

**Skamania School District #2
Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes
October 24, 2022
6:30pm-8:30pm
Skamania School Library**

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

Staff: Amber Warren, Katie Chavarria, Heather Whitman

Call to Order

Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Flag Salute

Changes to the agenda

There has been an addition to the agenda, in the matter of an additional contract that needs board approval.

Public Comment

There was no public attendees or public comment

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the September 19th Board meeting minutes
- Approval of the October 3rd Special Board meeting minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

Lisa Young asked if the larger sums paid to ESD 112 are annual contracts. It was acknowledged that the contracts are annual and include fingerprints, ParaEducation, STEAM/STEM materials, along with a threat assessment.

Cynthia Dominik Medlin moved to approve the consent agenda, Donald Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Maintenance Project Updates

- Portable Classroom Options

A recent finding of a water leak within the plumbing in the storage and sensory portable, will make moving the Tk/K classroom out into those rooms unattainable at the moment. A company has already come out to Skamania School to start a drying process, due to the water damage. HVAC evaluation within the current TK/K room has shown that the heat does work and the A/C does not. The question was asked whether we could find a short term fix for the current roofing problem, such as using a tarp to cover the affected area. Milt Dennison stated that the current rain has not shown a significant impact on the current situation. Skamania's maintenance/custodian stated that they can replace the ceiling tiles in the affected portable. Again the question was asked, what might be the best short term solution? Two board members asked about health concerns with the moisture within the ceiling. Mr. Dennison did state that the roofer will be coming out again to look at additional options. Rowdy LaFevers asked if going into winter will be a smooth transition within the portable? Mr. Lafevers also stated that he understood a long term solution will cost money. Costs will be evaluated between a tarp over the roof or a patch job. The reason for these last minute changes is only due to the recent finding of the water damage in the sensory/storage portable.

- Main Building HVAC - Damper Installation

- Kitchen Electrical

Milt Dennison stated that there have been multiple maintenance projects in the works. The update regarding certain projects was given including the security door installation which will be installed on the 25th of October and HVAC Damper work scheduled for the 27th. Regarding electrical bids Simms Electrical was the only contractor that came out and was willing to give a quote.

- Transportation Update

Two routes started today 10/24. There are a couple new stops that drivers have been made aware of. Parents have been understanding of recent transportation challenges. Cynthia Dominik Medlin stated that she is very appreciative of all the hard work regarding student transportation. It was stated that some riders still have about an hour bus ride still. Donald Collins stated that a long bus ride is a challenge with being a rural school.

New Business

- Proposed Board/Superintendent Working Agreement

- Discussion and Possible Adoption

Donald Collins moved to adopt the Board/Superintendent Working Agreement as written. Cynthia Dominik seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Proposed 2022-2023 Board Goals
 - Discussion and Possible Adoption

Discussion was made regarding the school board goals and how they will align with Skamania School goals. There was Board discussion on how to amend several of the goals.

Cynthia asked if as a school board they go meet with representatives. Mr. Dennison stated that ESD 112 is usually the best to go to for information. It was stated that in the past a Board member has gone to Olympia to speak with legislators.

Mr. Dennison stated that once the Board Goals are adopted, they will be in each month's board packet along with on the agenda.

Lisa Young moved to adopt the Board Goals for the 22-23 school year as amended. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Facilities Lawsuit—Brent Freeman, Wahkiakum Superintendent
 - Discussion and Possible Action

Mr. Freeman gave background on the Facilities Lawsuit and how it has come to be. Mr. Freeman hopes to set a precedent for all Washington State schools no matter their socioeconomic standing. The facilities lawsuit covers the States duty to provide all students with ample provision for education of children within its borders, without distinction, or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex. Mr. Freeman stated that the district is exhausting funds on this lawsuit and is reaching out to other Washington school districts to see whether they would be interested in crowdfunding.

The Skamania Board thanked Mr. Freeman for his presentation.

The board members agreed to speak about this matter again during the November board meeting. Board members were asked to submit any questions they had to Milt Dennison.

- Personnel
 - Approval of contracts
 - Audriane Shipman- Kardinal for Kitchen Assistant/ ParaEducator Position
 - Sandra McKenzie for ParaEducator Position
 - Willie Strickland for School Bus Driver Position

Additional contract is for Boyd Becker-Nunley for the head cook position.

There was a shuffling of internal staff. Boyd who has accepted the position for head cook is a previous employee of Skamania School District. Boyd's move was a contributing factor to why

he left his previous position. However, Boyd has stated that he has missed the school and is excited to be coming back.

Donald Collins moved to accept the four employment contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

- Instruction Program Report- Katie Chavarria

Katie Chavarria gave an update on the School Improvement Plan. The School Improvement Plan goes over instructional goals and how the school can improve over the next year. A big factor in this improvement plan is the parent and family engagement, which includes a weekly email. It was stated that parents appreciate the communication. Donald Collins, stated that the newsletter looks great. Each grade level will have a trifold of information to hand out at parent/teacher conferences. Lisa Young stated that she appreciated seeing the trifold draft.

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Milt Dennison spoke about enrollment which is at seventy-three students. Parent/Teacher conferences have been scheduled. At this time sixty-nine families have scheduled, only three families have not.

Lisa Young asked if there are any barriers preventing families from attending the conferences.

Milt Dennison asked for Charles Hole from ESD 112 to be at the November meeting for the preliminary talk regarding the upcoming levy.

Mr. Dennison also spoke about a school district in northern Washington that if their levy doesn't pass next month, there will be large cuts within the district.

Luckily the last 2-3 levies in Skamania have passed the first time. Milt Dennison has a meeting with ESD 112 communications this week to speak about upcoming drafts for the levy. The hope is to share the information with the Pioneer and River Talk Weekly.

- Budget status report- Chairman Angus Anderson

Due to it only being one month into the budget there wasn't too much to speak on regarding the budget. The district has spent more than it has received . However, this is normal for this time of year. The district will start to see a difference after the first of the new year in the budget.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Cynthia Dominik Medlin stated that she is surprised that community members haven't come to her with concerns.

Angus Anderson stated that he is hearing that transitions in the community are going well.

Lisa Young asked when the board needs to consider starting a search for a new superintendent? Mrs. Young raised the concern that last year the superintendent search was started too late. Milt Dennison stated that there is a mid-year check in with the current superintendent. Mr. Dennison did agree that the district does not want to be late again in the superintendent search process.

Angus Anderson stated that he knows that all new teachers need to be evaluated within the first 90 days. Mr. Dennison stated that once the evaluator is back in the country they will schedule evaluations.

Donald Collins asked about the test scores and how they compared to the last five years of scores. Mrs. Chavarria stated that she will go as far back as she can in the system, to gather the test score information.

Angus Anderson stated that he saw Stevenson's trunk or treat information in the Pioneer, and hoped that Skamania would be in the paper as well.

Upcoming Dates

Kindergarten Tea held at Skamania School on November 5th at 2pm

PTO Meeting held at TrailHead TapHouse on November 9th at 6pm

Skamania School District Regular Board Meeting held at Skamania School on November 21st at 6:30pm

Adjournment

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____