

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

**Minutes**

**August 21, 2023**

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Mrs. London's Room**

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

Staff: Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren, Heather Whitman

Visitors; Michelle Miller, and Amanda Nguyen

**Call to Order**

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

**Flag Salute**

**Changes to the agenda**

Mr. Dennison has requested that there be a 15 minute executive session.

**Public Comment**

There were two community members present. However there was no public comment.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the July 17th Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

General Fund: Accounts payable warrant numbers 29780 through 29800 totaling \$18,326.67

The largest amount was for Kendall Hunt Publishing for the new math curriculum.

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) warrant numbers 29801 through 29810 totaling \$99,553.58

**Unfinished Business**

- 2023-2024 School Start- Up
  - Enrollment Report

Mr. Dennison shared that there will be a higher number of students than projected. Class sizes will be slightly higher and may have to consider rejecting boundary exceptions. There has been news that a new family will be moving into the district later this fall. Mrs. Chavarria stated that historically that class sizes are considered full at 20 students. Mrs. Dominik Medlin asked, "Will

there be a need to hire another teacher?" It was stated that there are not quite enough students to warrant another full teaching position.

- Transportation Update

There will be two bus drivers to start the school year at Skamania! Mary Nolan has asked to drive for the beginning of the 23-24 school year until the driver in training can finish. The electric bus is expected to arrive around the end of August.

- Classroom Move Update

Mrs. Caccavo, Skamania's new music teacher, had asked to be moved into the right side portable that has been freshly painted. The library has moved into the old music room. Mrs. Young stated that the old music room needs to be cleaned. Mrs. Miller's room has been found to have mice. Mr. Dennison shared that they are already on top of the problem and maintenance is figuring out a solution. Mrs. Young asked what that timeframe would be to get the library and sensory space in order? There was not a timeframe given items still needed to be moved from classrooms.

- HVAC Report

ESD 112 Lead HVAC technician has been in contact with Mrs. Warren. The HVAC technician will be back out again on the 24th to take measurements when the temperature is higher.

- Security Cameras and Key Fob Installation

Security cameras have been installed, Mrs. Warren has been monitoring the cameras to make sure the angles are substantial. The technician will be back out later in the week to clean the camera lenses and to show Mrs. Warren how to add additional users to the security system.

Mrs. Warren is still waiting to hear when the key fob installation will be. At the moment parts will need to be ordered. There will be an update once more information is made available.

- Back to School Events

There will be a back to school breakfast on the 30th, and then a back to school BBQ on the 5th of September.

- After School Program - Katie Chavarria

Mrs. Chavarria shared that there are at least six students interested in the after school program. There was an email sent out August 21st to see what the interest may be with families. Once there is an estimated number of how many families are interested Mrs. Chavarria stated that there is a movement based curriculum she has been looking to that may be beneficial in the after school program.

- Safety Program Updates

Mrs. Young stated her concern regarding windows and how to better cover them. Mr. Dennison shared that Mrs. Warren had brought up an idea of a mirror tint to cover the windows and that they would be looking into the cost. Mr. Dennison also shared that he will have maintenance take a look at the blinds to make sure they properly align.

### **New Business**

- State Funded Free Lunch Program- Amber Warren

Mrs. Warren shared that Skamania School has been approved for free breakfast and lunch meals for all students. However, it is still important that all families fill out the forms that students bring home, so that the school may maintain the funding.

- Personnel- Contract for Amanda Nguyen, Bus Driver Position

Donald Collins moved to approve the employment contract for Amanda Nguyen as written Lisa Young seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- Public Access to Skamania Board Meetings

Mrs. Young and Mr. Dennison asked how difficult it would be to have the board meetings hosted on zoom as well? It was stated that having a zoom link setup is not difficult, it is making sure sound quality is adequate is the only difficulty. Mrs. Young stated that Fire District 4 may have some pointers on how to get things set up properly. Skamania School will be working on getting the board meeting hosted on Zoom as well as in person in the very near future.

### **Reports**

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Mr. Dennison shared that last year the Board provided lunch for all the staff the day before school started and wanted to know if they wanted to do that again? The Board agreed that they would like to do that again.

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

Mrs. Chavarria shared that there will be a Welcome Back staff meeting on Monday the 28th This will include professional development with Anne Gallagher from OSPI who will go over Illustrative Mathematics with teachers and Paraeducators.

- Budget status report- Chairman Angus Anderson

Chairman Angus Anderson shared that the ending funding balance is higher than projected and finances look just fine.

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

Chairman Angus Anderson shared that an email link from WASDA was sent out with training information. Two equity trainings are due by September.

Chairman Anderson shared that it was stated in the minutes at the July board meeting the board would look at the salary schedule at the current meeting. Chairman Anderson stated that it will happen at the September meeting.

Mrs. Dominik-Medlin stated that before the back to school BBQ she would like to put up yellow jacket traps. Mrs. Dominik-Medlin is also seriously concerned about the high suicide rates in Skamania county and how to help with mental health supports.

Mrs. Young shared that there are supports through Crisis Management

### **Upcoming Dates**

First Day of School August 30, 2023

First Day of School Breakfast

Back to School BBQ September 5, 2023

Regular Board Meeting- September 18, 2023

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

- Personnel

Chairman Anderson announced that the board would need to go into executive session to review qualifications of an employee for public employment. The Board requested 10 minutes in executive session.

Executive session began : 7:22pm

Executive ended and open session began at 7:32pm

Cynthia Dominik Medlin moved to wave Policy 5251 Conflict of Interest to allow Raymond Chavarria to continue to teach for 2023-2024 school year. Lisa Young Seconded the motion. There was board member discussion;

discussion: Mr. Collins asked if this adjusted the way that Mrs. Chavarria evaluated or Mr. Chavarria taught. Mrs. Chavarria assured him that nothing had changed.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm, Lisa Young seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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