

**Skamania School District #2  
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**May 15, 2023**

**7:00pm-8:30pm**

**Skamania School Library**

**Attendees:**

Angus Anderson, Lisa Young, Milt Dennison, Donald Collins, Martin (Rowdy) LaFevers

Excused: Cynthia Dominik Medlin

Staff: Katie Chavarria, Michelle Miller, Amber Warren, Heather Whitman

**Call to Order**

Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Flag Salute**

**Changes to the agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda

**Public Comment**

No public/ No public comment

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the April 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

General Fund: Accounts payable warrant numbers 29683 through 29713 totaling \$33,293.88

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) warrant numbers 29714 through 29722 totaling \$105,828.94

There was a void of warrant number 29653 and a re-issue with warrant number 29654 for the amount of 4,665.00

Lisa Young moved to accept the consent agenda, Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

**Unfinished Business**

- Transportation Update

Mr. Dennison gave a statement regarding where Skamania School stands with transportation needs and what next year may look like.

- Board/Staff Session- May 24th

The Board/Staff Session is scheduled for May 24th beginning at 1pm. Mr. Dennison shared that he will be in attendance at the Board/Staff Session on the 24th. Mr. Dennison asked the board if they would like to submit questions, in preparation for the upcoming session with staff. Board members agreed that they would like to send questions to either Mr. Dennison or Mrs. Chavarria before the session date. Chairman Angus Anderson stated that there has been a change with staffing over the last year, and he would like to be able to get to know all the staff members.

- School Calendar Correction and Adoption

In the April board meeting the calendar was adopted. However, even though there were 180 days counted. Dates were adjusted to prepare for snow makeup days. The presentation of a revised calendar was shared with the Board which reflected the adjusted days for professional development and snow makeup days.

Lisa Young moved to approve the 2023-2024 Skamania School District calendar as amended. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

- Budget Staffing Update

Staffing projections for Skamania School District will include 5- classroom teachers along with an additional .8 FTE that will cover PE, STEAM and the Family Liaison position.

Due to Mrs. Hodapp's retirement as a music teacher, posting has been listed and so far there are two possible candidates. Mrs. Chavarria and Mr. Dennison will be arranging Zoom interviews in the coming weeks.

Both Mr. Dennison and Mrs. Warren met with a possible maintenance contractor last week. The contractor will be only working 10 hours per week.

- Special Board Meeting

Mr. Dennison shared that he would like to have a Special Board meeting, due to not having all the information from the legislature regarding funding for the 23-24 school year. The date was chosen for May 31st at 6:30pm

- School Safety Update

Mr. Dennison shared that Mrs. Chavarria and Mrs. Warren joined him while they met with the Skamania County Sheriff to review the safety policies and procedures. In addition to this meeting Skamania School is working collectively with ESD 112 to pursue the COPS Grant which brings in the necessary funding to keep students safe. This funding could be used to purchase cameras for inside and outside the school building.

- Summer Board Meeting Schedule

Summer Board meeting schedule: June 26th, July 17th, August 21st

Mr. Dennison asked the Board Members to check their calendars in case of conflicts over the summer months. The Board will address any conflicts at the Special Board meeting.

### **Reports**

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Mr. Dennison shared that the new track is open and students have shown excitement.

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

Mrs. Chavarria shared with the board that state testing is well underway and the preliminary scores look promising. Mrs. Chavarria also shared that Skamania School District has purchased the Positive Action Curriculum which is covered through grant funds. It was suggested that the board adopt the new curriculum in the near future. Mrs. Chavarria also spoke about a math curriculum that the teachers have been using which is called Illustrative Mathematics. The curriculum from Illustrative Mathematics is free. However, there is an option to purchase additional items such as workbooks, and digital forms. Mrs. Chavarria is working with a representative from Illustrative to see what projected costs may be.

- Budget status report- Chairman Angus Anderson

Chairman Angus Anderson shared the budget status report with the board. Skamania School District is still on track to have a positive ending fund balance.

**Comments from Skamania Board of Directors**

Chairman Angus Anderson reminded board members of training on Wednesday May 17th starting at 6pm which will be held at Zellerbach within the Dennison conference room.

Lisa Young stated that the new track looks amazing. Mrs. Young also noted that the surrounding neighbors were impressed with the work that was conducted. Mrs. Young shared that she enjoyed the Spring concert, and would like to thank all that attend the event.

Chairman Angus Anderson added that he enjoyed the music that was played at the Skamania School Spring concert.

Board member Donald Collins shared that he appreciates the normalcy returning post COVID.

**Upcoming Dates**

Upcoming TK/K Visits- May 16th and 18th

Color Run- May 26th

Memorial Day- May 29th

Regular Board Meeting- June 26th

**Adjournment**

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm and Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at : 8:00 pm

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Board Chair, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary, \_\_\_\_\_