Supplee to approve Tab 11.

Following discussion of the wording of the WAC, a motion was presented to amend the language.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Supplee and seconded by Mrs. Tolas to amend WAC 180-27-035 by striking the first sentence. Motion carried.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Tolas and seconded by Mr. Supplee to adopt Tab 11 as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 excused.

Tab 12—Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies—WAC 180-79A-140 Types of Certificates and WAC 180-79A-231 Limited Certificates

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Tolas and seconded by Mr. Supplee to adopt Tab 12 on an emergency basis. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 excused.

Tab 13—Proposed Amendments to SBE Policies—WAC 180-79A-257 Out-of-state Candidates and WAC 180-77-120 Out-of-state Candidates

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Frank and seconded by Mr. Supplee to adopt Tab 13 on an emergency basis. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 excused.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Tab 27—Lease Approval Request

Gary Wall, Assistant Superintendent of Northwest ESD 189, presented information on the request by ESD to lease the North Snohomish Discovery Site. He reviewed the programs conducted by the ESD for students needing an alternative setting.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Tolas and seconded by Mrs. May to approve the request by Northwest ESD 189 to lease the North Snohomish Discovery site. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION ON ASSURING EVERY STUDENT LEARNS

Andrew Griffin, Assistant Superintendent for Higher Education, Certification, and Community Outreach, OSPI; Dr. Thelma Jackson, retired educator; and Tony Orange, Executive Director, Washington State Commission on African-American Affairs, presented information to the Board regarding students of color and their ability to achieve in today's school environment. Items of importance for these students include:

- Parental involvement
- Technology support
- Community involvement
- Quality school personnel
- Safe learning environment
- Academic improvement plan for family
- Faith

The main driver for change is Washington's under achieving schools data. Data indicates that some schools are not doing their jobs. The key is not to change the standards but to provide assistance to those students and schools that are in need. Student leadership should be tapped. The students know

the problems and are not afraid to use their energies to address them. We need students of color to work with each other. Dr. Jackson asked the Board to look at where we will be in 20 years if we don't recognize the need for change now. Looking at this issue is long overdue and it needs the Board's attention now. The issue of race is still prevalent and needs to be addressed. Education is the most common denominator of all people. It is imperative that the disturbing negative trends in African American students be stopped. Race still matters; African-American students lag behind mainstream students in every way. Every state board should have an equity committee. Partnerships are so important.

BASIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Tab 28—Request for Waiver from WAC 180-51-107 Alternative high school graduation requirements and WAC 180-18-055 Alternative high school graduation requirements from the Federal Way School District for Truman High School

Pat Eirish, State Board Staff, presented information regarding the request from the Federal Way School District. Pam Morris Stendahl, Mike Hartley, and Mark Simmons from Truman High School, were present to answer any questions the Board had, as well as assist with the presentation. They presented information on the performance-based program that has been adopted for Truman.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. May and seconded by Mr. Smith to grant the waiver to Federal Way School District for Truman High School.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

Washington State Board of Education
Planning Meeting
Board Room, Mount Baker School District
August 24, 2001

MINUTES

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for a planning meeting.

Legislation—The upcoming legislative session was discussed; issues that could come up include:

- Harassment
- Reclassification
- School construction
- Supplemental budget

During the last legislative session there was positive movement about people's perception of the State Board. The Board needs to be funded at a level that will allow it to have contact at a national level. With education reform in full swing, there are several important charges the Board is working on. Board members need to maintain their contacts with legislators and still remain advocates for students.

School Construction—The area cost allowance was discussed by Board members. Strategies were worked on for approaching the legislature for full funding of school construction.

NASBE—the NASBE conference will be October 11-12 in San Diego.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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