

**SKAMANIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #2**

**Monday, August 22, 2022**

**Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**6:30 PM**

**Skamania School Library**

**Present: Donald Collins, Cynthia Dominik-Medlin, Lisa Young, Rowdy(Martin) LaFevers, Milt  
Dennison**

**Excused: Angus Anderson**

**Visitors: Amber Warren, Katie Chavarria, Raymond Chavarria, Michelle Miller**

**Support: Heather Whitman**

**Call to Order**

Donald Collins called the meeting to order at : 6:29pm

**Flag Salute**

**Changes to the agenda**

A change to the agenda was made to move personnel action items until after the executive session.

**Public Comment:**

**There was no public comment.**

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of the July 25th Board meeting minutes**
- **Approval of bills and payroll**

Lisa Young moved to accept the consent agenda, Cynthia Dominik seconded, and the motion passed Unanimously

**Unfinished Business**

- **Septic System Replacement Project**

Milt Dennison stated that he would like to recognize Amber Warren for her hard work and dedication towards the various maintenance projects.

Update for the septic system project is as follows; Dr. Dennison, stated that the septic project has reached substantial completion. The leak was found, it was due to one toilet leaking back into the septic tank. Towards the fall the septic contractor will come back to Skamania School to

reseed the field. There was a question asked whether or not the fire department would be willing to come out and water the field to help regenerate grass growth. However, it was stated that the field would not be able to hold the weight of the firetruck at this time.

- **HVAC**

An update was given regarding the dampers that would be installed on the existing HVAC units by this fall before winter winds return. The TK/K room HVAC system is no longer working requiring either a repair or replacement. However, the repair would cost just as much as a new HVAC system. The only quote received so far has been from Dan's Top Notch. The business manager will be reaching out to construction management at ESD 112 for possible additional quote leads. The current quote for dampers and installation have been estimated at \$27,000. There are 4 units that will need to have dampers installed before winter.

- **Front Door Hardware**

Amber Warren, has been in contact with Chown Commercial and is waiting to hear back regarding a quote. Curly's Lock and Key was also contacted and they have responded back that they do not install that type of door hardware. Skamania School will work with ESD 112 to look into additional suppliers.

Regarding security systems and cameras; at the moment there is only one installed camera in the office manager's office. Chown has stated that their intent would be to install a camera that could be accessed from either a stable location or that the visual could be accessed by a tablet.

Dr. Dennison stated that he will look into the best way to have a security system installed. Along with whether a tablet could be handed off for visual security.

- **TK Grant update**

An update was given regarding the amount of this year's awarded grant amount for TK/K in the amount of \$150,000 to be used by the end of June 2023. This award can be used for staffing, supplies, finding an ESD coach, along with training for teachers and additional assessments to assess developmental levels.

A question was raised whether or not the Tk/K grant could cover the kindergarten teachers salary? In the 2021-2022 school year the Tk/K grant covered a paraprofessional's salary. For the 2022-2023 school year it has been suggested that the grant is used for a para or Family Resource Liaison. Katie Chavarria will be checking in with ESD112 and OSPI to see if any of those funds could be allocated towards a teachers salary.

## **New Business**

- **Approval of recommendation regarding incentive pay for bus drivers**

There is a recommendation that a program be put in place for a \$2000 incentive. The incentive would be given as follows; the first \$1000 would be given after 90 days of successful driving and the other \$1000 at the end of 2022-2023 school year with a verbal commitment of returning for the 2023-2024 school year.

There will be a call made to the national guard to see if there is an option to help within the district for transportation.

A sample letter has been drafted regarding the transportation struggles to make parents aware that we may not have bus drivers to start the school year. Question was raised if the district was willing to pay parents a stipend to transport students?

The district states that all training and licensing fees will be covered.

Cynthia Dominik Medlin moved to accept the recommendation for the \$2000 incentive pay for school bus drivers, Rowdy LaFevers seconded and the motion passed  
Unanimously

- **School Start-up information**

Monday the 29th and Tuesday the 30th are teacher professional development days. On the 29th the Skamania School board would like to host a luncheon for Skamania teachers. On the 30th from 2-3pm a scheduled meet and greet night will be held where students and parents will be able to drop off supplies and meet their teachers.

The reason behind an earlier meet and greet is to make sure both the students and teachers are well rested for the first day of school.

The plan is to host a back to school night 2 weeks after the school year starts which will hopefully involve hosting a BBQ for families. Plans are still being finalized before sending out definitive plans.

**Upcoming Dates**

- **Board/Superintendent Workshop**

**I- Scheduled for September 12, 2022**

Dr. Dennison spoke about how he would like to set goals and expectations for the 2022-2023 school year, along with a board/superintendent working agreement.

**Superintendent's Report**

Enrollment is looking higher than projected at the end of the upcoming school year.

Due to the higher enrollment the district will qualify for additional staffing. There has been talk of moving students either up or down, though after consideration it was decided that it would not be beneficial for the students or teachers.

## **Comments from Skamania Board of Directors**

Lisa Young stated that she wanted to thank everyone who helped at the Skamania Fair to make it a success. Mrs. Young also stated she is pleased that the website is kept up to date.

## **Executive Session**

Executive session started at 7:11 pm and Executive session ended at 7:41pm. The Board moved to open session at 7:42pm.

### **- Personnel**

A motion has been made to accept paraeducators Jessica Davis and Jamiee Johnston for the 2022-2023 school year. Lisa Young moved to accept the contracts as written and Cynthia Dominik-Medlin seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Cynthia Dominik-Medlin made the motion to approve Michelle Miller for the position of Family Resource Liaison. This motion was seconded by Rowdy LaFevers.

Donald Collins raised a question about how funds could be allocated to the position? Katie Chavarria explained the position would be funded out of the TK/K grant. She also shared that she would get further guidance regarding expenditures.

The motion to offer a contract to Michelle Miller as the Family Resource Liaison was approved unanimously.

## **Continued Board Member Comments**

Donald Collins asked how teachers were able to purchase classroom supplies and the process for reimbursing teachers for costs. Other Board members expressed their desires that school district funds were made available for teacher use. Lead Teacher Chavarria and Superintendent Dennison shared their support for the concept and would take a look at past practice with plans to bring in formal process to the Board for informational purposes.

## **Special Board Meeting**

- Superintendent asked the Board to consider scheduling a special meeting to consider additional personnel contracts. Based on a motion by Lisa Young and a second by Cynthia Dominik-Medlin, the board scheduled a special meeting for Thursday, August 25th beginning at 5:00pm. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Rowdy LaFevers moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, Cynthia Dominik-Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

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