

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday February 25, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Board members: Leslie Robb, Paul Keating, Angus Anderson, Becky Price, Brenda Bush  
Absent:

Superintendent: Dr. Ralph Pruitt Secretary: Not present  
Visitors: Karl Johansson, from Johansson Wing Architects

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Minutes from the regular meeting on January 28, 2019 were presented. Becky moved to accept the minutes, Leslie 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 indicating that we have received 35 % and spent 43% of the budget. He emphasized that we will start getting tax payments and have not received Federal revenue. Our ending fund balance was \$187,724.10.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

As of this day **February 25, 2019**, a motion made by Leslie and seconded by Becky 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 payment.”

**General Fund:**

Payroll checks numbered 27550 through 27554 and automatic deposits numbered 900001134-1144 for \$71,250.75 total payroll for the month of January including benefits.

Accounts Payable checks numbered 27555 through 27580 and 27604 totaling \$10,380.23.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Superintendent’s January work schedule was shared and approved.

Newsletter, annual report, focus groups: Dr. Pruitt reported that the annual report has been mailed to all families in Skamania and North Bonneville. Focus groups are scheduled for March 13 and 14, 2019. The board would like a copy of the questions prior to the focus groups.

Restorative justice training: The all staff training is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

The STEM Lighthouse ceremony and event was a success with a good showing from our partners.

Mid year parent conferences are continuing and some were rescheduled due to the weather. There was a discussion about how important this mid year conference is for parents and students.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Community Visibility**: There was a discussion about community enrichment nights. Phillip from the Pioneer is willing to come during the day for a meeting with students and/or parents. He is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It was suggested to consider both a day visit and an evening discussion. Dr. Pruitt will talk to the teachers and schedule a time for a school visit. Brenda will schedule with Phillip for an evening event with parents/community.

Brenda is going to visit in the near future with Jaime Herrera Beutler, State Representative, about the forest money.

**Policy WSSDA audit schedule of review (March workshop)**: The board reviewed the policy adoption schedule and will follow the outlined schedule. We may need to consider an additional work session.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Tim Merlino, ESD 112 Superintendent and Ann Campbell, ESD Board President - visit was postponed.

**Architect contract**: Karl Johansson, from Johansson Wing Architects presented the proposed contract. It was discussed to reduce the cost for the property design to \$5,000 and delete item B task #4. A motion was made by Leslie and seconded by Becky and carried by unanimous vote approving the architect contract with this adjustment and authorizing Dr. Pruitt to sign the contract.

**Staff compensation discussion for March workshop**: The following topics in preparation for the March workshop was discussed.

Topics include:

Share comparisons and include Mt. Pleasant, Mill A

The financial projections for our budget

Creative inexpensive incentives for staff including stipends

Criteria for hiring new staff

**Sponsored/unsponsored school events**: Dr. Pruitt shared information about a trip to Washington DC by a group of parents and children. No school funding is being used for this trip. The publications must not include name of school and communicate with staff.

A motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Leslie and carried by unanimous vote to make it clear to parents that this event is a non-sponsored school trip. Dr. Pruitt will write a letter to all parents.

**Emergency closure make up days:** If there are additional school closures, the district will use the waiver offered by the State for the three days lost in February. If additional days are needed beyond the allotted snow days, they must be taken from the summer. A motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Becky and carried by unanimous vote to use the three snow days, the waiver, and if additional days are needed, they will come from the end of the school year in June.

**Change of board dates:** A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Becky and carried by unanimous vote to change the board meetings to the third Monday of the month starting in March. A revised calendar will be published in the paper.

#### **Personnel**

**Retirement:** Barbara Miller's letter announcing her retirement was read. A motion was made by Becky and seconded by Leslie and carried by unanimous vote reluctantly approving the retirement request wishing her the very best for the future. A celebration and gift will need to be planned.

#### **Questions or concerns of visitors regarding agenda items.**

**Executive Session:** The board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:55 PM and exited at 8:18 PM.

#### **Board Members other topics:**

Angus shared that he met some former Skamania School District staff (Bert and Mary Brumbaugh and Dan Smith) while doing tax returns for AARP in Camas.

Becky asked to be excused from the past board meetings due to family medical emergencies.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Angus Anderson at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Chair, Angus Anderson

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Board Secretary, Dr. Ralph Pruitt