

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday October 22, 2018

PRESENT: Board members: Angus Anderson, Leslie Robb, Paul Keating, Brenda Bush, Becky Price
Superintendent: Ralph Pruitt Secretary: Erin Robinson

Visitors: Michelle Sobaski, TJ Baxter, Denise Baxter, Tiffani Andersen, Laura Jackson, Will Smith, Mary Davidson, Linda Goodman, Jacob Smith, Beaux Andersen, Jamie Kohler, Jackie Kohler, Gabe Sobaski, Ava Sobaski, Violet Baxter, William Feidler, Joan Feidler, Juliana Feidler, Ave Deva, Viviane Deva, Kaylaura Coleman, Kassandra Babcock, Barbara Miller

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHANGE OF AGENDA

Angus asked to change the agenda to have the Second Step presentation to be moved to take place after the 5/6th grade presentations, board agreed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes from the regular meeting on September 24, 2018 were presented. Becky moved to accept the minutes as amended, Brenda seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

PRESENTATION BY 5/6TH GRADE

Barbara Miller introduced the STEM project that the 5/6th grade class would be presenting on healthy forests, she explained how the class was learning about what makes a healthy forest and how this tied into the property owned by the school district. The class had to do a research project about this topic and the then two groups were chosen to present to the board, which was one of the classes goals. A group of four students, Ava Sobaski, Violet Baxter, Juliana Feidler, and Ave Deva presented a PowerPoint on healthy forests. Another group of four students, Beaux Andersen, Jacob Smith, Kaylaura Coleman and Jamie Kohler, presented a skit that they had written about healthy forests. After the presentations TJ Baxter asked about the root rot and the suggested remedy for it and about the access to the property, Ralph answered.

BUDGET STATUS REPORT

Angus presented the budget status report and told the members that in the first month of the new school year there was 8.1% of budgeted revenue received and 16% of budgeted expenditures expensed, which was normal. The ending fund balance was also increased at the end of the last school year. The board suggested that Ralph check with Kent about the discrepancy in the adjustments to the

capital funds and transportation balances. Ralph said that he would check and bring the information back to the board.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

As of this day October 22, 2018, a motion made by Becky Price and seconded by Brenda Bush 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 27295 through 27304, and automatic deposits numbered 900001091-90001101 for \$75,917.73 total payroll for the month of June including benefits.

Accounts Payable checks numbered 27305 through 27339 totaling \$32,820.17.

NEW BUSINESS

SECOND STEP PROGRAM

Kassandra Babcock from the Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault came to talk to the board about the Second Step Program that she would be using with the 7/8th grade class next month. She spoke briefly about her position at the council and some of her experience working with children and with the program in other schools. She explained that Suzy Strom’s position at One Alliance was filled with an administrator at WRMS and that she is willing to share the curriculum with other schools in the area. Kassandra shared the lesson progression for the program and would like to start with the 7/8th grade and move on to younger grades in the future. Ralph asked if there was a letter that we could send home to parents before the program starts, Kassandra said that she would get one to him and that her plan was to start the first week of November.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Ralph showed the board his supplemental time sheet for September, he also informed the board that he would share this every meeting. Angus signed and asked if the board had any questions, the board had none.

Ralph shared what the enrichment grant would fund, swim lessons for the 3/4th grade, starting in November, outdoor school for the 5/6th graders, funding for employees of Skamania School to assist with Drama Club and 7/8th grade STEM activity to be decided on later. Some ideas for the activity included building trails on the property, and Brenda mentioned that Insitu has an education program that might be good for that age group.

Ralph told the board about the ESD legislative work group that he was asked to be a part of. The group was formed to discuss issues with the current legislative agreements and bring ideas and insight to the legislature. Some issues the group is discussing are rural schools, funding and the state-wide health care program.

School’s minimum hours for last year was shared with the board. School district met and exceeded minimum hours for the 2017-18 school year.

Ralph shared the new discipline system that the school is using this year. PBIS focuses on positive reinforcement with students. He also showed the board the new referral, exit slip and turnaround room concept for the PBIS system.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Visibility: Brenda spoke to the board about the upcoming community event that will take place on October 23, with Deputy Lyle and the Explorer program. Angus stated that the event didn't make it into that week's Pioneer. Brenda said that she has been in touch with Washougal High School to get a music component for the second week of November.

Angus said that he had spoken with Bernadette about when she can start doing the PR for the school and she is very busy right now. Angus suggested that instead of waiting for her to get some spare time that the school should find someone else to take over. Ralph suggested that the ESD could help with the PR. Brenda suggested that whoever does the PR should make it relatable to the public. Angus suggested that they use some of the Pioneer articles about the school in the levy brochures.

Bus Purchase: Ralph told the board that the bus purchase went over the approved amount by \$143.20, but that the company gave the school a \$10,000 discount on the bus because she had originally misquoted the cost and honored the price that was quoted. A motion was made by Leslie to approve the extra \$143.20 for the bus purchase, seconded by Paul and the motion passed with no further discussion.

Small School Modernization Grant: Ralph explained to the board that the modernization grant was to modernize existing systems instead of replacing, and that he is asking for \$3,000,000 from the grant committee. Paul asked how much total was being given to schools from this grant, Ralph answered \$15,000,000. The survey results helped identify the areas that the community believes are the most important to address with this grant. The top areas were: improving health and safety, extending the building and remodeling, plant and fund a timber harvest on the school's property. Ralph presented a letter from Angus and himself that will accompany the grant package, Leslie suggested some edits on the letters. The 10-year facility plan will also be included in the grant package to show that the school is contributing to improvements as well. Facility plan includes improvements to heating, plumbing, HVAC, gutters, windows, doors, and kitchen remodel. Paul asked about the seismic being looked at in the future and expressed concern about OSPI seeing us apply for two grants that would pay for updates on plumbing. Ralph said that he would email OSPI about the grants and that they would still be looking at seismic updates in the future. Brenda made a motion to accept the 10-year facility plan as is, Becky seconded, and the motion passed without further discussion. Ralph asked the board members about the status of support letters to legislators regarding small schools. Brenda said that she had made a couple of calls to Jamie Beutler's office.

Board: Angus asked Paul and Brenda if they had completed the mandatory training for new board members. Brenda said that she had tried to complete it a couple of times and that it wouldn't print. Paul said that he hadn't yet because of computer access but that he would by next meeting. Ralph said that he wants to pay WSSDA the \$5,000 to come in to look over the policies of the school and make suggestions. At the upcoming board workshop, the board will be discussing board goals and working agreements.

Personnel: none

Questions or concerns of visitors: none

Executive Session: none

Board Member Questions and Comments: Brenda introduced her What are you reading board, hopes that it will show that people read throughout life and encourage students to read more books. Leslie mentioned the Fall Festival on Friday. Paul asked about the decibel level at the festival and if it could be lower. Brenda mentioned that Bernadette is looking for someone to help with part time work. Angus said that he would not be here for the November board meeting. Angus asked that everyone check their school emails on a regular basis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Angus Anderson at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Robinson Board Recording Secretary

Board Chair, Angus Anderson

Board Secretary, Ralph Pruitt