Battle Ground Public Schools, No. 119
Battle Ground, WA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2007

Captain Strong Elementary
1002 NW 6th Avenue
Battle Ground, WA

Board Members present: President Karen Lehman; Sam Kim, Richard Kent, Cecil Schlecht; Superintendent Shonny Bria, Deputy Superintendent Diana Gilsinger, Assistant Superintendent Marcia Christian, BGEA President Kym Alexander, Recording Secretary Julie Backous, and 43 staff and patrons. Board Member Frederick Striker was excused.

Presentation of Captain Strong Elementary New Addition and Ribbon Cutting

At 5:30 p.m. Scott McDaniel, Director of Information Services, demonstrated new technology tools for the Board in a classroom of the new wing at Captain Strong Elementary.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor John Idsinga and Board President Karen Lehman cut the ribbon to the new addition at Captain Strong Elementary before a crowd of patrons and staff. There was a short reception following to celebrate the opening of the beautiful new addition.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board toured the District Art Show and visited with patrons in the hallways of Captain Strong Elementary. The Captain Strong band performed for the Board in the new gym at 6:45 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m. Kelly O'Brien, Community/School Facilitator, introduced Jeri Stith of Summit View High School. Ms. Stith announced the winners of the Art Show. She introduced Jeanne Moncrief (Battle Ground School District Print Center) and noted that 2007 marks the 48th annual art show.

The Grand Prize Winners are:

K-4	Emily Jackson of River HomeLink, Grade 4
5-8	Alexis Allen of Maple Grove Middle School, Grade 6
9-12	Ryan Langston of Battle Ground High School, Grade 12

The **Sweepstakes Award** was presented to Ryan Langston, and the **Superintendent's Award** went to Becky White of Battle Ground High School, Grade 11.

The names of all who placed at the art show were read as well as honorable mentions.

Linda Cleaver named the winners selected by the **Battle Ground Art Alliance** and announced that **Best of Show** went to Ryan Langston of Battle Ground High School.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Karen Lehman. Ms. Lehman thanked Diana Harris, Principal of Captain Strong Elementary for hosting the meeting, Mayor John Idsinga for being present to cut the ribbon, Scott McDaniel for presenting the technology demonstration to the board, the art show participants, and the members of Captain Strong's band for their fine performance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Kailey Groat, fifth grade student at Captain Strong Elementary, led the flag salute.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Lehman excused board member Frederick Striker from the meeting due to illness.

Ms. Lehman noted that an item had been added to agenda item "Communications" as 'C. Announcement of New Principals.' Mr. Kim moved that the Board approve the revised agenda, and the motion carried, 4-0.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recognition of Citizens for Better Schools

Ms. O'Brien presented Maria Tormanen and Carrie O'Donnell to the Board in recognition of their leadership of Citizens for Better Schools. Ms. Tormanen and Ms. O'Donnell co-chaired the organization for the 2007 Levy Campaign, actively making many ties with the community and getting people involved in the campaign. Ms. Lehman expressed the Board's deep gratitude for the inspiring campaign by the Citizens for Better Schools and for the commitment and leadership given by Ms. Tormanen and Ms. O'Donnell. She presented Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Tormanen with plaques in honor of their hard work. After shaking hands with the Board, Ms. Tormanen listed the directors of Citizens for Better Schools and thanked them for their strong team effort.

Ms. Lehman then asked that Kelly O'Brien and Patty Alway (teacher, Prairie High School) come forward as she presented them with certificates of appreciation for their immense work on the levy campaign.

B. Recognition of BGEF Grant Recipients

Linda Gellings, Director of Business Services and Risk Management, introduced Battle Ground Education Foundation (BGEF) members Marty Crisp and Nancy Anderson.

Ms. Crisp and Ms. Anderson read the names of the BGEF grant recipients and thanked the Board for their support as well as the Lewis River Rotary.

The Battle Ground Education Foundation – Spring 2007 Grant Awards:

School	Last Name	First Name	Project Title
Laurin	Anderson	Claudia	Geography Books
BGHS	Zhang	Wei	Chinese Culture & Language Class
DMS	Wilson	Sherri	Science Research
BGHS	Mitchell	Stacey	Weighted Tools for Improved Sensory Processing
BGHS	Strever	Mike	Video Camera
BGHS	Hurley	Jamie	Skill Streaming Curriculum
MGP	Jonas	Nikki	Russian Books
Captain	Reinhardt	Michelle	Social Studies
Glenwood	Baxter	Aurora	All Kinds of Minds Learning Intervention
MGP	Fine	Sue	Subscription to "Reading A-Z"
PVP	Marcus	Midge	Common Experience Through Video Instruction
PHS	Thyron	Cristy	Game Standards
PHS	Marshall	Kelli	Biscuit Bonanza
District	Drury	Mary	Autism Resource Lending Library
BGHS	Jager	Cindy	Document Camera
BGHS	Burpee	Jean	Document Camera

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The Battle Ground Education Foundation – Winter 2006-07 Grant Awards:

School	Last Name	First Name	Project Title
BGHS	Hurly	Jamie	MotivAider
Captain	Snyder	Shannon	Music and Literature
Captain	Florek	Melanie	The private eye program
Chief	Sibley	Lorri	Reading a-z Guided Reading Materials
Glenwood	Truscinski	Kelly	3-4 Grade Reading Intervention
Laurin	Anderson	Claudia	Science Books
LVM	George	Sarah	Assistive Tech-Voice Recognition Program
MGP	Miller	Leora	Life skills classroom modifiable
MGP	Ryan-Brown	Theresa	Supportive Seating Systems
PVM	Soohoo	Irene	Electronic scales for 7th & 8th Grade investigations
PVP	Marcus	Midge	Nonfictions Books
MGP	Bozorth	Sherry	Tootie-Flutie – for needy students only
MGP	Jonas	Nikki	Art Books
Amboy	Cowen	Erica	The private eye program

C. Announcement of New Principals

Marcia Christian introduced several newly hired principals and an assistant principal to the Board. Serving as co-principals at the new Daybreak Primary and Middle Schools are Jill Dutchess and Shelley Whitten; serving as co-principals at Pleasant Valley Primary and Middle Schools are Ward Holcomb and Missy Mitchell; and serving as assistant principal at Captain Strong Primary and Lewisville Middle School is David Cresap. Ms. Whitten had a prior commitment and arrived later in the evening. The new principals answered questions from the Board and described how co-principals will work together. They shook the Board's hands and the audience responded with warm applause.

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jon Haugen, a citizen, addressed the Board regarding the simple majority measure which recently passed the state legislature and now resides in voters' hands in November.

Carrie O'Donnell, parent, spoke to the Board regarding Citizens for Better Schools, her changing role, the next levy campaign, and the drive for voter registration.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Dr. Bria presented the following Consent Agenda to the Board and recommended its approval:

A. Approval of Minutes:
   April 19, 2007 - Work Study and Regular Meeting;
   May 3, 2007 – Special Board Meeting
B. Business and Operations
   1. Vouchers
   2. Payroll
   3. Enrollment
C. Approval of Contracts
D. Personnel Report
   1. Certificated Employees
   2. Classified Employees
E. Approval of Student Travel Leave Requests
F. Approval of Resolution G-07:
   Delegation of Authority to WIAA and
   Sunday Waiver Agreement
G. Recommendation to Hire Principals

A motion was made by Cecil Schlecht that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Boundary for the Second K-8 Campus

Laurie Sundby and Kelly O'Brien presented the approval of the boundary for the second K-8 campus. They introduced the Boundary Committee to the Board, which was formed in October 2006: Amy Buma, Krista Dettloff, Sue Fine, Brenda Lester, Lyla Smith, Sue Cranke, Sue Nelson, and Joan Smith.

The Committee had representatives from the Chief Umtuch, Captain Strong, Lewisville, Maple Grove Primary & Middle, Glenwood, and Laurin service areas. Committee members included certificated and classified staff, parents, transportation staff, and administration.

Krista Dettloff and Sue Fine gave a brief overview of the committee's work with various meetings, forums, and board presentations. Ms. O'Brien presented the criteria agreed upon for decision making and showed enlarged maps of the area to the Board and audience. The committee took into consideration transportation and the impact on traffic, safety, proximity to the school and length of time on buses, reduction of population of the Maple Grove, Captain Strong, and Lewisville campuses, and long-range planning for the two main high schools. They presented two options for boundaries: Option 1 and Option 2.

The Board asked several questions, among which included the option the boundary committee recommended. Both options allow for growth and a reduction of student population at the above-mentioned schools; Maple Grove will drop by 200 students. The committee recommended Option 1. Mr. Kent thanked the committee for all their work.

A motion to approve Option 1 as the boundary for the second K-4 and 5-8 campus to be built on 167th Avenue was made by Mr. Kent. The motion carried, 4-0.

B. Permission to Pilot K-5 Reading Textbooks

Jill Smith, Department Director of Instructional Programs, introduced Candy Jones, Title I/LAP Coordinator, to the Board and then presented the reading pilot to the Board. This will be the second year for the reading pilot, and Dr. Smith explained why they were extending the pilot for another year and dropping the Scott Foresman pilot. Six teachers in grades 1-5 piloted the Scott Foresman and Houghton Mifflin reading materials this year. On February 22, the six pilot teachers met with the primary level Reading Committee teachers to discuss the pros and cons of each program. The recommendation from the Reading Committee is to continue to pilot the Houghton Mifflin program and add two other new programs that will become available this

spring. The two new programs are by Harcourt - Literacy By Design and Story Town. They were rated high for their strong alignment to the state GLE's/WASL, balance of literary and informational selections, and accommodations for diverse student populations.

Dr. Smith stressed the importance of the decision and answered the Board's questions. She anticipates a reading adoption next spring. Examples of the materials were presented to the Board for review. There was discussion of online and hands-on learning as well as discussion of new technology in the classroom, which could reduce the number of textbooks needed.

Mr. Kent moved that the Board approve the K-5 Reading Textbook Pilot Materials: Houghton Mifflin and Harcourt's Literacy by Design and Story Town. The motion was approved, 4-0.

C. Approval of an Easement for Clark Public Utilities at the New Lewisville School Campus

John Morris, Capital Facilities Manager, presented the easement for Clark Public Utilities at the new Lewisville Middle School Campus to the Board. The easement allows Clark Public Utilities to place and maintain utilities for the school. It was noted that this is a routine item.

Mr. Schlecht moved that the Board approve the utility easement for the Lewisville School campus as described in Exhibit A (serial number 091101-502) and authorize the Superintendent or a designee to sign the agreement on behalf of the District. The motion carried, 4-0.

D. Revision of Policies:

6020, 6021, 6030, 6040, 6112, 6210, 6212, 6213, 6215, 6220, 6535, 6570, 6882, 6890, and 6970;
and

E. Revision of Policy 2153

There was discussion of combining Item D (6000s series policy revisions) and Item E (Revision of Policy 2153) into one motion. It was agreed that the two items could be combined, but discussed separately.

MaryBeth Lynn, Director of Fiscal Services, presented the revisions to the 6000s series policies. She noted that several policies have simple changes in RCW laws and the changes are recommended by WSSDA *(Washington State School Directors' Association).*

The revised 6000 series policies are:

6020 System of Funds and Accounts

6021 Interfund Loans

6213 Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

6215 Vouchers Certification and Approval

6030 Financial Reports

6040 Expenditures in Excess of Budget

6112 Rental or Lease of District Surplus Property

6210 Purchasing: Authorization and Control

6212 Charge Cards

6220 Bid Requirements

6535 Student Insurance

6570 Property, Data and Records Management

6882 Sale of Real Property

6890 State Environmental Policy Act Compliance

6970 Naming Facilities

Ms. Lynn clarified the term, “non-curriculum-related student groups” for the Board.

Mr. Kim moved that the Board approve the Revision of Policies 6020 System of Funds and Accounts; 6021 Interfund Loans; 6030 Financial Reports; 6040 Expenditures in Excess of Budget; 6112 Rental or Lease of District Surplus Property; 6210 Purchasing: Authorization and Control; 6212 Charge Cards; 6213 Reimbursement for Travel Expenses; 6215 Voucher Certification and Approval; 6220 Bid Requirements; 6535 Student Insurance; 6570 Property, Data and Records Management; 6882 Sale of Real Property; 6890 State Environmental Policy Act Compliance and 6970 Naming Facilities; and the revision of Policy 2153 as presented.

The motion was approved, 4-0.

IX. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Ms. Christian introduced Shelly Whitten to the Board. Ms. Whitten will serve as a co-principal of the Daybreak Campus along with Jill Dutchess. Ms. Whitten said she was delighted to return to Battle Ground School District and shook the Board Members’ hands.

Kym Alexander, President of the Battle Ground Education Association, thanked the Board for their support of the Battle Ground High School Auction, which raised over $59,000.

Ms. O’Brien noted that the Board is invited to the May 31 Clark County Schools Coalition’s ‘Evening of Excellence’ at Skyview High School. The event will recognize exceptional student achievement among eight Clark County School Districts and feature Dr. Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as a key speaker. Five hundred students will be recognized.

Ms. Lehman thanked Ms. Harris, her staff and students at Captain Strong Elementary for hosting the Board Meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Board President	**Board Secretary**

Approved: May 24, 2007