

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

Minutes

May 20, 2024

6:30pm-8:30pm

Superintendent's Office

May Board Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024 · 6:30 – 8:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pkx-bmvc-pfh>

Or dial: (US) +1 530-675-6060 PIN: 413 465 658#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/pkx-bmvc-pfh>

Lisa Young, Donald Collins, Cynthia Dominik Medlin, Martin (Rowdy) LaFevers

Excused: Angus Anderson

Staff: Milt Dennison, Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren and Heather Whitman

Visitors: Michelle Miller, Monica Jenkins and Mark Jenkins

Call to Order

Donald Collins 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.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the April 15th Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman Collins requested that there be an amendment to the minutes regarding his attendance.

Mrs. Young moved to approve the amendment to the minutes. Mrs. Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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- Approval of bills and payroll

Accounts payable general fund check numbers 30100 through 30121 total \$27,345.61.

Void check #30116 due to misprint to Skamania PUD in the amount of \$2,725.02

Reissue check #30121 in the amount of \$2,725.02

Capital Projects Fund check numbers 223 for the electric griddle for the amount of \$6,327.00

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) Check numbers 30122 through 30131 totaling \$102,842.49

Mrs. Young moved to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Dominik Medlin second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Transportation Updates

Mr. Dennison revealed that he is actively seeking to hire bus drivers whenever possible. There was one possible bus driver, but the interview had to be rescheduled because of scheduling conflicts. After driving the bus that was up for sale in the Klickitat School District, Skamania's current bus driver left feeling rather impressed. The bus is the same size as Skamania #7 diesel bus, seating 54 passengers. The diesel tank needed to be serviced because of a maintenance issue. Water had accumulated and been mixed in with the fuel. Now that the repair has been completed, everything is working.

Update on EV buses: Skamania was able to get a price for a smaller EV type C bus after speaking with the Department of Ecology. The grant language was recently received, and more information will be released after it has been reviewed.

- HVAC System Update- Tim Young

Filters:

All the filters have been replaced.

RTU-6 Repairs:

Fuses have been replaced and electrical connections tightened

RTU-8 Repairs:

Fuse blocks and fuses have been replaced as well as damaged wiring. Connections were tightened. Electrical failure likely due to loose wiring connections.

RTU-3&4:

New electrical disconnect doors need to be installed. Status of replacements.

RTU-5:

This unit serves Library 132 and has been displaying an alarm message related to the unit's

refrigerant circuit. This is determined by the Refrigerant System Module. It has been Recommended that Hunter - Davisson make a service call to repair RTU-5.

- Preventative HVAC Maintenance Contract - Approval

Mrs. Dominik Medlin moved to approve the Preventative HVAC Maintenance Contract proposal from Hunter Davisson for \$7,090.00. Chairman Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- May Budget Workshop

The board members were given the proposed agenda. Mr. Dennison announced that Mr. Hole, who works for ESD 112, will be attending the meeting to provide an update on the additional revenues and the budget. The ending fund balance is now anticipated to be \$420K. The board will be reviewing certificated salary expectations for the upcoming year during this workshop. Skamania abandoned the state-allocated model a few years ago. Mrs. Young asked where the state allocation model could be found.

After the board workshop, there will be a special emergency meeting. This will be done in order to learn about the scenarios and needs for education, as well as salary and innovative approaches to use the staff. It was said that every school district employs more staffing than the state provides funding for. The following school year, more recess time will be required. According to Mrs. Chavarria, the inclusion of STEAM has been a major selling factor for many families. Teachers can also benefit from prep time when they have STEAM, music, and PE classes. Additionally, a request to increase bus drivers' pay will be made. When enrollment reaches the mid 90's, the district might be eligible for an additional teacher. On Wednesday, there will be a staff meeting, Mr. Dennison announced.

New Business

- Policy 2421-Promotion/Retention/Acceleration- 2nd reading

Mrs. Young moved to approve Policy 2421 section 2000 Promotion/Retention/Acceleration. Mrs. Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Inclement Weather Waiver Request

Mrs. Dominik Medlin moved to approve the Inclement Weather Waiver Request. Chairman Collins seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

According to Mr. Dennison's estimate, the adjacent districts will have 15 new superintendents. A lot of superintendents are experiencing burnout. Eleven people have applied for the available

teaching position. Every applicant has teaching experience. In addition, Mr. Dennison revealed that he was there for the pre-wildfire workshop. Temperatures are expected to be higher this year, and the season may be more difficult. Skamania remains utilized for helicopter landings and evacuations. Enrollment is projected to be higher next school year.

11- Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten
14- 1st and 2nd
30- 3rd and 4th
15- 5th and 6th
18- 7th and 8th

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

The kindergarten recruitment process went well, and it appears that the numbers will resemble those of the current year. It was beneficial that the event was held on a Saturday so that family could visit and observe the classroom and speak with Mrs. Shumway.

Tuesday, May 22, is when state testing begins. State testing will take place over the course of five days. Staff are prepared and well-trained.

Science curriculum is still being reviewed; the three programs that are being looked at are Twig, Amplify and Foss.

Camp Invention has 31 students enrolled most kids are from Skamania. However, there are a few kids from outside the district coming in for the week-long camp.

- Budget status report- Chairman Donald Collins

Chairman Collins gave an update on the budget status report, showing that we are right on track.

Mrs. Young asked about the ASB funds and how they could be used. Mrs. Warren shared that those funds are for when the student council is active.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Mrs. Dominik Medlin shared that Tim Young has done an amazing job with the services that he has offered. Even though he offered his services a year ago. Mrs. Dominik Medlin also shared that Mr. and Mrs Young are amazing community people. She would like a formal resolution thanking Mr. Young for his dedication to the HVAC project. Chairman Collins agreed.

Mrs. Young said she thought Mrs. Caccavo had done a fantastic job organizing the spring concert. It was great that Karen Ditzler was acknowledged. The clarinet was played by Mrs. Chavarria. Mrs. Young received positive parent feedback. Mrs. Young went to the Chamber of Commerce meeting with Mr. Dennison. Head Start and childcare were discussed, as well as electric vehicles and buses.

Upcoming Dates

Color Run Fundraiser May 24th 1:00 pm

PTO Meeting June 4th 2:45 pm

Variety Show and Silent Auction June 7th 6:30 pm

Stevenson Pool Field Trip June 12th

All School OMSI Field Trip June 13th

Last day of School/All School Awards June 14th

Mrs. Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Mrs. Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____