

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

Minutes

July 15, 2024

6:30pm-8:30pm

Mrs. London's Classroom

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>

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

LaFevers

Staff: Milt Dennison, Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren

Call to Order

Donald Collins called the meeting to order at: 6:30 PM

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Changes to the agenda

No changes or additions were made.

Public Comment

No public in attendance to make a public comment.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the June 17th Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the June 26th Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

Accounts payable general fund check numbers 30167 through 30185 totaling \$34,439.31.

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) Check numbers 30186 through 30195 totaling \$101,497.22.

Angus Anderson made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Projected Enrollment and Class Size Updates
 - Milt Dennison gave a brief update of our projected enrollment for the 2024-25 School Year. We are up to 109, possibly 110 students. We have discussed capping the lower grades for choice transfers to keep the classroom sizes low. We may continue to accept choice students for the upper grades. If our projected enrollment in the 7th grade class continues for the 2025-26 School year, we will be looking at a larger 8th grade class of 14 students.
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- Policy 5251 - Conflict of Interest
 - Angus Anderson made a motion to approve Policy 5251 as written. Rowdy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Skamania Parent Teacher Organization Recognition
 - The board discussed how we can show our appreciation to the PTO for all of their hard work they have done for our school. Angus Anderson mentioned that it would be nice to recognize the outgoing PTO president as well as welcoming the incoming president. Katie Chavarria stated that we could possibly attend the PTO Potluck in August and show our appreciation at that time. The board agreed.
- August/September Workshop Dates & Agenda
 - Milt Dennison asked the board to consider scheduling a board workshop to review the board/superintendent working agreement, review progress on the 2023-24 goals, discuss 2024-25 goals and any other agenda items the board would like to discuss.
 - The board agreed to set a tentative date of September 10th at 6pm for a Board Workshop.

New Business

- Science Curriculum Adoption and Approval of Purchase
 - Katie Chavarria gave a review on the process of selecting the science curriculum. After the classroom teachers reviewed the samples that were given, they agreed that the TWIG curriculum will be the best choice for our district.
 - Lisa Young made a motion to approve the adoption of the Twig Curriculum. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Cynthia asked if the curriculum will need to be purchased each year. Katie Chavarria explained that this year we will purchase six of the nine grades and we will be able to purchase the curriculum for the remaining three grades for the 2025-26 school year.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report - Milt Dennison
 - Milt gave an update on staffing for the 2024-25 school year. With the increase in enrollment, we are looking to hire one more ParaEducator.
 - Milt Dennison updated the board on the Summer Maintenance list and stated that we have assigned a majority of the items to James and will have to hire out a few of the remaining items.
 - Amber Warren gave an update on the status of the HVAC system. Chris from Hunter-Davisson will be out to replace the fan motor on RTU-5 and we will continue to watch RTU-6. Tim Young will be on site to oversee the work.
 - Milt stated that he will be bringing three policies to the board for review in the August board meeting.
 - Cell Phone Policy
 - Parent/Guardian Classroom Visitation
 - Advance and Retaining Procedure
- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria
 - Katie gave a review on how well Camp Invention went. Students in attendance enjoyed the program and families have already asked if this will be an annual event.
 - Katie Chavarria stated that classroom teachers and paraeducators are taking a professional development class called Conscious Discipline and she is receiving feedback that they are enjoying it and look forward to implementing it in the new school year.
 - In an effort to be proactive, Katie has asked classroom teachers to let her know of any furniture needs that will be needed for the 2024-25 school year. With the increase in enrollment, we should have enough desks, but may need to purchase chairs. It is her hope that we can have everything that is needed before the start of the new school year.
- Budget Status Report - Chairman Donald Collins
 - Donald reported that the General Funds ending balance is \$392,834.82. Angus Anderson stated that we have only received about 40% of our expected revenues and we collected about 20% more tax revenue than we had expected. Donald also reported that our ending fund balance for Capital Projects is \$28,323.17 which is good because we don't have anything planned for the funds

as of right now. The balance for ASB funds is \$2,418.28. Milt Dennison mentioned that he has an idea of how that money can be spent once we get the ASB back on track. Katie Chavarria mentioned that Katy London would like to see the ASB return this school year. The ending fund balance for Transportation is \$108,469.63.

- Overall, we are looking good and with the increase of enrollment we will see more revenue. Angus Anderson added that our ending fund balance for general funds will increase because we haven't collected all of our projected revenues.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

- Lisa Young asked if the students will be participating in the Skamania County Fair in August. Amber Warren stated that the student's art will be on display and that Michelle Miller entered the art in the fair.

Upcoming Dates

August Regular Board Meeting August 19th

PTO Potluck August 23rd 5-7pm

First Day of School August 28th

Angus Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____