

**Skamania School District #2**  
**Scheduled Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**January 23, 2023**  
**6:30pm-8:30pm**  
**Skamania School Library**

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

Staff: Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren and Heather Whitman

**Call to Order**

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

**Flag Salute**

**Changes to the agenda**

There will be an addition to the agenda under new business. The addition is to review and adopt the Skamania County Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Public Comment**

No public comment

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the December 19, 2022 Board meeting minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

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

**Unfinished Business**

- Portable Classroom Updates

The portable classroom has been remodeled and the TK/K classroom can begin the move fairly soon. Once Tk/K has settled the storage portable move can begin which will then allow the Head Start classroom to move over to the "storage portable". In March of this year a surplus sale will need to be discussed.

- Septic system update

Septic system failed over the winter break due to a power outage. However, all systems are up and running. A heat lamp has been installed in the pump house to prevent the pipes from freezing over. Which is what contributed to the last system failure.

- Bus Status Report

This week Skamania has only had one driver and one route until Mrs. Nolan returns from bereavement leave on the 26th of January. The driver in training will still be another couple of weeks before she can start driving, this is due to scheduling.

- Overhead Walkway Update

The overhead walkway that was damaged during the wind and ice storm with costs covered under the risk co-op through the ESD .

- February Levy Election Updates

Mr. Dennison kindly reminded those in attendance to please vote. The election will be held on February 14th. Voters pamphlets have been sent out and voters should receive them soon. District voter information newsletter will be sent out this week.

### **New Business**

- Recommendation to approve the .2 FTE counselor contract for Tracey Stinchfield

Mr. Dennison shared that Mrs. Stinchfield has been at Skamania School since the beginning of January and is already helping students and families.

Lisa Young moved to approve the .2 FTE counselor contract for Tracey Stinchfield for the 22-23 school year. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Inclement Weather/Building Closure Makeup Day Options

After school today (1/23) Mr. Dennison and Mrs. Chavarria met with teachers regarding options in case of additional inclement weather and all of the teachers are willing to move to a remote option if needed to make up the time and hours.

- Second Reading and adoption of Policy 3424 and 3424P

- Opioid Related Overdose Reversal and Procedure

Cynthia Dominik Medlin moved to adopt the Opioid related overdose reversal policy 3424 and procedure 3424P. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion and after the discussion regarding acquiring the reversal medication and training of applicable staff the motion passed unanimously.

- Skamania County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Resolution 01232023)

The Hazard Mitigation Plan covers power outages, earthquakes and fires. Mitigation projects could include culvert upgrades, storm drain remodels, unstable slope stabilization, power generator and uninterrupted power supplies, powerline medication including underground, securing building and furniture for earthquakes, etc.

Lisa Young moved to accept the resolution as written. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison**

Mr. Dennison shared that he hopes by the end of the school year there will be no more maintenance issues. Mr. Dennison shared that he appreciates the concern for his health from the board members and stated he truly appreciated the staff at PeaceHealth Hospital.

Mr. Dennison shared his review of mid-year interviews with the teachers at Skamania School. Consistent concern throughout teaching staff was having to teach their own P.E classes. All the teachers shared that they have enjoyed getting to know their students and the families.

Reading buddies started last Friday and the teachers and students have really enjoyed the start of this program.

Donald Collins had a question regarding the teacher interviews. Mr. Collins was interested to see if the teachers are happier due returning to "normal" after COVID or the multiple changes over the last year. Mrs. Chavarria and Mr. Dennison stated that they believe that all of the changes have contributed to the overall difference in atmosphere.

#### **- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria**

Mid year diagnostic testing for ELA and Math and to see the effectiveness of interventions. This diagnostic testing will have a report that will be sent home to parents. PD with teachers and Para's focusing on early literacy via zoom on Wednesday January 26th.

Nine students have been referred to the Highly Capable Program. The testing will begin once the testing software is available.

TK/K roundup discussion will be held on February 2nd with the ITK leadership team. This meeting will go over dates and ideas in addition to the TK/K round up conversation. Mr. Collins was concerned about the timeline for starting the TK/K round up. Mrs. Chavarria shared that this would be part of the discussion on the 2nd.

World languages program is in the beginning stages. There will be two options that could be available to middle school students: the first option is an elective and the second option would be independent study. The independent study option would cost between \$10-15 per student. Mrs. Chavarria has been in contact with OSPI, and OSPI has stated that Skamania is the first

school district that doesn't have a high school to look at offering an independent study of world languages.

Mrs. Chavarria also shared that there will be a family engagement survey going out in the next couple of weeks which will hopefully gauge how families feel this current school year is going. This survey fulfills the Title I requirements.

The first round of teacher observations are almost complete. Mrs. Chavarria stated that she has completed 4 out of 6 required TPEP trainings. The TPEP training covers what is needed to evaluate teachers as required by OSPI.

- Budget status report- Chairman Angus Anderson

Budget status report general fund only. Mr. Anderson stated that we are just now seeing money come in from the state. The majority of funds will come in between March and April.

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

Lisa Young stated she appreciated Mr. Boyds email and the work he is doing along with encouraging families to apply for the Free and Reduced applications. Mrs. Young also shared that she appreciates the new foods he is trying.

Mrs. Young also asked for an update on the supply lists for the STEAM class. Mr. Dennison shared that Mrs. Miller has been able to obtain supplies. Mrs. Chavarria also shared that she had never received a supply list prior to last month's meeting.

### **Executive Session (RCW42.30.110)**

- Personnel

The Skamania School board went into executive session at 7:45pm. Chairman Angus Anderson stated that they would need 15 minutes in the executive session.

Executive session ended at 8:00pm and reopened to open session.

### **Upcoming Dates**

February 14th- Election Day

February 20th- Presidents Day

February 27th- Skamania School Board Meeting

### **Adjournment**

Donlad Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. Lisa Young seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

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