

Washington State Board of Education  
Phoenix Inn Suites, Olympia  
Regular and Planning Meeting  
May 11-12, 2005

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

President Carolyn Tolas called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Members Present: Nancy Fike, Steve Floyd, Phyllis Bunker Frank, Linda W. Lamb, Bobbie May, John Schuster, Warren T. Smith Sr., Carolyn Tolas, Dana Twight, Superintendent Terry Bergeson, and Student Representatives Gustavo Ramos, Tiffany Thompson, and Kourosh Zamanizadeh.

Member Excused: Buck Evans

Staff Present: Larry Davis, Kate Lykins Brown, Pat Eirish, Laura Moore, Gene Thomas

Executive Director Larry Davis presented an agenda overview.

President Tolas asked Senior Student Representative Kourosh Zamanizadeh to introduce new Student Representative Tiffany Thompson. There were 30 applicants for the position; Ms. Thompson was selected from a final list of six. Ms. Thompson is from Kahowlya Secondary School, Central Kitsap School District.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Frank to approve the minutes.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. Frank and seconded by Mrs. Lamb to amend the minutes as noted. Motion carried.

***Minutes were approved as corrected.***

## CONSENT AGENDA

### **TAB 2—REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN SCOPE FOR PROJECTS WITH PRIOR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL FROM THE OCEAN BEACH SCHOOL DISTRICT (<\$1 MILLION CHANGE IN SCOPE)**

### **TAB 3—REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS FROM WAC 180-44-050(2) REGULATORY PROVISIONS RELATING TO RCW 28A.600.010 FROM THE CLE ELUM-ROSLYN, GRIFFIN, AND LYNDEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Mrs. Lamb asked whether the new square footage allocation will affect the July release. Gordon Beck, regional coordinator for Facilities and Organization with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, noted that the square footage allocation will not take effect until 2006 release; area cost allowance will take effect with the 2005 release.

**Motion:** Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. May to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

### **TAB 4—REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN SCOPE FOR PROJECTS WITH PRIOR STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL FROM THE BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT (>\$1 MILLION CHANGE IN SCOPE)**

Gordon Beck presented background information on the request by the Bethel School District for a change in scope of its project.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the change in scope for Bethel School District.

In response to a question from Ms. Twight, Mr. Beck explained the process by which the district receives funding.

*Motion carried.*

### **TAB 5—REQUEST FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR WAIVER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENT OF A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS: ANACORTES, ARLINGTON, COLLEGE PLACE, COLUMBIA #400 (BURBANK), DIERINGER, EVERETT, FEDERAL WAY, GARFIELD-PALOUSE, HIGHLINE, MOUNT BAKER, MUKILTEO, NAPA VINE, OTHELLO, TAHOMA, WAHKIAKUM, WELLPINIT, WAITSBURG, AND WEST VALLEY #208 (YAKIMA) SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Pat Eirish, State Board staff, presented the information on the requests from the 18 districts for waivers from the 180-day calendar. Ms. Eirish has spoken to all of the superintendents and they have asked her to thank the Board for granting the waivers. She introduced Bill Crossman, Highline School District, who spoke to its request.

Mrs. Lamb expressed concerns about several of the waivers, especially the request from the Highline School District. Mrs. Lamb suggested approving Highline's request for only one year with a report back to the Board. In response to a question from President Tolas, Ms. Eirish stated that the one-year waiver has only been granted at the request of the school district. Mr.

Smith reminded the Board members that the Board has asked that districts be creative and think outside of the box.

Members discussed the increasing need for waivers for school planning, resulting from fewer Learning Improvement Days. Mrs. May stated that this will be something that the Learning Support and Improvement Committee will look at. She said that this should be part of the funding study (SB 5441) that will happen during the interim.

Superintendent Bergeson noted that the new Learning Assistance Program (LAP) monies are geared for the high school level and new grant for Advanced Placement (AP) programs for rural schools.

Prior to voting, Mrs. Lamb disclosed that she had had no contact or conversations with her sister who is a principal in the Mukilteo School regarding the requested waiver.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. May and seconded by Ms. Twight to approve Tab 6 as presented. Motion carried.

#### **TAB 6—APPROVAL CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDED FOR ACCREDITATION BY THE WASHINGTON STATE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF ACCREDITED SCHOOLS (NAAS)**

Joe Pope, secretary of the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS) presented background information on the listed of approved schools for Board consideration. Mr. Pope was asked to address the standards. Mrs. Fike asked for information about those whose approval dates had expired. Ms. Twight asked for definitions explaining the difference between “warned” and “advised”. Mr. Pope noted that he may have to come back to the June meeting for an update of the approval. Supplemental and Online programs are not included in the request for approval.

Mrs. May suggested that approval be delayed until June or August.

**Motion:** Moved by Ms. Fike and seconded by Mr. Floyd to table this tab be tabled until the June or August meeting. Motion carried.

#### **TAB 10—RESOLUTION APPROVING/DISAPPROVING RULES OF THE WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (WIAA) FOR THE 2005–06 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mike Colbrese, executive director of the WIAA, provided information on the resolution concerning the handbook and the new amendments passed by the Representative Assembly. He discussed the new classification system adopted at the Representative Assembly. The WIAA will be conducting a governance study of itself.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. May and seconded by Ms. Fike to approve the resolution on WIAA rules. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION CONSIDERATION**

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. May and seconded by Ms. Fike to move the public hearing and adoption consideration of proposed changes to State Board Policy to the June 16–17 meeting at the North Thurston School District Board Room pursuant to RCW 34.05.325(5). Motion carried.

## **INITIAL READING OF PROPOSED RULES CHANGES**

### **TAB 7—PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SBE POLICY: CHAPTER 180-20 BUS DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS**

Allan Jones, director of Pupil Transportation with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, provided background information on the revisions to Chapter 180-20 WAC. New language on the sexual exploitation of children will be provided to Board members.

The cost of training is a major concern. Once trained, the school bus driver can use the certification to obtain a job with any company.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Frank to prepare changes in language and bring to the August meeting for public hearing and adoption consideration. Motion carried.

### **TAB 8—REQUEST FROM HERITAGE UNIVERSITY FOR APPROVAL OF TWO ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL HUMANITIES AND MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH/SCIENCE**

Dr. Arlene Hett, director of Professional Education and Certification and Judy Smith, program specialist with Professional Education and Certification with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, provided background information on the proposed additional endorsements.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. Frank and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the additional endorsements for Heritage University. Motion carried.

### **TAB 9—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVALS THROUGH 2008**

Dr. Arlene Hett and Phyllis Lawson, program specialist with the Professional Education and Certification with OSPI, discussed the proposed extensions of the career and technical programs.

Members discussed the need to refer review of program approvals to the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) during the transfer of State Board duties.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. Frank and seconded by Mrs. Lamb to approve the extensions of the career and technical education programs through 2008. Motion carried.

## **TAB 11—PROPOSED CHANGE TO SBE POLICY: WAC 180-57-070 MANDATORY HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT CONTENTS—ITEMS—TIMELINES**

Executive Director Larry Davis provided background on the proposed change to the transcript by changing “Not Taken” to “No Score”. There is enough room to actually write “No Score” on the transcript. Greg Hall, assistant superintendent for Assessment with OSPI, reviewed the examples of how the transcript would appear with the WASL notations on it.

Dr. Bergeson, in response to a question, noted that the state now has the flexibility to allow up to 3 percent of students to take an alternative assessment and still meet No Child Left Behind (NCLB) guidelines. OSPI will be doing an outreach to the special education community.

**Motion:** Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Frank to adopt Tab 11 on an emergency basis. Motion carried.

Dr. Bergeson explained the development of the accommodations for special needs students for the benefit of the students on the Board as well as other members.

### **PLANNING SESSION**

President Tolas provided a prologue for the planning session.

### **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Nancy Fike outlined the report delivery. She complimented the committee on its work along with staff during the session.

#### ***Capital Budget***

Bill Panos, director of Facilities with OSPI, provided information on the capital budget for 2005–07, providing a handout for members and staff. Legislation that passed during the session include:

- ✓ High performance buildings
- ✓ Proceeds from the real estate excise tax
- ✓ Apple Awards
- ✓ School district bidding requirements

By the end of the biennium the area cost allowance will be at \$154 per square foot. The square foot allowance will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier. New funds for modernization will benefit most districts in the state. The green buildings building standards do not become mandatory for K-12 until 2008. There are “opt out” provisions in this bill.

There will be a proposal for a new skills center (the 10<sup>th</sup>) in Skagit County. REN Grants are being funded by state funds rather than federal dollars.

President Tolas thanked Mr. Panos for his hard work on getting the six-year plan off the ground.

#### ***Operating Budget***

Kate Lykins Brown and Larry Davis provided information on the operating budget for 2005–07. The Legislature funded carry-forward costs but not enhancements. No funding was provided for additional staff for the State Board to handle A+ Commission duties.

## ***Bills***

Kate Lykins Brown provided information on legislation considered during the session. Ms. Brown provided information on legislation passed using the template from the Office of Policy and Partnerships at OSPI.

Board member Warren Smith provided insights on the equity legislation and stated that if the new State Board will not pursue, the legislation will be worked on outside of the State Board realm.

Board member Bobbie May reported on the testimony on the professional certification legislation and the fact that the Board voiced the concern that “the baby not be split”—all goes or all stays in terms of professional certification and program approval.

## ***5732—Governance Bill***

Chair Fike reviewed the key points of the bill. She felt that this Board should provide a five to six page paper to the new board on an analysis of the work done and to be done. Ms. Brown outlined the legislative subcommittee study that has to be done by December 2005.

Dr. Bergeson thanked Kate Lykins Brown for the work she did on behalf of the State Board. She complimented the Board on its decision to hire Ms. Brown. Mr. Smith complimented both Ms. Fike and Ms. Brown on the work they had done during the session. The Legislation Committee members provided information on the course of the adoption of the final bill.

Members discussed the Board’s work plan during the remaining six months of this year. It was suggested that the Board do what work needs to be done to wind up its business and stop or modify other work. At the same, the Board would be working on the Baton Report to hand to the new Board in January.

Dr. Bergeson discussed some of the behind-the-scenes work that happened within the Legislature related to SB 5732. She noted that the Joint Report, called for in the bill, is one way to make sure that the two boards don’t become more fragmented. Dr. Bergeson discussed options for election of the five board positions and asked that members email their ideas to Charlie Schreck with copies to her and Marcia Riggers.

## ***Facilities Committee***

Chair Carolyn Tolas outlined the meeting plans for the committee’s remaining meetings. There will be no meeting in June. There will be a meeting in August, possibly a week before the State Board meeting. Items to be completed for Facilities include:

- ✓ Possible supplemental budget request
- ✓ Capital budget follow-up
- ✓ Apple Awards
- ✓ 75% rule exception elimination
- ✓ Project signs
- ✓ History of Facilities Committee
- ✓ Fire Marshall
- ✓ Emergency grant criteria rules

### ***Professional Development & Certification Committee***

Chair Phyllis Bunker Frank reviewed the work of the committee at its May 2 meeting. Items covered:

- ✓ Site visits questions from stakeholders
- ✓ First People's Language and Culture Project
- ✓ National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) visits

Executive Director Larry Davis suggested that all the committees develop a draft report to present at the August meeting for hand off to the new State Board or to the Professional Educator Standards Board.

### ***Equity Committee***

Chair Warren Smith and Member Dana Twight provided information on the transition items from the Equity Committee. A letter is being prepared for Governor Gregoire along with suggested screening questions. There is a suggestion to contact Microsoft for seed money to continue the Equity Committee and its work. There will be a recommendation to the new Board to continue the work of the Equity Committee. Meetings will continue as scheduled.

### ***Learning Support and Improvement Committee***

Chair Bobbie May noted that there will only be one more meeting to take place in August.

- ✓ Waiver process
- ✓ Tribal History
- ✓ Report on Accreditation Process
- ✓ Report for the new Board

There was a suggestion from Mrs. Frank to share the final reports with committee members.

### ***Boundary Committee***

Chair Steve Floyd reported on the meeting held on May 4. The Lay Person's Guide is almost completed.

- ✓ Rules changes for August
- ✓ Training for Regional Committees
- ✓ Communication will be needed to school directors and educational service districts (ESDs)

### ***Rules and Bylaws***

Chair Linda Lamb provided information on the first/last meeting of the committee held in April. She asked committee chairs to include where the committees were in their rules review. She also discussed the proposed review of the policies and the development of a template for that purpose.

Ms. Twight suggested doing a policy statement on Opportunity to Learn as a follow-up from the Validity and Reliability Study. She stated that she would like to have the Board reaffirm the last position statement adopted by the Board. Mrs. May would like to have the education reform vision reaffirmed.

Meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 2005

President Tolas called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Steve Floyd, Phyllis Bunker Frank, Linda W. Lamb, Bobbie May, John Schuster, Warren T. Smith Sr., Carolyn Tolas, Dana Twight, Superintendent Terry Bergeson (Assistant Superintendent Marcia Riggers for Dr. Bergeson), and Student Representatives Gustavo Ramos, Tiffany Thompson, and Kourosh Zamanizadeh.

Members Excused: Buck Evans and Nancy Fike

Staff Present: Larry Davis, Kate Lykins Brown, Pat Eirish, Laura Moore, Gene Thomas

Discussion was held on the timing of the “Baton Reports” for the new Board and the Professional Educator Standards Board. There was a suggestion from staff to get the draft reports ready to share with non-SBE members of the committees for input, with a draft ready for the August meeting. Discussion was also held on updating the position statements and what should be the legacy of this Board. The suggestion was made to keep the focus narrowed to the charge of the new Board. One task for the new Board is to look at “student success” not just “accountability”. A suggestion was to use a visual to show what the Board had done in its major charge of student success and what had not been completed.

### ***Liaison Meetings***

President Tolas asked Board members for their perspective on liaison work for the rest of the time this Board operates. Mr. Smith suggested having a talking points paper for use with the liaison groups. It was suggested by Mrs. Lamb to discuss which of the liaison groups are the most critical to attend. The suggestion was made to attend the PEAB Conference in October.

### ***Other Meetings***

Executive Director Larry Davis noted that he is ending his second year as co-chair of the Washington State Learning First Alliance (WSLFA). The new Board will have to decide its continuation of the involvement in the WSLFA.

Mrs. May stated that only one member of the present State Board staff is not hired at the discretion of the new Board.

WSSDA Fall Conference—Attendance at the conference is budgeted for this fall. The role at the caucuses is to encourage the WSSDA members to vote for the positions on the new Board. WSSDA wants two candidate forums—one at the Legislative Assembly and one at the fall conference.

President Tolas asked if any members are going to either run for election or seek gubernatorial appointment. Linda W. Lamb is thinking about running for a westside position. Phyllis Bunker Frank is thinking about running for an eastside position. Members discussed several other possibilities.

### ***Remaining Meeting Agendas***

President Tolas announced that the program reviews will be done as a board of the whole rather than splitting into groups. Suggestions were to keep the program presentations to the time limits, not read and not repeat submitted materials.



President Tolas stated that the thank you to AnnRené Joseph for the work on the art show and performance-based assessments in the performing arts is scheduled for June 16. August will probably see the first schools requesting accreditation approval from the State Board's new process. Mrs. May would like to acknowledge the work done by the ESD personnel and Northwest Regional Lab. Mrs. Frank asked to honor at the October meeting those schools that have developed the high school-and-beyond plan and culminating projects.

**5732, Section 407—Legislative Task Force on State Board Duties**

Executive Director Larry Davis provided information on the list eventually to be provided to legislative aides on duties that should stay and those that could be lost. The first meeting of the group could be in June.

**Summary of Accomplishments**

Executive Director Larry Davis reviewed the accomplishments of the Board over the last eleven years, along with some of the historical events surrounding the State Board. Mr. Davis presented a gift to each of the Board members.

**Celebration for August**

President Tolas asked for input from Board members. Mrs. Frank suggested a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on one day of the meeting in August. Mr. Smith suggested inviting former Board members. Mrs. Lamb suggested having a Board dinner following the reception for Board members and spouses.

Superintendent Bergeson offered to host a celebration for current and former board members and education family members, perhaps in October.

**CELEBRATION OF SENIOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Kourosh Zamanizadeh introduced his mother and younger brother to members of the Board. He raised a couple of issues for Board consideration (competency of teachers administering AP courses and freak dancing). Mr. Zamanizadeh encouraged members who are on the Board presently to think about continuing to serve either through the appointment or election process. He read a letter to the Board covering his service as a member of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Zamanizadeh was presented several gifts from Board members and staff.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes adopted as presented: June 16, 2005 (corrections had been noted prior to adoption)