

Mr. Hall and Mr. Chambers shared the findings of the Technology Program Review with the Board as well as recommendations made by the NWESD team. The recommendations included items in the following areas: Staffing and processes; infrastructure, hardware and software, professional development, and policy.

Discussion and questions and answers took place following Mr. Hall's presentation.

3. Study & Survey: Long Range Facilities Planning – Overview of Proposal – Master Plan Processes

Dr. Haddock and Bruce Camp shared with the Board information from McGranahan Architects regarding the components for a Study and Survey. Dr. Haddock informed the Board that the district's Study and Survey was last updated in 2003. He further explained that a current Study and Survey, no more than six years old, is a necessary step in securing state matching funds for future capital projects. Dr. Haddock shared that application to the state for special funding of \$10,000 to begin the Study and Survey process has been made.

The state has very specific requirements for the content of a Study and Survey including 12 distinct sections, or chapters that must be included. Dr. Haddock shared these 12 areas with the Board.

A discussion took place.

4. Capital Projects Financing

Dr. Haddock introduced Jon Gores, from D.A. Davidson who gave a presentation on Capital Projects Financing.

Mr. Gores' presentation included information on capital finance options including the following types of school district bonds: Voter Approved Bonds, Non-Voted Bonds, Building America Bonds, Qualified School Construction Bonds, Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, and Capital Projects Levies. He explained that bonds are the primary method used by Washington school districts to finance the "local share" of capital projects because cash is generated up front, payments can be spread over time, and districts have some control over taxpayer impacts.

Mr. Gores presented a bond sale history for the Lakewood School District, as well as voting patterns and bond election results. He also reviewed the 2009-10 special election and resolution filing dates. He shared information on a capital levy scenario as part of a possible long range financing plan. He reviewed the assessed value history for the Lakewood School District from 1998-2009 and across the state. He explained that decreases in property values will not decrease school district tax collections. Mr. Gores shared a 2009 total tax rate comparison between neighboring school districts. He also talked about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and shared some highlights of the stimulus package. He invited the Board members to attend an upcoming School Election Workshop that D.A. Davidson & Company is hosting on September 16th in Renton.

5 & 6. Optional Framework for the next District Strategic Plan

Dr. Haddock introduced Dr. Jerry Jenkins, Superintendent of NWESD 189 who shared information on the development of a district strategic plan.

Dr. Jenkins explained to the Board that a strategic plan clarifies the district's 5-8 year priorities for a 5-8 year duration and provides a filter for decisions to be made. It also permits better alignment of district programs and resources and makes sure programs don't conflict with each other. He shared that the elements of a strategic plan includes:

- Mission statement – clarification of purpose of district
- Vision
- Belief Statements – theory of action
- Thematic Long Range Goals (classroom, staff, structures/systems)
- Action Plans/Annual Goals

Dr. Jenkins shared that strategic plans permit clear understanding and communication support. He further shared that goals are obtained faster when a strategic plan is in place and that district's working with strategic plans have increased their student achievement.

Dr. Jenkins explained the timeline for the process that the ESD follows.

A discussion followed Dr. Jenkins' presentation.

Director Leonard asked about the costs associated with hiring the ESD to facilitate the development of a new strategic plan for the district.

Dr. Jenkins replied that the cost would be approximately \$2500-\$3000.

Further discussion took place.

7. Adjournment

President Escalante thanked everyone for coming to the Special Board meeting and adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He announced that the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

President of the Board Date

Secretary of the Board Date