

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF  
THE UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL BOARD  
November 14, 2007  
Regular Meeting**

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

Member Excused: Rick Maloney

**Call to Order**

Board Vice President Mary Lu Dickinson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm at Curtis High School. She 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 and an executive session.

**Public Comments**

Kent Keel and Mary Lu Dickinson thanked culinary arts teacher Deeann Potasky, and her students, for the wonderful array of food they supplied for the Board meeting.

Ms. Dickinson said she attended the Life After High School event on November 13th, and was amazed by the huge turnout. Deputy Superintendent Terry Pullen, reported the Life After High School event has drawn 35-40 people in the past few years, but over 400 attended this year. He commended Heather Morelli and Debbie Douglas for their efforts.

**Consent Agenda**

Ray Tennison moved, Paul Koppe seconded, and the motion carried to approve items on the consent agenda, including the two items on the addendum. Items on the consent agenda included:

The Board of Directors approved the minutes of the regular meeting of the board held on October 24, 2007.

The Board of Directors approved the corrected minutes of the regular meetings of the board held on September 26, 2007 and October 20, 2007. The original minutes of these meetings omitted the list of approved vouchers.

**New Certificated Hires**

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	FTE	Effective
Kachmarek, Ann	Math Specialist	NVI	.5	11/1/07

**New Classified Hires**

The Board of Directors approved the election of:

Name	Position	Location	Effective
Kuykendall, Heather	Para Educator	NVI	10/22/07
Lindstrom, Cheryl	Para Educator	NVI	10/22/07
Henderson, Rickey	Security	Aux Serv	10/19/07
Johnson, Tami	Playground Supv	Evergreen	10/26/07
Wise, Molly	Bus Supv	Evergreen	11/5/07

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Audrey Applegate, special education para educator at Curtis Junior High School, effective November 1, 2007.

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Susan Berndt, Fiscal Specialist, effective November 8, 2007.

The Board of Directors approved the monitoring report on EL-13 Academic Standards and Practices.

The Board of Directors approved the monitoring report on EL-14 Academic Program.

The Board of Directors approved the salary schedules for Principals, Assistant Principals, Central Office Administrators, Classified Directors/Managers, and Central Office Non Represented Classified Employees for the 2007/2008 school year.

The Board of Directors approved the 2007-2008 Student Assistance Substance Abuse Prevention/Intervention Contract through the Puget Sound ESD.

The Board of Directors approved the adoption of the following textbooks for use in the Curtis High School theatre classes: The Illustrated Theater Production Guide, Backstage Handbook, Theater: Art in Action (student text and teacher resources).

The Board of Directors approved the Interdistrict Agreement for Education Services to Students with Disabilities between University Place School District No. 83 and the Steilacoom School District No. 1, for the 2007-2008 school year.

### **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	56212 – 56233	85,050.99
General Fund Warrants	56234 – 56495	334,272.40
Associated Student Body Fund	10404 – 10444	35,986.28
Capital Projects Fund	875	4,000.00
Capital Projects Fund	876 – 881	611,191.92
Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants 10/15/07	72726 - 72854	56,800.22
Electronic Transfer		
Taxes		12,679.03
Dental Claims		16,713.53
Medical Claims		231,869.54
Vision Claims		5,787.85
Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants 10/31/07	72855 - 72970	657,298.02
Electronic Transfer		
Direct Deposit		1,498,543.35
Taxes		599,177.91
Dental Claims		46,044.38
Medical Claims		17,511.11
Vision Claims		5,926.02

### **Assurance of Organizational Performance**

#### **Host School Report**

David Hammond, principal of Curtis High School, reviewed their goals:

- Our students hold and can articulate high and realistic aspirations for post secondary education.
- Each student has the maximum number of doors open for admission to post-graduate institutions.
- Once admitted, each student is prepared to succeed.

WASL scores were reviewed. Over the past three years, 10th grade scores have gone up 22.3% in reading; 15% in writing; 14.5% in math, and 7.4% in science. Scores for the class of 2009, from the test taken in the spring of 2007, were as follows: 87.0% meeting standard in reading, 89.1% meeting standard in writing, and 58.8% meeting standard in math. Mr. Hammond discussed interventions in place for students who have not met the standard.

CHS building goals and strategies in the areas of reading, writing, math, science, and the achievement gap were highlighted.

In the area of co-curricular activities, 71% of CHS students are involved in at least one sport during the year; and 33% are involved in performing arts. Terry Jenks, assistant principal and athletic director, complimented volleyball coach Jeff Grosshans and the girls varsity volleyball team, who just won 7th place at the state tournament. He said this was the first time the volleyball team has qualified for the state tournament since 1978.

### **Superintendents Update**

Deputy Superintendent Terry Pullen was substituting for Superintendent Patti Banks while she attended the National Alliance of Black School Educators conference. When the high school had the sparkler bomb incident at the end of October, letters were sent home with students in grades K-7, and mailed to the homes of students in grades 8-12, he reported. The district received comments from a few parents of K-7 students who said their children read the letter and were upset by it; and also from some secondary level parents who heard about the incident a day later than others because their letters were mailed. He said these types of communication situations will be lessened as the district starts using the SchoolMessenger voice mail notification system. With this system, the district will be able to contact and leave a message for every family in the district within 30 minutes.

### **Board Response to Monitoring**

Paul Koppe moved, and Ray Tennison seconded the motion to table the Board's response to monitoring on policy E-2 Academic Competence, until the December meeting. Kent Keel said he feels uneasy that the Board isn't responding to the monitoring because the board president is absent. The motion to table the monitoring carried with three votes for, and one abstention.

### **Board Development**

#### **Board Self-monitoring**

Paul Koppe moved, Ray Tennison seconded, and the motion carried to approve the self-monitoring on GP-13 Process for Addressing Board Member Violations, as in compliance, and agreed to include the second comment.

### **Policy Review**

There were no recommended changes to policies EL-9 Facilities Program or EL-10 Asset Protection.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:52 pm the meeting adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss the performance of an employee. Estimated length of time for the session was given as 20 minutes, with no action to be taken.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:13 pm.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 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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