

Washington State Board of Education
Special K-12 Meeting
Billings Conference Room
December 12, 2005

K-20 meeting originating from the Billings Conference Room, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia, with K-20 participation sites at PSESD 121 (Renton), ESD 105 (Yakima), ESD 101 (Spokane), Kent School District, Ocean Beach School District, Snohomish School District, and South Whidbey School District

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by President Tolas.

Members present: Nancy Fike, Steve Floyd, Phyllis Bunker Frank, Linda W. Lamb, Bobbie May, John C. Schuster, Warren T. Smith Sr., Carolyn Tolas, Dana Twight (Mrs. Frank and Mr. Schuster participated by telephone)

Member excused: Buck Evans

Staff present: Larry Davis, Pat Eirish, Laura Moore

AGENDA OVERVIEW:

President Tolas provided the agenda overview requesting that Tab 10 be pulled from consideration. Tab 14 was added for the purpose of adding additional language to the recommendation on the Professional Certificate already adopted by the State Board.

Bill Panos provided the background information on Tab 10—information only item. This is a list of the possible projects for the July funding release.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Schuster to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion as amended passed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION CONSIDERATION

TAB 13—WAC 180-20-103 QUALIFYING CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORIZED BUS DRIVERS.

Larry Davis provided information on the proposed change. Allan Jones, director of pupil transportation at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, reviewed the change for members of the Board. This change will close a potential loophole in the rule.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Frank to adopt the proposed change. Motion carried on roll call vote of 9 for, 1 excused, 0 against.

CONSENT AGENDA

TAB 2—PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION—STUDY AND SURVEY, FROM THE GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

TAB 3—APPLICATIONS FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FROM THE GRANITE FALLS, NORTH THURSTON, SHELTON, SNOHOMISH, AND SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

TAB 4—REQUESTS FOR WAIVER FROM WAC 180-44-050(2) REGULATORY PROVISIONS RELATING TO RCW 28A.600.010 FROM THE EPHRATA AND PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICTS (30 MINUTES BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL)

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mrs. Frank to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

BASIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

TAB 5—REQUESTS FROM THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR WAIVERS FROM THE SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENT OF A MINIMUM OF 180 DAYS: BOISTFORT, ELMA, LOPEZ ISLAND, MOSSYROCK, OCEAN BEACH, ODESSA, ORTING, AND SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Board staff Pat Eirish provided background information on the proposed waivers. Mrs. Lamb stated that she had reviewed the information provided by Ms Eirish this morning and her questions were answered. The Orting School Board of Directors and the superintendent are stepping up to improve and implement the writing and reading programs for elementary students this school year. Time is needed for teacher training to implement these new programs and in how to use the assessment system that is linked to the learning goals.

Mr. Floyd was concerned about the number of days requested and suggested granting only four days and asking Orting School District to fund the remaining days from the local M&O levy. Mr. Smith did not have concerns about the number of days nor did he

support asking the district to go back to its voters and seek dollars from the M&O levy. Mrs. May shared her reservations that this request might have been rushed. Mr. Smith expressed concern that the Board not make assumptions that this was a rushed application.

Ms. Twight expressed strong concerns about the early release days on Fridays. Ms Eirish explained that Orting's previous calendar, with so many early release days, was not acceptable to the community and that attendance irregularities had been reported. The community supports full day releases rather than a number of half days and early release days.

Mrs. Lamb suggested granting a one-year waiver to Orting and suggested the district seek a renewal next year with a progress report on strategies used to implement specific programs, especially reading and writing programs.

Mrs. Lamb also expressed concern about the WASL being used as the basis for the waiver requests.

Rainer Houser provided information on the waiver request for Ocean Beach School District. He also thanked the Board for their good work. Bob Brown and Bernadine Mahar from South Whidbey School District echoed the comments of Mr. Houser. Mrs. Lamb also took umbrage with the Odessa School community involvement. Mrs. Fike expressed concern about the fact that a majority of the Elma School Board of Directors had not signed the request.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. Lamb and seconded by Mr. Floyd to approve the waivers for the each district with the exception of Orting School District, which was granted a one-year waiver with a request for a report at the end of one year. South Whidbey's request for a one-year waiver was approved. Motion carried.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Houser stated that until there is a school calendar that does not have to tamper with the student learning days but allows for professional development days for the teachers, schools need to modify the school calendar to fit in a performance-based system. The state waiver days that the State Board provides are vital especially to the smaller districts. He stated that currently school districts have only two learning improvement days and schools need more time for staff training, collaboration, and professional development.

TAB 6—ANNUAL BASIC EDUCATION COMPLIANCE—SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECOMMENDED FOR CERTIFICATION AS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BASIC EDUCATION ALLOCATION ENTITLEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR

Pat Eirish provided information on the Minimum Basic Education Allocation requirement and the approval of compliance-for all 296 school districts. All school districts have reported compliance with the Basic Education Act with accompanying signatures of each school superintendent and local school board chair.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Floyd to approve the Minimum Basic Education compliance for the 296 school districts for the 2005-06 school year. Motion carried

SCHOOL FACILITIES

TAB 7—REQUEST FROM ESD 105 FOR APPROVAL OF PROPERTY ACQUISITION BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bill Panos, Director of Facilities with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, provided background information on the approval of the property purchase for ESD 105. Gary Miller, regional coordinator, introduced Dave Curry, ESD 105, who provided information on the purchase request for property west of the current facility. The purchase price is \$225,000.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Floyd to approve the ESD 105 property purchase. Motion carried.

TAB 8—REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN SCOPE FOR PROJECTS WITH STATE BOARD APPROVAL (GREATER THAN \$1 MILLION CHANGE) FROM THE SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Carter Bagg, regional coordinator with facilities at OSPI, provided information on the request for a change in scope for the Snohomish School District. Mr. Panos noted that it is a \$7.1 million change in scope.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Floyd and seconded by Ms. Twight to approve the change in scope for Snohomish School District. Motion carried.

TAB 9—SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE USE OF VACATED VOCATIONAL BUILDING AT SNOHOMISH HIGH SCHOOL DURING CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO WAC 180-33-042.

Carter Bagg provided information on the request from the Snohomish School District on the waiver for use of space.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Twight and seconded by Mr. Floyd to approve the waiver. Motion carried.

TAB 11—REQUEST FOR STATE MATCHING FUNDS FOR A TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE BY THE VALLEY AND LOON LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Bill Panos provided information on the proposed transportation cooperative for the Valley and Loon Lake School Districts. Mark Selle, superintendent of Valley School

District, introduced the other members of the teams that included Steven Waunch, superintendent of the Loon Lake School District, in support of the cooperative on Highway 395 that will eventually provide a facility for other districts as well.

Dr. Terry Munther, superintendent of ESD 101, spoke in favor of the proposal and the possible ESD involvement.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Fike and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the transportation cooperative for the Valley and Loon Lake Schools Districts.

NON PUBLIC AGENCIES

TAB 12—REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF NON-PUBLIC AGENCIES TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE 2005-06 THROUGH 2006-08 SCHOOL YEARS—CHILDREN’S DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER (RICHLAND), NORTH IDAHO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/KOOTENAI ACADEMY (COEUR D’ALENE). OHSU CHILDREN’S PSYCHIATRIC DAY TREATMENT CENTER (PORTLAND)

Larry Davis provided information on the NPA approvals being sought.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Floyd and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the non-public agencies seeking approval. Motion carried.

TAB 14—RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE CONTAINED IN THE REPORT REQUIRED BY SB 5983

Larry Davis provided background information on the request from Rep. Ross Hunter seeking additional language being added to the recommendation adopted by the Board in October.

Dr. Arlene Hett, director of professional education and certification with OSPI, echoed the statements of Executive Director Larry Davis.

Mr. Smith spoke in favor of the proposed change.

Motion: Moved by Mrs. May and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the proposed language change to the recommendation. Motion carried.

President Tolas thanked the members for their hard work and congratulated those members elected to the reconstituted board. Executive Director Larry Davis thanked the board members and congratulated the elected members.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm