

Skamania School District #2
Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes
December 19, 2022
5:30pm-7:30pm
Skamania School Library

Present:

Angus Anderson, Donald Collins, Cynthia Dominik Medlin, Rowdy LaFevers, Lisa Young, and
Milt Dennison

Staff: Amber Warren and Heather Whitman

Call to Order

Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at: 5:30pm

Flag Salute

Changes to the agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the November 21st Board meeting minutes
- Approval of the November 30th Special board meeting minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

Lisa Young moved to accept the consent agenda. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Portable Classroom Updates

Mr. Dennison stated that he is happy with the company doing the construction. As of now the project is on schedule and the company communicates well with staff and teachers. The hope is to finish the project over break weather depending.

- HVAC update

So far the HVAC system is working well. Lisa Young stated that the gym was comfortable at the December Holiday Concert.

- February Levy Election Updates

Pro committee met today and they will be submitting things to the voters guide. Feel as if this is a good group. Hanah Sheffield is the Chair of the Pro Group with Angus Anderson and Roberta Doster. This will be a collaborative effort. Keeping the levy information concise and with bullet points. The Letters to the Editor should include the Post Record. Finishing touches on levy brochure Angus and Milt need help regarding the public meeting. Do we schedule a public meeting even without sign ups? Lisa Young and Rowdy LaFevers stated that in the effort of transparency they should schedule a Special Public Levy meeting. Rowdy stated that he did see an article regarding the levy in the Pioneer.

- School Bus Update

Bus number 3 is still in the repair shop and it's due to a computer issue. The question was whether the computer board could be interchangeable with the broken down bus in White Salmon. The bus that belongs to Skamania that is in White Salmon should be fully depreciated. White Salmon has not given a cost of operating the borrowed bus as of now. Donald Collins asked if by the next meeting if the board could have an estimated cost of purchasing a newer used bus. Skamania is waiting to hear from ESD whether or not they can make this purchase. Mr. Dennison stated that hopefully by the first of the year to have a new bus driver certified.

New Business

- Recommendation to Hire a .2 FTE counselor

At the moment Skamania is waiting to see the contract Mt. Pleasant has drafted for the counselor. The cost would be around \$7000 for the rest of the school year. With Mrs. Chavarria taking on evaluations gives room in the budget to make this happen. Cynthia Dominik Medlin asked what her scope of work would be? Mrs. Stinchfield would first evaluate the classes and then be able to identify which students would benefit.

Cynthia Dominik Medlin moved to approve hiring a counselor 1 day a week at the amount of \$7,000. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Request for Out-of-District bus stop

Issue is turn around. It is fine in a SUV however, in the bus it would be very difficult. There is time to add the stop. Bus driver stated the stop requested is on a road that gets nasty during the winter. Mr. Dennison does not have a recommendation at this time. Timing and logistics were discussed between board members regarding adding this stop. Also discussed was the potential impact of making this exception when we have students that are in similar situations.

The Board has agreed to move this item to the following Board meeting in January.

- Inclement Weather and Make-up days

The school calendar has been affected by adding the following dates due to snow makeup days.
Feb 17, Mar 10, Mar 31, May 26,

Donald Collins moved to accept the snow days as make up days. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Opioid Related Overdose Reversal and Procedure

First Reading of Policy 3424 and 342

Amendments to be made on policy 3424 also would require at the minimum of two personnel trained on using NARCAN. Along with removing "High School" from both the policy and procedure items.

Motion to approve the policy 3424 and procedure as edited. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Enrollment is at 76 students with two new students starting last week.

There were multiple events that happened at the school in the last week. Skamania snow removal pushed all the snow into the parking lot. Mr. Dennison started making calls regarding the snow and how it was placed. Mr. Dennison also shared that he believes that the issue is resolved now.

Teacher meetings where Mr. Dennison was able to meet with teachers one on one. Mr. Dennison believes if all the teachers were offered contracts for next year they would come back.

Mr. Dennison shared that he read 74 report cards and stated that there is a direct correlation between attendance and academic achievement. Mr. Dennison spoke regarding a couple of students and their attendance.

- Budget status report- Chairman Angus Anderson

Mr. Anderson stated that we are just now seeing money come in from the state. However, we are still looking well at this time.

Questions regarding ASB and funds were brought up between the board members. Mr. Dennison stated that he will take a look at Skamania's student council.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Michelle Miller, stated she has already spoken to Mr. Dennison regarding the budget for the STEAM classes. However, she wanted to make the Board aware that she has been using her own finances to obtain supplies for the STEAM classes. The question was raised from board members if Mrs. Miller has requested a budget from the Head Teacher? Mrs. Miller stated she had not. Mrs. Miller will speak with Skamania’s Headteacher, after Winter Break regarding the budget and needs for the STEAM class.

Lisa Young wanted to thank Michelle Miller and everyone who was involved in the Winter Concert. Mrs. Young stated that she is concerned about the sound system. Rowdy LaFevers asked if what was used was all of the sound system?

Executive Session (RCW42.30.110)

- Personnel

Meeting went into executive session at 6:42pm

Came out at 7:00pm

Meeting is called back to order at 7pm

Lisa Young moved to accept the amended contract for Michelle Miller from the original 180 school days to 158 school days. Donald Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Dates

Winter Break - December 19th - January 2nd

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 17th

Adjournment

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____