

Skamania School District #2
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes

March 20, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Skamania School Library

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

Staff: Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren and Michelle Miller

Call to Order

Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

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Changes to the agenda

Public Comment

Michelle gave the Board updates on the following:

- STEAM NIGHT - March 29, 2023 5-7pm
- Site Plan with ideas to improve the playground and field
- Color Run - PTO Fundraiser
- Clothing Swap - end of April

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the February 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- Approval of the March 5, 2023 Special Meeting
- Approval of bills and payroll

Donald moved to accept the consent agenda, Cynthia seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a note added to the March 5th special meeting minutes.

Warrants are approved as listed:

General Fund: Accounts payable warrant numbers 29622 through 29643 totaling \$29,029.27

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) warrant numbers 29644 through 29652 totaling \$102,540.07

Unfinished Business

- Transportation Update

Mr. Dennison gave an update on the status of bus #3 and how the Skamania staff has handled the transportation challenges the last two weeks as well as an update on our driver in training. Bus #3 is ready for pick up and Milt would like to make a plan to thank White Salmon for allowing us to use their bus while our bus was out of service.

- Walking/Jogging Path- Recommendation to Approve Contract

Lisa stated that she is not ready to make a motion on this project at this time. After some discussion, the board agreed to table this contract until Milt and Michelle can meet with the contractor. Cynthia wanted to express her gratitude that we are working with local contractors.

- Playground/Covered Play Area Design Assistance

Mr. Dennison shared a brief update on his research on playground design help. He has reached out to three consultants and heard back from two saying they do not have the time for a new project at this time.

New Business

- Request for Release from Contract

Rowdy made a motion to release Stephanie Ober from her contract as stated, Donald seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Calendar Revisions

- Student Instructional Minutes

Milt stated this is no longer an action item as we will have enough instructional hours at the end of the year. We will not need to add days to the end of the calendar unless we experience more inclement weather closure.

- 2023-2024 Budget Status Update

Mr. Dennison shared what the projected budget outlook will be looking into the 2023-2024 school year and will be discussed further during the April Board meeting.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Milt gave a brief update on projected staffing for specials for the 2023-24 school year. The HVAC is currently working as expected.

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

Katie gave an update on the following items:

- SEL Grant - Positive Action Program
- Math curriculum - The current math curriculum is outdated. She has set up trials for two curriculums for the teachers to test out for the remainder of the school year.
- Peer Mentor Program - 12 students from grades 3-8 spend approximately 30 minutes a day in the TK-2nd grade classrooms mentoring students. This has been a positive experience for all.
- After School Clubs - Clubs are going well and the next set of clubs will start after Spring break.
- 4H Partnership -Would like to come out on Wednesdays after school to hold classes on health and nutrition starting the week after Spring conferences.

- Budget status report- Chairman Angus Anderson

Angus gave an update on the status of our budget and we are right on track.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Angus asked the board to set a date to hold a listening session with staff. The gathering will be scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th at 1pm.

Executive Session (RCW42.30.110)

- Evaluation of Superintendent

The Skamania School Board went into executive session at 7:45pm

Chairman Angus Anderson announced that they will need 15 minutes in executive session to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent and will return to regular session at 8pm.

The Skamania School Board came out of executive session at 8pm. No action was taken.

Upcoming Dates

Sea Mar Mobile Clinic March 22nd

STEAM Night March 29th starting at 6pm

Snow Makeup Day March 31st

Spring Break April 3rd- April 7th

Adjournment

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8pm, Rowdy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____