

## **CAC Minutes – October 17, 2005**

**Next CAC meeting: Monday, November 21st at the Board of Education Building, 7:30.** Please advise Sherman Bishop or John Doucette in advance if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Attendees (15): Sherman Bishop (presiding), Dr. Jim Costanza (Superintendent), Renee Wargo (Board of Education), Tom Mays (Board of Education), Garn Anderson, Andy Call, Marcia Columbro, John Doucette, Lee Field-Starks, Kevin Kanareff, Polly Schumauch, Carrie Tate, Dan Walsh, Christie Wiedt, Eddie Williams

Absent with notice: Jean Seasholtz, Linda Wade

Absent without notice: Leslie Brusk, Bridget Ebenger-Balla, Kate Lowery, Anne Pevnev

The following are the minutes from the October 17, 2005 meeting at the Board of Education building:

### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Sherman Bishop at 7:30 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with no additions or corrections.

The motion was made by Lee Field-Starks and seconded by Kevin Kanareff.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The September 17 meeting minutes were approved with minor spelling corrections.

The motion was made by Andy Call and seconded by Lee Field-Starks

### **Superintendent's Report by Dr. Jim Costanza**

Dr. Costanza discussed several topics:

- State Report Card
  - "Excellent" rating for sixth consecutive year for all schools.
  - Achieved for all 23 indicators, a perfect score aging for all six years.
  - Achievement index score went up and has increased for each of the three years for which the index has been computed.
  - Third grade reading achievement, particularly at advanced level, was among the highest in the state.
- District Web Site Review
  - Created focus group of internal and external users of the district's web site at [www.wlake.org](http://www.wlake.org).
  - Suggestions may be sent to Superintendent's office.
  - A CAC representative was requested and Garn Anderson volunteered.
  - Improvements are coming in the next couple of weeks.
- Wellness Committee
  - District Wellness Committee was organized and held first meeting.
  - Committee's charge is to satisfy federal requirement that the district develop a wellness policy for the 2006-07 school year.
  - CAC Healthy Foods report being used as base document.

### **Board of Education Report by Renee Wargo and Tom Mays**

The Board report covered several topics:

- The Board is focusing on the sale of the Bradley Road property to the City with Tom Mays as the negotiator. The Board and the City will both get appraisals. It was indicated that the deal would proceed regardless of the next levy election outcome. The terms are expected to include a buy-back option and the City intends to use the land for sports fields rather than buildings.
- It was noted that there are two seats on the Board up for election in November and that the election is important to the schools and their direction.

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- The Board will focus on the levy after the November election with the intention of getting it on the ballot, the sooner the better. Dr. Costanza made several points regarding the levy:
  - Phase out of the tangible personal property tax will put more burden on local districts to replace funding equal to approximately 10% of budget.
  - School districts can publish data pertaining to the financial situation of the district using district resources but cannot solicit votes.
  - Special needs students are guaranteed by law a free and appropriate public education. Costs are not an excuse to deny this. We have experienced unusual and unanticipated increases in special education spending (more than \$300K) over the last six months due to move-ins.

**Committee Reports:**

No reports were presented as a new set of subcommittees is being created for the coming year. Renee Wargo distributed the formal Board charters and subcommittees broke into work groups at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

- Nancy Breckenridge resigned from the CAC due to health reasons.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Sherman Bishop at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by John Doucette

Corrections/missing items/amendments may be made during the next meeting as needed.

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