

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408
January 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Ray Vefik, president, Monday, January 27, at 7 p.m., in the board room of the James P. Fugate Administration Building. All board members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The flag salute was led by Anthony Gonzales.

Written Communication

Superintendent received a letter regarding the Dream Act which will be discussed under "Legislative Update."

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Anne Baunach, seconded by Lisa Connors, and carried to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of Monday, January 13.

"Understanding the Common Core Standards" Webinar

The board discussed the webinar, "Understanding the Common Core Standards" which President Vefik and Vice President Seng attended in December.

Future Board Workshop

A future board workshop for Saturday, March 22, was discussed.

Discussion

The following items were discussed: NSBA conference, WSSDA board member information update, "next steps" to the district's presentations at future conferences, Race to the Top, auditor's entrance conference, ASD received the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA), selling of bonds on Wednesday, students/staff doing wonderful technology videos, and 200 parents attended the Redistep meeting.

Executive Session

An executive session was not needed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Connors, who serves on the WSSDA legislative committee, shared information from the legislative conference which she attended on January 26 and 27. Superintendent Herren shared that President Vefik was a presenter at the legislative conference and Lisa Connors, was a caucus leader. The superintendent also shared information on the Dream Act.

STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION

Student Recognition

The Auburn School Board of Directors recognized Emma Nguyen, a fifth grade student at Pioneer Elementary School, for being an outstanding student.

Staff Recognition

The Auburn School Board of Directors recognized Teresa Millard, kindergarten teacher at Chinook Elementary School, for being an outstanding staff member.

Gold Star Volunteer Award

The Auburn School District presented the Gold Star Volunteer Award to Michelle Rylands for her support to the Auburn School District.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Rainier Middle School PTA Report

Ben Talbert, Rainier Middle School principal, introduced Jennifer Rhoades, PTA president, who presented the Rainier Middle School PTA report.

Activity/Athletic Report-Rainier Middle School Robotics Program

Ben Talbert introduced Brian Connolly, Rainier Middle School robotics teacher, who introduced Anthony Gonzales, student, who presented the Rainier Middle School robotics program and answered questions from the board.

Requests for Travel

It was moved by Anne Baunach, seconded by Lisa Connors, and carried to approve the following requests for travel:

- a. Ten Auburn Riverside High School students will travel to Berkeley, California, Friday to Tuesday, February 14-18. The purpose of the trip will be to compete in the Forensic Tournament at U.C. Berkeley. All expenses will be paid by ASB funds instead of the CTE funds as stated in the board agenda. Mark Davis and Donna Bowler, Auburn Riverside High School teachers, will accompany the students.
- b. Forty-five Auburn Riverside High School students will travel to New York City, New York, Tuesday to Friday, April 15-18. The purpose of the trip will be to perform for the National Invitational Band and Orchestra Festival at Carnegie Hall. Meghan Wagner, Auburn Riverside High School teacher, and Kevin Paustian, Mt. Baker Middle School teacher, will accompany the students.

Ryan Wagner, Steve and Tammy Summers, Tony and Laura Theimer, Jeremy and Kim Howard, Paul and Nola Wilson, Sharon Thurston, and Lorilee Thompson, chaperones, will accompany the students.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

2013-14 Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School PLC Presentation

Louanne Decker, associate superintendent of K-12 school programs, introduced Eric Daniel, principal of Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School, who introduced Stephen Christiansen and Naomi Elliott, Arthur Jacobsen Elementary School staff members, who gave a brief overview of how the Professional Learning Community model has been utilized to increase student achievement at Arthur Jacobsen and answered questions from the board. This presentation aligns with the 2013-16 District Strategic Plan: Goal 1, Objective 1, Strategy 1.

874 Programs in the Auburn School District

It was moved by Carol Seng, seconded by Anne Baunach, and carried to authorize Michael Newman, deputy superintendent of business and operations, to apply for and receive Public Law 874 funds.

Highly Capable Program-New Requirements

Rodney Luke, associate superintendent of K-12 student learning and technology, introduced Heidi Harris, executive director K-8 student learning, and Julie DeBolt, director of assessment and NCLB, who presented an overview of the legislative vision to Chapter 28A.185 RCW and Washington State Administrative Code WAC 392-170 requiring all districts to provide basic education services that meet the educational needs of the district's most highly capable students and answered questions from the board.

PERSONNEL - CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED

Certificated and Classified Personnel Report

It was moved by Lisa Connors, seconded by Anne Baunach, and carried to approve the Certificated and Classified Personnel Report. The Certificated and Classified Personnel Report is filed with these official minutes.

Requests for Travel

It was moved by Lisa Connors, seconded by Carol Seng, and carried to approve the following requests for travel:

- a. Rod Luke will travel to Santa Clara, California, Thursday to Saturday, January 30-February 1. The purpose of the trip will be to present at the College Board Western Regional Forum.
- b. Robin Pratt will travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico, Monday to Friday, February 17-21. The purpose of the trip will be for Ms. Pratt to serve as a reader for the Gates Millennium Scholars.

BUILDING PROGRAM

Auburn High School Modernization and Reconstruction Project

It was moved by Carol Seng, seconded by Anne Baunach, and carried to accept Change Order No. 19 for the Auburn High School Modernization and Reconstruction project and increase the contract amount by \$42,369.00 for a new contract amount of \$81,347,377.00.

Auburn High School--Work in Progress Report

Jeffrey Grose, executive director of capital projects, reported on the progress of the Auburn High School Modernization and Reconstruction project.

FINANCE

Vouchers

It was moved by Lisa Connors, seconded by Anne Baunach, and carried to approve the vouchers as presented. The vouchers are attached to and made a part of these official minutes. A copy of the vouchers is on file in the business office.

Financial Statements

The financial statements for the month of December were presented to the board.

Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dr. Kip Herren, Secretary
Board of Directors

Ray Vefik, President
Board of Directors