

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

Minutes

December 18, 2023

6:30pm-8:30pm

Mrs. London's Room

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID

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

Staff: Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren and Heather Whitman

Public Attendees Via Zoom:

Guest(no name was given)

Call to Order

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

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Changes to the agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

Public Comment

There was no public comment made

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the November 20th Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

General Fund: Accounts payable check numbers 29932 through 29957 totaling \$27,302.10

The largest amount was a payment to Stevenson Carson School District for non- high school students which was an amount just over \$5,000.00

There are also two voids. The first void is in the amount of \$3,401.63 and has been re-issued in the amount \$916.83 the reissued check # 29958 these payments are made to the installers for

the additional cameras at Skamania School. The second voided check was in the amount of \$60.00 for an inservice bus makeup date.

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) check numbers 29959 through 29968 totaling \$111,081.03 Lisa Young moved to approve the November 20th minutes and Bills and Payroll Donald Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Organization of the Skamania School Board

Chairman Angus Anderson shared that the new positions that the board members elect will not take effect until after the New Year.

- Oath of Office - Newly Elected Board Member

The Oath of Office was taken by Donald Collins, Rowdy (Martin) LaFevers, Lisa Young, and Cynthia Dominik Medlin. All of the board members who took the oath of office signed the required documentation to be sent to the county.

A question arose due to the timing of taking the oath of office. It was shared that board members may take the oath of office at the last scheduled calendar meeting of the year and still be compliant.

- Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Lisa Young nominated Donald Collins as board chair. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Donald Collins accepted the nomination for board chair.

Donald Collins nominated Lisa Young as Vice Chair, and Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Election of WASDA Legislative Representative

Donald Collins nominated Lisa Young as WASDA Legislative Representative, and Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Certificated and Classified Salary Study- Board Workshop

Mr. Dennison confirmed that all board members would still be able to attend the January 10th board workshop. All board members agreed that they would be in attendance for the salary study workshop. Mr. Dennison asked that Board members consider the cost increase of the insurance premiums while looking at raises for certificated and classified staff members.

- Bus Update and Recommended Next Steps

Mr. Dennison shared that he had outlined options for the bus in his board notes. White Salmon has shared that the cost to fix bus #3 will be \$4,700 and that it can't guarantee any underlying problems. The other option is to purchase bus #10 from White Salmon, which was driven all last year by one of Skamania's bus drivers without mechanical issues. Bus #10 would be a backup bus since Skamania School has been using the electric school bus for both morning and afternoon runs.

Donald Collins moved to begin the process of purchasing bus #10 from White Salmon Valley School District with the contingency that bus #10 passes. WSP inspection Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Calendar Adjustment - Inclement Weather Make-Up Date

Mr. Dennison shared that February 16th will be the inclement weather makeup date. A notice will be sent out to families once staff and students return from winter break.

- Walmart Acceptance of Local Community Grant Donation

Walmart kindly provided financial support to families at Skamania School. Mr. Dennison disclosed that the board must approve grants exceeding \$500.

Lisa Young moved to approve the Walmart community grant to benefit the families in the community. Donald Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement- Camas School District- Bus Maintenance

Mr. Dennison shared that the intent for Skamania School District is to transition to Camas bus maintenance. This is due to lower costs and a closer location for maintenance needs. There is no current interlocal agreement with White Salmon. Skamania will not be contracted for a certain amount of maintenance. Questions regarding whether this agreement will be informal or formal were raised. It was read that Camas asks for 60 days' written notice of intent to terminate the interlocal agreement. Mr. Dennison shared that Mt. Pleasant is very pleased with their bus maintenance through the Camas school district.

- Personnel

- Resignation of Amanda Nguyen, Bus Driver

Lisa Young moved to accept Amanda Nguyen's resignation. Donald Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Contract for James Winters, Bus Driver Position

Mr. Dennison spoke to the nature of interest Mr. Winters showed in the bus driving position for Skamania School. Mr. Winters has completed his in-class training and will begin his behind-the-wheel training this week. Skamania School is hopeful that he will be able to drive the second school week in January. Mr. Winters will spend the first week the school is back in session driving with our current driver, Mrs. Nolan, getting to know the bus routes.

Lisa Young moved to offer a contract to James Winters pending passing final exams. Rowdy LaFavers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Mr. Dennison shared that the holiday events are over. The holiday concert went well, and the Winter Wonderland was given rave reviews. Bus cameras are fully operational on both buses. There have been a couple of times where the footage has been pulled for student situations. As with many schools, there have been staff illnesses. Luckily, we have had substitutes, Rachel Hastings for both certificated and classified, and Erin Knittle for classified. Mr. Dennison also spoke on the governor's budget, which covered paraeducator funding, IPD, and a recommended special education percentage increase.

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

A positive story about a student who had won "Principal for the day" was told by Mrs. Chavarria, along with suggestions for how to change and maintain the school. The dates for Camp Invention are June 24–28, according to Mrs. Chavarria, with additional details to come. Mrs. Chavarria currently has the Mt. Pleasant school district on board to attend Skamania for a week. Additionally, Mrs. Chavarria hopes to get in touch with the Stevenson-Carson and Washougal school districts. The ELA curriculum is currently being reviewed followed by science and social studies. Math teachers will receive training from Anne Gallagher. Additionally, Karen wants to contribute \$18,000 to the Skamania School's music program. Karen has requested a list of the instruments that Mrs. Caccavo would like to order for the Skamania School music program. Mrs. Caccavo will be requesting drum mats, reads, trombones, clarinets, and flutes at this time.

Board members made comments as to the nature of the music program this year and how well the students have been performing.

Mrs. Young shared concerns about the social studies curriculum and asked if the teachers are feeling supported.

Mrs. Chavarria shared that teachers are getting supplementation with the social studies curriculum.

- Budget status report- Chairman- Angus Anderson

Chairman Angus Anderson shared that Skamania School District is doing quite well. The Transportation fund has received a large sum of the depreciation amount.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Donald Collins thanked Angus Anderson for his years of service as Chairman of the Board. He would be more than content with Mr. Anderson staying on as chairman, but he understands why.

Cynthia Dominik Medlin thanked Chairman Anderson for his years of service to the board.

Regarding the mailer that was sent out, Lisa Young made a comment. Mrs. Young shared that it was well done and comprehensive. Very well received.

Executive Session (RCW42.30.110)

To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Executive session began 7:28pm

Chairman Anderson stated that 15 minutes would be needed in executive session

Executive session ended 7:42pm

Open session began again at 7:42pm

No action was taken due to executive session

Upcoming Dates

Winter Break December 18th-January 1st

Board Workshop January 10th 6pm

January Regular Board Meeting- January 22nd

Donald Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm Lisa Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:43pm

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____