

**Skamania School District #2
Special Board Meeting
Minutes
November 30, 2022
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Skamania School Library**

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

Staff: Amber Warren and Heather Whitman

ESD 112: Charles Hole

Call to Order

Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at: 4:00pm

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Changes to the agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Enrichment Levy Discussion and Decision

The discussion of the Levy is as follows; Mr. Dennison gave an overview of the levy rates from previous years. Mr. Anderson asked the board if they had given thought to a set amount for 3yrs? Mr. Anderson stated that in the past three levies that's what was done. A question was raised whether or not the district can ask voters for more. It was stated that yes, you can ask for more, but will voters be willing to approve the amount?

Mr. Collins spoke with other board members and stated that as a district they need to consider giving teachers and staff raises for the next couple of years to help with the rising inflation costs.

The discussion continued on how to best support staff salaries with the rise of inflation and the appropriate amount to ask voters for.

Fiscal officer Charles Hole reminded the board that the amount of money that can be used from the levy is dependent on the enrollment of students.

Following discussion by Board members, Rowdy LaFevers made the motion to approve the levy amount and resulting estimated tax rate for a three year levy. For the 2024 tax year a levy amount of \$250,000 with an estimated tax rate of \$1.16. For the 2025 tax year a levy amount of \$265,000 with an estimated tax rate of \$1.15 and for the 2026 tax year a levy amount of \$280,000 with an estimated tax rate of \$1.15.

Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. During discussion about the motion, Donald Collins stated that he is concerned that the recommended levy amounts were not enough. The motion was approved with 4 yes votes and 1 no vote with Donald Collins voting no.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Dennison shared that Dan's Top Notch was out on Monday and the HVAC system has been improved. The problem was the space heater being used. The space heater gave a false reading of what the temperature was in the building. There will be a crew out on December 7th to make sure the system is working correctly. The HVAC crew has decided to hold off on installing heat strips at the moment that way the district can save on electric costs.

Mr. Dennison told the Board that the school is now part of the Chamber of Commerce. Cynthia Dominik-Medlin and Milt Dennison will be representing the district at the December 6th luncheon that will be held at the Skamania Lodge.

Mt. Pleasant has hired a one day a week counselor and Mr. Dennison has asked if the counselor would be willing to come up to Skamania once a week? The counselor is going to speak with her husband and get back to Mr. Dennison.

Sub pay has been a topic of discussion lately due to the fact that Skamania has had a hard time finding subs. After a recent comparison of pay, Skamania is competitive among other districts. There may be a proposal at the next board meeting regarding sub pay.

Karen Douglas came to Skamania on Monday and gave the students a lesson on empathy. That way teachers could come and talk to Mr. Dennison about how the school year was going.

Mr. Dennison told the board that he has a meeting with Head Start tomorrow and will update the board on what is discussed.

Board Member Comments

Rowdy LaFevers asked how the portable construction was going? Mr. Dennison shared that the crew is getting ready to install the flooring in the storage portable.

Adjournment

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 5:13pm

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____