REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday December 17, 2018

PRESENT: Board members: Leslie Robb, Paul Keating, Angus Anderson
Superintendent: Ralph Pruitt Secretary: Erin Robinson
Visitors: none

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
Minutes from the regular meeting on November 26, 2018 were presented. Leslie moved to accept the
minutes as amended, Paul seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET STATUS REPORT
Angus presented the budget status report and told the members that the district was currently
receiving 22.7% of revenue and that in 4 areas the expenditures are above the budgeted amount and 5
are below. He also stated that the ending cash balance directly reflects the move of money to the
transportation and capital projects funds.

BILLS AND PAYROLL
As of this day December 17, 2018, a motion made by Leslie Robb and seconded by Paul Keating and
carried by unanimous vote does approve:

“The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080
and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for

General Fund:
Payroll checks numbered 27428 through 27435, and automatic deposits numbered
900001114-90001123 for $71,721.55 total payroll for the month of November including benefits.

Accounts Payable checks numbered 27436 through 27465 totaling $59,812.43.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
Ralph gave the board his work calendar and expense claim for November, Angus approved and signed.
Ralph explained that the projections for the salary increases are not as dire as previously thought.
2018-19 would put the district in the hole because of the added expenses of the bus, but that 2019-20
should be no deficit, depending on enrollment numbers. The art volunteers were shared with the
board, Terry Woodall did a presentation at the school and Lisa Plous will be starting weekly volunteering after the winter break. Ralph gave Paul the nutrition policy for review and told the board that the kitchen would be taking at a later meeting. Shared the letter from OSPI about the urgent repair grant. Ralph told the board that on February 13th there might be a visit from OSPI focusing on the STEM lighthouse grant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Visibility: Angus asked for a newsletter update. Ralph stated that this year the ESD would help with two newsletters, the first would be around February and include an info graph on how the district is doing, and the second would be in spring. They are trying to decide on a full size, newspaper style, or a half fold. Angus commented that there had been a couple of nice articles in The Pioneer recently and Leslie commented on how well the Christmas concert went.

Board Goals and Working Agreement: Ralph asked the board if they were ready to adopt the board goals and working agreement that was discussed at the last meeting. Leslie suggested two amendments to the goals and agreement. A motion was made by Paul, and seconded by Leslie, to adopt the board goals and working agreement with the two suggested amendments, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Architect qualification review: Ralph presented the board with the 4 quality architects that have shown interest in the remodeling project and suggested that the board use a selection committee to interview the architects that would consist of himself, a board member and a teacher. The board recommended Leslie to act on its behalf and Emily Hopple to act on the teacher’s behalf in the interview process. The interview process will take place after the winter break, each interview will be no longer than an hour in length. Questions that the board would like in the interview were suggested. Paul would like a question about the timing and length expected for the project, seismic upgrades for the future and a cost/hours schedule. Angus suggested questions about similar small school experience, availability of architect. Leslie asked if the grant covers the architect cost, response was that most of the architect cost is covered in the plumbing repair grant.

Legislative Forum: Paul told the board about his experience at the legislative forum that he attended with Ralph. The representatives that attended were not from our county or legislative district but seemed responsive to the needs of smaller schools. Paul noticed that the richer districts didn’t seem to have as much funding issues as the other districts. Leslie asked if we could encourage some of the districts representatives to come visit the school.

Questions or concerns of visitors: none

Executive Session: none

Board Member Questions and Comments: Angus asked about having a small article in the newspaper about the winter concert. Erin suggested that she would contact Judi King to write something for it.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Angus Anderson at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,