

WAYZATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Independent School District 284
Wayzata, Minnesota

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting - January 25, 2010 - 5:15 PM
District Administration Building
210 County Rd. 101 N., Plymouth, MN 55447

AGENDA

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| 1. | CALL TO ORDER - Board Chair Peterson | 3 |
| 2. | APPROVAL OF WAYZATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE 2010 PLATFORM - B. Noyed, C. Pauline, S. Droegemueller | 4 |
| 3. | HUMAN RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS - A. Doughty | 7 |
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VISION

A model of excellence among learning communities

MISSION

The mission of the Wayzata School District is to prepare all students for the future by providing a challenging education which builds academic competence, develops responsible citizenship, encourages creativity, promotes lifelong learning, advances critical thinking skills, instills a commitment to personal wellness, and fosters respect for self and others.

District Directions for 2008-2010

To ensure high achievement on the part of each student and to realize our vision, the district's directions for 2008-2010 are:

- *Provide a more personalized education for each student.*
- *Eliminate the predictability of student achievement based on race.*
- *Provide opportunities for students to engage in global connections.*
- *Prepare students in skills that they will need to function effectively in the future including creative thinking, diplomacy, problem solving and teamwork.*
- *Enhance the sense of ownership and engagement in the district by all segments of the community.*

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AGENDA ITEM: 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

COMMENTS BY: Board Chair Peterson

Susan Droegemueller, Board Clerk, will call the roll:

	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Linda A. Cohen	_____	_____
Ms. Susan Hayes Droegemueller	_____	_____
Ms. Susan Gaither	_____	_____
Ms. Patricia L. Gleason	_____	_____
Mr. Jay A. Hesby	_____	_____
Mr. John A. Moroz	_____	_____
Ms. Carter G. Peterson	_____	_____
Dr. Chace B. Anderson, Ex Officio	_____	_____

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AGENDA ITEM: 2. APPROVAL OF WAYZATA PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAC PLATFORM -
2010

COMMENTS BY: Board Chair Peterson

The LAC 2010 Platform will be presented to the Board for approval.

Motion by: _____ Yes _____ Passed _____

Second by: _____ No _____ Failed _____

Abstentions _____



Legislative Action Committee – 2010 Platform (DRAFT – January 14, 2010)

The state of Minnesota is facing unprecedented budget deficits. The December 2009 announcement of a \$1.2 billion projected shortfall for the current biennium and the projected shortfall of more than \$5 billion for the 2012-2013 biennium has created a dire outlook for our state. In these difficult times, it would be easy to focus on the immediate budget concerns and lose enthusiasm for the initiatives and ideas that would help to transform how we fund and deliver education to our students. To that end, the Wayzata Public Schools Legislative Action Committee (LAC) has organized its 2010 Legislative Platform in two sections: short-term priorities and long-term priorities. The short-term priorities section includes issues to consider for the 2010 legislative session including those issues related to the projected budget deficit. The long-term priorities section includes issues and ideas for stabilizing funding for K-12 schools. The format of this platform is designed to help legislators understand the district's immediate concerns and future vision.

Short-term Priorities

For the 2010 Legislative Session, the Legislature and Governor should:

- ★ Support legislation to allow Wayzata Public Schools to qualify early for the state's alternative facilities program
- ★ Oppose any legislation that would reduce state funding for districts with undesignated fund balances above a specified amount
- ★ Allow the 73/27 aid payment shift to remain in place for the remainder of the 2010-2011 biennium in order to limit other reductions in K-12 funding
- ★ Maintain support and funding for the state's alternative compensation (QComp) program
- ★ Oppose any **mandatory** statewide school employee health insurance pool
- ★ Oppose any **mandatory** shared services initiative
- ★ Allow districts to spend and generate financial resources to best meet local needs, especially when state funding increases are limited
- ★ Reduce or eliminate state-mandated reports and requirements that are unproductive, outdated or not funded

If additional reductions to K-12 funding are necessary to address the \$1.2 billion project shortfall, the Legislature and Governor should:

- ★ Collaborate with the education community to identify funding categories to be reduced
- ★ Consider creative solutions that lead to cost savings for the state and new ways for schools to function
- ★ Adjust policy language in statutes to allow districts to operate differently if funding is decreased
- ★ Understand and communicate to the public that reduce funding levels for schools will require an adjustment in expectations by stakeholders

Long-term Priorities

Investing in the education of Minnesota's children is essential to the continued and future excellence of our state. Cut backs today will have repercussions well into our future. The platform items noted below underscore the fundamental importance of preparing our students today for the challenges of tomorrow.

Reform Funding to be Simplified, Equitable and Predictable

The Legislature and Governor should:

- ★ Provide adequate and stable funding for schools for the current biennium and into the future
- ★ Fully fund the basic instructional needs of all preK-12 students recognizing recent research on the cost of educating students
- ★ Pay its full share of special education costs
- ★ Implement location equity index to recognize higher labor costs in the metro area
- ★ Continue support of the teacher alternative compensation (QComp) program

Enhance Local Decision Making which Allows for Innovation, Flexibility and Use of Best Practices

The Legislature and Governor should:

- ★ Allow districts to spend and generate financial resources to best meet local needs, especially when state funding increases are limited
- ★ Reduce or eliminate state-mandated reports and requirements that are unproductive, outdated or not funded
- ★ Oppose any **mandatory** statewide school employee health insurance pool
- ★ Oppose any **mandatory** shared services initiative

Invest More in Our Youngest Learners

The Legislature and Governor should:

- ★ Increase funding for programs and services for children ages birth-K and their families
- ★ Allow flexibility for districts to use school readiness funds to best meet local needs
- ★ Fully fund voluntary all-day, every-day kindergarten while recognizing the cost and time needed to secure additional classrooms

The 2010 Legislative Platform was approved by the Wayzata Public Schools Board and its Legislative Action Committee (LAC).

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AGENDA ITEM: 3. HUMAN RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMENTS BY: Ms. Annie Doughty

Employment

Amanda Aamodt .5 Mathematics Teacher West Middle
Transfer – Seth Brown

Susan Schaefer 5 Hour Paraprofessional Central Middle
New Position 2009-10 Only

Disability/Child Care Leave of Absence

Andrew Worth, 5th Grade Teacher at Sunset Hill Elementary School, has requested a ten day childcare leave of absence beginning approximately May 26, 2009.

Leave of Absence Without Pay

Angie Reed, Special Education Teacher at Gleason Lake Elementary School, has requested a leave of absence without pay from February 1, 2010 through the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Resignation

Troy Beckman, Central Services Custodial HVAC Specialist, has resigned his position effective January 22, 2010.

Molly Stoeckel, Plymouth Creek Paraprofessional, has resigned her position effective January 21, 2010.

Elizabeth Zellman, High School Paraprofessional, has resigned her position effective January 25, 2010.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Human Resource Actions as recommended.

Motion by: _____ Yes _____ Passed _____

Second by: _____ No _____ Failed _____

Abstentions _____

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AGENDA ITEM: 4. ADJOURN

COMMENTS BY: Board Chair Peterson

If there is no additional business before the School Board, the Chair will call for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: _____ Yes _____ Passed _____

Second by: _____ No _____ Failed _____

Abstentions _____