

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF  
THE UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL BOARD  
October 10, 2007  
Regular Meeting  
(corrected copy)**

Members Present: Mary Lu Dickinson  
Kent Keel  
Paul Koppe  
Rick Maloney  
Ray Tennison

**Call to Order**

Board President Rick Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm at University Place Primary School. He led the flag salute and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

There was an addendum to the agenda containing two consent agenda items, a Resolution and a travel request.

**Consent Agenda**

Rick Maloney moved, Mary Lu Dickinson seconded, and the motion carried to pull the adoption of Resolution 700-10-10-07 from the consent agenda for further discussion. Kent Keel moved, Mary Lu Dickinson seconded, and the motion carried to approve the rest of the items on the consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda included:

The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the board held on September 26, 2007.

**New Certificated Hires**

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Effective
Figuracion, David	Choral Music	Drum	1.0	9/21/07

**New Classified Hires**

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	Effective
Logan, Janet	Playground Supv.	NVI	9/19/07
O'Donnell, Mike	Nutrition Svc Dir.	Aux Serv	10/5/07
Noles, Dennis	Playground/Crossing Guard	NVI	9/18/07
Berndt, Susan	Fiscal Specialist	ESC	10/8/07

The Board of Directors approved the acceptance of a donation from the Chambers Primary PTSA in the amount of \$2,478.11 to purchase books for the school library.

The Board of Directors approved travel for Rick Maloney to the National School Board Association conference in Orlando, Florida, March 29 – April 1, 2008.

The Board of Directors approved travel for Nancy Reeve, transportation dispatcher, to Missoula, Montana on October 22-23, 2007 to attend the Edulog conference.

**Voucher Approval**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Warrant Numbers</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund Warrants	55817 - 55825	24,177.77
General Fund Warrants	55826 – 56023	605,178.82
Associated Student Body Fund	10356 – 10367	4,230.39
Capital Projects Fund	856 – 858	40,015.93
Capital Projects Fund	859 – 863	27,477.04
<b>Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants</b>		
09/14/07	72525 – 72579	17,540.78
Electronic Transfer		
Taxes		2,791.79
Dental Claims		31,503.21
Medical Claims		118,881.12
Vision Claims		14,080.99
09/05/07 cancel warrant 72381		(364.50)
09/07/07 cancel warrant 72515		(1,233.61)
09/07/07 check reissued	72524	1,233.61
<b>Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants</b>		
09/28/07	72580 - 72725	774,723.23
Electronic Transfer		
Direct Deposit		1,447,135.67
Taxes		631,364.29
Dental Claims		65,437.80
Medical Claims		31,889.16
Vision Claims		4,135.25

Ruth Russell, Executive Director of Business Services, introduced Mike O'Donnell, the new Nutrition Services Director. She said Mr. O'Donnell has ten years of experience working in schools. The Board welcomed him to the district.

#### Resolution 700-10-10-07

Superintendent Patti Banks said this Resolution confirms the Board's support of EHRJ 4204, which would allow school levies to be approved by a majority of those voting, a change from the current requirement of 60% approval of the voters.

Mary Lu Dickinson moved, and Kent Keel seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Keel said this resolution is "long overdue." Christine Kilduff, secretary of the PTSA Council, reported that all the local PTSA's have endorsed this measure. The motion carried to adopt Resolution 700-10-10-07, a resolution in support of proposed constitutional amendment EHRJ 4204 to allow local school levies to be approved by a simple majority of the voters.

#### Assurance of Organizational Performance

##### **Host School Report**

Allison Drago, principal of University Place Primary School, reviewed their School Improvement Plan. She reported the building houses 476 K-4 students, 47% of the students qualify for free/reduced meals, 80 students receive special education services, 62% of the students are Caucasian, 21% African American, 8% are Asian, and 7% are Hispanic. The number of students who qualify for free/reduced means has increased from 27.5% in 01/02 to 47.5% in 07/08. She reviewed WASL scores for grades 3 and 4 in reading and math; and discussed the goals and

action plans/strategies for these two subject areas.. She told the Board that the achievement gap at UPP is tied to income level, not ethnicity.

The Board asked questions regarding the achievement gap, ELL students, and special education students. Rob Adams, teacher at UPP, told the Board that the staff now understands more of the achievement gap / demographics information and is on the cusp of having a deeper understanding and clearer vision of how to close the gap.

Allison Drago thanked her staff for being very receptive to doing what needs to be done for students.

### **Superintendent's Update**

#### **Math Reform**

Superintendent Banks said the final report is in on the external examination of the state's math standards, and the state has now contracted with Dr. Uri Treisman of Plano, Texas to help revise the standards. She talked about the session he presented at the WASA conference in Vancouver, WA., where, among other things, he discussed the difference in the success rates of college students who had taken three or more years of high school math, and those who took less high school math.

Board and administrator comments included: How do we add more math when there is already a shortage of math teachers; We need to have interventions in place before students reach the secondary level; We need to be implementing higher standards now; Not all students plan to attend college, we need to be careful and not set a standard that is too high.

#### **Lesson from Shoreline**

Pursuant a request from Board President Rick Maloney, Superintendent Banks shared information on the financial troubles in Shoreline School District that resulted in a \$5 million shortfall in 2005. Teachers in the district recently staged a one day strike over a contract dispute having to do with class size. The district has also closed two schools.

Superintendent Banks said the Shoreline Board of Directors had not been informed in a timely manner about the true economic conditions of the district. Dr. Maloney asked if there were any policy implementations needed that would keep those type of problems from happening in UPSD.

### **Board Response to Monitoring**

Board response to monitoring on policies EL-9 Facilities Program, and EL-10 Asset Protection, was postponed until the next meeting.

### **Board Development**

#### **Board Self-Monitoring**

The Board discussed their progress in scheduling linkage meetings with the PTSA Council, Lions, Rotary, City Council, and the UP Fire Commissioners. Ray Tennison and Rick Maloney will attend the October 30th meeting of the UP Rotary Club.

### **Policy Review**

#### **GP-2-7-E Student Representatives**

Board members received an application from high school student Charlette Caldwell to be a student representative to the Board of Directors. Kent Keel moved, Paul Koppe seconded, and the motion carried to accept her application.

The Board discussed their expectations of the student representative.

**Board Assessment of Meeting**

Ray Tennison assessed the meeting.

**Announcements**

Mary Lu Dickinson said she is on the Pierce County Library Strategic Planning Committee. She asked how the library can help and / or link with the district. Superintendent Banks offered two suggestions: providing technology and research access for students who don't have it available in their homes; and their homework helper program.

The Puget Sound ESD dinner is October 30th. Board members were asked if they planned to attend.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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***PATTI BANKS, SECRETARY***

Board of Directors

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***RICK MALONEY, PRESIDENT***

Board of Directors

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