

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education, Regular Meeting
Administration Building
October 10, 2007

Final meeting of the Retiring Board

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Tim Orris.
2. Roll Call – Present: Directors Roe, Goodwin, Turner, Rich, Vittetoe, and Orris.
Absent: Director Gorham.
3. Conflict of Interest – None.
4. Consent Agenda - minutes, financial reports, and bills. Rich moved to approve the minutes of Sept 12th, financial reports, and payment of bills. Seconded by Goodwin. All voted aye (6).
5. Delegations – None.
6. Unfinished Business – None.
7. Review of Election Results – Kim Sheets read the official canvas results of the board vote, reporting the election of Jeff Dieleman and the re-election of Cathy Rich.
8. Adjournment of the Retiring Board – Vittetoe moved to adjourn the retiring board. Seconded by Goodwin. All voted aye (6).

Organizational Meeting of the New Board

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Tim Orris.
2. Roll Call – Present: Directors Roe, Goodwin, Turner, Rich, Vittetoe, and Orris.
Absent: Director Gorham.
3. Oath of Office – Cathy Rich and Jeff Dieleman repeated the oath of office.
4. Selection of president “pro tem” – Rich nominated Tim Orris and made a motion to approve Orris by acclamation in a voice vote. All voted aye (7).
5. Election of President of the Board – Tim Orris announced his wish to withdraw his name from the election. Rich nominated Eric Turner. Turner was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Turner assumed the chair.
6. Election of Vice-President of the Board – Vittetoe nominated Patty Roe. Orris nominated Cathy Rich. A written ballot was collected and Cathy Rich was reported as the new vice-president.
7. Selection of Alternate Signature on Bank Documents – Orris moved to appoint Patty Roe to be the alternate signature on the bank documents. Seconded by Rich. All voted aye (7).
8. Adoption of Resolution for Official Depositories – Rich moved to approve the banking resolution as presented. Seconded by Goodwin. All voted aye (7).

9. Determination of Dates, Times, and Places for Regular Meetings of the Board – Vittetoe moved to set the regular meetings for the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the central office board room, with the exception of the November meeting which would be Nov 13 in Brighton, pending the availability of the Community Center. Seconded by Roe. All voted aye (7).
10. Appointment of Legal Counsel – Orris moved to approve Brian Gruhn Law Firm as our regular attorney, using local firms as needed. Seconded by Goodwin. All voted aye (7).
11. Appointment to Committees – Vittetoe moved to appoint the following committee appointments. Seconded by Rich. All voted aye (7).
 - A. Washington County Conference Board – Tim Orris
 - B. IASB Legislative Committee – Patty Roe
 - C. IASB Delegate Assembly – Patty Roe
12. Recognition of the Public Service Rendered by Retiring Board Member – Turner expressed appreciation for Jim Gorham’s service to the district.
13. Adjournment of Organizational Meeting – Orris moved, Goodwin seconded, to adjourn the organizational meeting. All voted aye (7).

Regular Meeting of the New Board

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:26 by President Turner.
2. Roll Call – Present: Directors Roe, Goodwin, Turner, Rich, Vittetoe, Dieleman, and Orris. Absent: None.
3. Conflict of Interest – None.
4. Consent Agenda – Orris moved to remove item 8b, Allowable Growth, from the agenda. Goodwin seconded. All voted aye (7). Orris moved to add Introduction of New Personnel as Item 6, following delegations. Seconded by Goodwin. All voted aye (7).
 - a. Approve Agenda - Orris moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Roe. All voted aye (7).
5. Delegations – None.
6. New Staff Introductions – Nick Scheetz, Shelly Duwa, and Beth Payne were present at the meeting and introduced themselves to the board.
7. Reports – The board heard the following monthly reports:
 - a. Curriculum
 1. Science Presentation – Mark Berhow, Julie Timmins, and Nancy Clawson talked about the ELI Grant with the board.
 2. Title VI – Mike Raso
 - b. Transportation Report – James Harden
 - c. Building & Grounds Report – John Trier

d. Principal Reports – Melissa Walker, Dave Hoffman, Elizabeth Bruening (sitting in for Curt Mayer), and Shane Ehresman.

8. Old Business

a. High School Renovation Plan – A public meeting has been posted for Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 pm. The architects will be here to present preliminary plans.

b. Asbestos and Lead Paint Testing at the High School – Schmitt and Trier reported that a thorough inspection is being done as this information will be necessary regardless of what the board eventually decides to do with the building.

c. Grand Opening of Stewart and Lincoln School Renovations – Open houses will be held at both Lincoln and Stewart on Nov 27th from 4 – 8 pm.

d. Board Tour – The board will tour all the district facilities on Tuesday, Nov 20th, starting at 7:45 am in the Stewart parking lot.

9. New Business

a. District Financial Position – Dave Schmitt explained to the board that the district is experiencing financial problems. Discussion revolved around how the district got into this position. Future discussions will take place involving plans to improve our position and steps to take to avoid more problems.

10. Personnel

a. Hires/Resignations – Orris moved and Goodwin seconded to approve these as presented. All voted aye (7).

b. Open Enrollment – No action necessary.

11. Superintendent's Report – Schmitt briefly reviewed his monthly report and talked about upcoming IASB activities.

12. Adjournment – Orris moved to adjourn at 10:06 pm. Seconded by Vittetoe. All voted aye (7).

Kimberly Sheets, Board Secretary

Eric Turner, Board President