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**Subject: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 12, 2009
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARLINGTON SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Action

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Submitted by: Dr. E. Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent

Date: January 26, 2009

Background Information:

The Arlington Public Schools Board of Directors held a regular public meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 in the Administrative Building Board Room at 315 N French Ave: Arlington, WA 98223.

Administrative Consideration:

The minutes of the January 12, 2009 regular meeting are being submitted for approval at this time.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

That the Board approves the January 12, 2009 meeting minutes.

Arlington Public Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2009

STUDY SESSION

President Kay Duskin called the Study Session to order at 5:45 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. Also present were Directors Jeff Huleatt, Jim Weiss, and Carolyn Erickson, and Student Advisor Nikita Doggett. Director McClure arrived at 5:52 pm. Student Advisor Andy Smith was absent and excused.

Student Calendar Discussion

Dr. Warren Hopkins, Deputy Superintendent, spoke about the 2008-09 student calendar. Due to the three snow days that were lost during first semester, AEA is requesting to change the term dates at the secondary level to better balance the semesters. This would also mean moving the teacher in-service day from Monday, January 26 to Friday, January 30. Dr. Hopkins explained that there is a process AEA needs to follow to request a waiver, including involving PSE, and that an agreement would need to be reached very soon. Historically, the Board has allowed the Superintendent to set the term dates, but the Board is being briefed tonight to determine whether the Board members have any concerns about granting such waiver.

Deann Vanwinkle, PSE President, raised a question about those classified staff members who have already made plans for January 26th. Dr. McDuffy stated that the District will try to allow those who have plans to keep their plans and make the time up another day, as long as their positions can be adequately covered.

The separate issue of graduation dates was also discussed. Due to the snow make-up days, Arlington High School's graduation date will need to be changed. There was discussion about moving it to either Thursday, June 11 or Friday, June 12. Principal Criscione will look into the various considerations and get back to Superintendent McDuffy with a request this week. The Board will be asked to take action on this matter at its next regular meeting on January 26. Should we have additional missed days this school year, additional calendar adjustments may be necessary.

At this time, graduation dates for Weston High School and Stillaguamish Valley School are not affected.

Contracts and Personal Services

Deb Borgens, Executive Director of Financial Services, shared that Arlington School District schools, programs and departments enter into a variety of contracts with outside vendors and service suppliers. The contracts and agreements that are in effect for the 2008-2009 school year have been organized into one list and are being presented tonight for Board approval as a package. Ms. Borgens, and the other Cabinet members then answered questions from the Board members regarding the various contracts.

Policy Review

Dr. Warren Hopkins, Deputy Superintendent, outlined several policy amendments being recommended by the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) as part of the full policy review. Board members' questions were answered, and this set of policies will be presented for first reading at the next meeting.

The study session was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Kay Duskin called the regularly scheduled Business Meeting of the Board of Directors of Arlington School District No. 16 to order at 7:00 pm in the Administration Building Board Room. Also present were Directors Jeff Huleatt, Jim Weiss, Bob McClure and Carolyn Erickson, and Student Advisor Nikita Doggett. Student Advisor Andy Smith arrived at 7:10 pm.

The flag salute was given.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

An Executive Session is being added to review the performance of an employee and an amended list for Action Item #3 *Contracts and Personal Services* has been provided. Director Erickson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Director Huleatt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Stillaguamish Valley School Lego Robotics

Ed Aylesworth, Stillaguamish Valley School Principal, introduced teacher, Jill Rohner, and five students, who shared a video and information about the SVS Lego Robotics Team.

AHS Drama

Scott Moberly, Drama Teacher at Arlington High School, and three students shared a slideshow and provided information about their trip last year to New York.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Dewaine Craig, Weston High School Teacher and President of the University of Scouting, shared information about the Mount Baker Council of Boy Scouts and the University of Scouting event to be held on January 24th at Haller Middle School. He handed out a program and invited the Board to attend and be recognized during the opening ceremony.

DISCUSSION

School Board Members

Director McClure enjoyed a presentation at the new Tim Noah Thumbnail Theatre in Snohomish.

Director Erickson attended Weston's holiday luncheon prior to winter break and enjoyed talking with the students.

Director Huleatt enjoyed the community holiday event at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center prior to break. He noted that Lyle Forde, the performers, and everyone else who helped to put on the event did a wonderful job. The BPAC commission met and is working on an action plan for promoting the facility. He looks forward to Dr. McDuffy's upcoming State of the District address scheduled for January 22nd at 4:15 pm and 7:00 pm at the Haller Commons.

President Duskin also enjoyed the performances at the community holiday event at the BPAC. Additionally, she helped with various high school sporting events.

Student Advisor Doggett enjoyed winter break but is glad to be back. She is preparing for semester finals and will be participating in "early bird" presentations for her Senior project.

Student Advisor Smith has been busy with basketball.

Superintendent McDuffy shared a report of the weather related effects to buildings throughout the District. Currently, it appears to be approximately \$23,000 in damage. The District is working with the insurance company. The good news is that most of the damage happened

going into break, so it didn't cause additional missed school days. Superintendent McDuffy commended the Principals for their handling of the weather related issues and anxiety.

Mr. Criscione invited the Board to Early Bird event on February 5th. There are approximately 110 Seniors participating this year.

IDENTIFICATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

From the agenda, the Board identified the following items for discussion and action:

2. Donation from Haller Middle School PTSA – Band Program

The remaining items, comprising the consent agenda, were:

1. Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2008
3. Contracts and Personal Services
4. Policy Revisions – First Reading (1 Policy)
 - *Policy 3108 – Students – Qualifications of Attendance and Placement – amended and renumbered to 3110*
5. Policy Revisions – Second Reading and Adoption (12 Policies)
 - *Policy 3000 – Students – Goals - deleted*
 - *Policy 3112 – Students – Withdrawal Prior to Graduation – amended and renumbered to 3123*
 - *Policy 3114 – Students – Part-Time, Home-Based, or Off-Campus Students – amended*
 - *Policy 3121 – Students – Enrollment – amended and renumbered to 3120*
 - *Policy 3121 – Students – Compulsory Attendance - new*
 - *Policy 3150 – Students – At-Risk Students - deleted*
 - *Policy 3210 – Students – Non-Discrimination – amended*
 - *Policy 3243 – Students – Social Events - deleted*
 - *Policy 3244 – Students – Behavior of Students in the Immediate Vicinity... - amended and renumbered to 3299*
 - *Policy 3311 – Students – Prohibition of Corporal Punishment – amended and renumbered to 3244*
 - *Policy 3420 – Students – Student Safety – deleted*
 - *Policy 3422 – Students – School Patrol - deleted*
6. Payroll Report
7. Personnel Report
8. Budget Report
9. Vouchers and Warrants
 - December 17, 2008 Checks #44751-44752 in the total amount of \$90,665.34
 - December 17, 2008 Checks #44753-44948 in the total amount of \$253,414.00
 - January 6, 2009 Checks #44949-45014 in the total amount of \$181,578.72
10. Adjusted Warrants
 - December 11, 3008 ASB AP – Warrant #44596 in the amount of \$600.00
Cancelled Warrant-Duplicate Payment

Director Erickson moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Director Weiss seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

BOARD ACTION

Donations from Haller Middle School PTSA

Eric DeJong, Haller Middle School Principal, shared information about the donation from the Haller PTSA. Director Erickson moved to approve the generous donation of \$3,484 for the Haller Band Program. Director Huleatt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular business meeting of the Arlington School District Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the District Administration Building Board Room at 315 N French Avenue, Arlington.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kay Duskin recessed the regular Business Meeting at 7:54 pm, stating that the Board would be convening in an Executive Session. The purpose of the Session would be to evaluate the performance of an employee. She stated that the estimated time for the Executive Session would be 20 minutes and that no action would be taken. She further stated that, following the

Executive Session, the regular meeting would be reconvened for the sole purpose of adjournment. The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:23 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

President Duskin reconvened the regular Business Meeting at 8:25 pm. With no further business to come before the Board, Director Erickson moved and Director Weiss seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Kay Duskin, President
Board of Directors

E. Kristine McDuffy, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

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