

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

Minutes

September 18, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Mrs. London's Room

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

Staff: Amber Warren and Heather Whitman

Visitors; Amanda Nguyen and Timothy Young via Zoom

Call to Order

Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

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Changes to the agenda

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the August 21st Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

General Fund: Accounts payable warrant numbers 29811 through 29838 totaling \$34,181.85

The largest amounts were for ESD 112, Risk Co-op, and ICIC Technology for camera installation.

TVF (Transportation Vehicle Fund) Check Number 23 totaling \$16,155.00 which was for the installation of the EV charger which will be used for the electric bus.

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) warrant numbers 29839 through 29848 totaling \$111,829.51

Lisa Young requested a correction on the minutes from the August 21st board meeting. Stating that it was Cynthia Dominik Medlin that asked "Will there be a need to hire another teacher?". The correction was noted.

Donald Collins moved to approve the consent agenda with the correction noted to the August 21st minutes Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Skamania School District Board Meeting Dates

The Skamania School Board reviewed the dates for the 2022-2023 school year Board Meetings with the following dates

- October 16th
- November 20th
- December 18th
- January 22nd
- February 26th
- March 18th
- April 15th
- May 20th
- June 17th
- July 15th
- August 19th

Lisa Young moved to approve the Skamania School Board Meeting dates as presented Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Transportation Update

Mr. Dennison shared that the EV bus should be at Skamania by the end of September and hopefully a tour can be given at the next Board meeting.

Earlier last week the newer Bluebird bus broke down and SCSD let us borrow a bus while White Salmon SD repaired our bus. There was only a minor disturbance one morning and by the afternoon both routes were available for students. White Salmon was able to fix the Bluebird bus and have it back on the road within 48 hours. Skamania School District appreciates the help from the Stevenson Carson school district for letting them borrow the bus to transport students during the time the Bluebird was being repaired.

Mr. Dennison also shared that he wanted to make the Board aware that there was an incident on the bus Monday afternoon. Monday afternoon when Ms. Amanda was returning from her highschool route driving west a semi truck driving eastbound came into the westbound lane which caused her to go off into the shoulder and “ding” the mirror of the bus. Ms. Amanda immediately radioed the local sheriff's department, and it was continuously radio silent. Once contact was made with the sheriff's office Ms. Amanda was told that it wasn't their department and that she would have to contact Washington State Patrol. Once Ms. Amanda contacted the State Patrol, she gave a description of the semi truck and they said they would be in touch to get more details. There were no injuries and parents were called to be made aware of the situation. Mr. Dennison contacted the sheriff by email to see how this could have been handled differently.

- Maintenance Update

Mr. Dennison shared that Matt has been working on several of the maintenance projects around the building, one of which includes removing the roofing material off the portable walkways. Matt suggested that we use paint grit on the pathways rather than the roofing material. The other projects that need to be accomplished are painting the library, dehumidifiers in the library, and getting the van up and running that is in the garage. Matt states that it looks like it could be in good shape. Brakes need to be done. If the van is usable there is a chance Mt. Pleasant would like to use it to transport students for after school activities. Safety requirements will need to be assessed by the state patrol. A question was asked on who will pay the insurance if rented. It was addressed with whomever owns the vehicle, will pay the insurance.

- Public Access to Skamania Board Meetings

Skamania School District is going to be hosting board meetings via zoom as well as in person to provide equitable access for all members of the community.

- Classified Salary Comparison Rates

Mr. Dennison shared that he is still reviewing the salaries of the other smaller districts in the area. It is hard to compare the salaries and jobs at each district due to responsibilities, student ratio and staffing. Mr. Dennison shared that he just received the most recent numbers this week regarding salaries from Mt. Pleasant and SCSD. Stevenson Carson SD reduced the bulk of their office staff. They are compensating their remaining office staff who are left due to adjustment in duties.

Mr. Dennison did share that our kitchen manager salary is comparable with other districts at the top pay scale. The Board asked if they will be looking at all classified salaries at the next board meeting? Mr. Dennison shared that they can discuss again at the October meeting.

If a decision is made regarding salaries at the October meeting the salaries will be voted on to be retroactive.

New Business

- Fall Newsletter

The Board was asked if they had ideas for the Fall Newsletter. Chairman Anderson stated that he would like a feature about the EV bus. Another feature could be high enrollment.

- Small Schools Conference

- Program Ideas

Mr. Dennison shared that the Small Schools Conference will be held in Wenatchee, WA March 20th-21st. It was stated that small schools need more representation, because the smaller school districts outnumber the larger districts in the state

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

The Superintendent's report included an update on the HVAC system. An expert from ESD 112 (Steve) came out to check on the system several times over the last couple of weeks. Steve has stated that the unit above the main office is not functioning properly. Steven would like to have the installer and Johnson Barrow come out at the same time. He does believe Skamania has a warranty claim. The ESD representative would also like to get in touch with Johnson Barrow and Lenox.

Mrs. Young stated that this process is taking too long.

Key fobs will be installed on the parking lot doors, main doors, and doors going out to the playground. The estimated cost is just under ten thousand dollars. It was addressed that the music room, library, STEAM, and sensory room will all have the proper lockdown capabilities.

Cameras have been installed in the building and have been nice to get used too.

Mr. Dennison also shared that there will be guidelines for when volunteers use the kitchen so there is a better understanding of clean up.

Mt. Pleasant has asked if Skamania does get the van up and running if they may use it for their after school students. Along with a possibility of rejoining the lunch program. The superintendent at Mt. Pleasant will poll parents to see how parents would be interested in receiving meals at the school.

Mr. Dennison asked if the board would like to set a date for a workshop? The board agreed to October 4th from 5pm-7pm

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

There was no instructional report given at this meeting

- 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

Lisa Young shared that she had fun at the back to school BBQ.

Chairman Angus Anderson shared that the garage sale was slow but steady.

Board members asked when the Parent/Teacher conferences will be held. Mrs. Warren shared that they will be held October 30th through November 3rd.

Upcoming Dates

October Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Scheduled Board Workshop October 4, 2023 5-7pm

Adjournment

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Lisa Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47pm

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____