

School Board Minutes
SKAMANIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

Monday, May 16, 2022

Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting

6:30 PM

Skamania School Library

Members Present: Donald Collins, Cynthia Dominik Medlin, Lisa Young

Members Absent: Angus Anderson (Excused)

Visitors: Martin (Rowdy) LaFevers

Presenter: Milt Dennison

Support: Heather Whitman

1. Opening Items - Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Donald Collins at 6:30pm

- a. Call to Order, Regular Meeting – Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Agenda Revisions
 - I. Lunch prices
 - II. 2 Field trip request
2. Citizen Comments
No Citizen comments were made

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes (April 18, 2022)
- b. Minutes from special meetings
- c. Accounts Payable
- d. Payroll
- e. Personnel
- f. Contracts
- g. [Approval of Consent Agenda](#)

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

4. Old Business

- a. Modernization grant update - Keith Bloom (zoom in) -
 - i. (HVAC update)

- ii. Mr. Bloom stated that the HVAC system is currently working as it should be. Corrections have been made regarding; circuits, and daily monitoring. The engineers next suggestion is that motorized dampers be installed to protect against high winds in the Columbia River Gorge. The original engineer is no longer with the company that installed the HVAC system. However, the architect is still with the company, and more questions could be directed to them. Warranty will not be affected if the dampers are not installed. However, there is a cost associated with not pursuing the dampers, since the heat in the building is sucked up through the vents, and out of the building which raise heating and cooling costs. Skamania School is still waiting to hear what final numbers will be if they decide to go through with the engineers suggestion of installing the motorized dampers.
- b. Septic project from CSG - Keith Bloom (zoom in) -
 - Mr. Bloom stated that the septic project is moving forward. The designers are near completion, with the contractor in line with the project. The goal is to begin the project when the 2021-2022 school year is completed, and have an estimated finish date before the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.
- c. Staff salary schedule
 - Dr. Lewis shared his updated salary revision schedule with the board. The revision was based upon comparable averages with nearby averages.
 - The board went into discussion several times on how they could give and sustain the raises for the current employees for the 2022-2023 school year. After much discussion between the board members, it was decided to postpone a formal motion to increase the salaries for next year until there is additional information regarding budget sustainability. The board also states that the discussion will be held again no longer than a week from May 16th, 2022.

Lisa Young moved to accept the boards decision to move the raise discussion for one (1) week, Cynthia Dominik-Medlin seconded and the motion passed Unanimously

- d. Superintendent search process update
 - Dr. Dennison gave a brief statement regarding what the next steps will be in the superintendent search process whether that be; continuing the search within the pool of applicants, opening the application for Superintendent/principal back up, or consider finding an interim superintendent for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. **New Business**

- a. Board officer selection
Chairman of the Board- Angus Anderson
Vice Chairman- Donald Collins

[Legislative Liaison- Lisa Young](#)

Lisa Young moved to accept the update to the board officer selection, Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded and the motion passed Unanimously

6. Executive Session (RCW42.30.110) -

- a. personnel -performance evaluation
- b. Superintendent candidate review/update

Went in at: 7:30pm

Executive session was extended from 8pm-8:20pm

Executive Session was extended from 8:20pm-8:40pm

Came out at: 8:40pm

7. Future agenda items

Salary schedule pay increase for Classified and Certificated staff

8. Reports/Comments

- a. Superintendent's report
 - I. The kindergarten and 8th grade graduation is set to be on June 23rd. The idea is that the 8th graders are part of the "move up" ceremony for the kindergartners.
- b. Budget Status Report
- c. Training:
 - i. Board Trainings status (see the links)
 - 1. Open meeting law training
 - 2. Board member boot camp
 - 3. WSSDA regional mtg - May 17, 6 PM - Kelso HS Library
 - ii. Board of Directors comments
 - Lisa Young stated that she is appreciative of the effort it took staff members to apply for and obtain the grant for the EV school bus.
- d. Upcoming dates
 - May 23, Spring concert (matinee) and book sale
 - June 10, Talent show and dessert auction - PM

9. Adjournment

Adjournment: Cynthia Dominik Collins moved to adjourn, Donald Collins seconded and the motion passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____