

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

October 15th, 2024

6:30pm-8:30pm

Mrs. London's Classroom

Google Meet joining info

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

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In attendance: Donald Collins, Cynthia Medlin, Martin (Rowdy) LaFevers, Milt Dennison

Excused: Angus Anderson

Staff: Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren

Call to Order

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

Flag Salute

Changes to the agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

Public Comment

No public in attendance to make a public comment

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the September 17th Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

Accounts payable general fund check numbers 30266 through 30286 total \$31,726.

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) Check numbers 30287 through 30296 totaling \$135,880.11.

Cynthia Dominik Medlin made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Lisa Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Maintenance Issues
 - Use of Capital Project funds

There is an extensive list of maintenance needs. Some of the maintenance issues have already been addressed. Issues include old light fixtures in the loft, siding on the portable that is

weathered and trim that should be fixed. Music room portable windows are single pane and should be replaced. The Capital Projects funds can be moved to be used to cover repairs such as a new roof for the portable.

- Portable Repairs

The main portable repair will be the roof replacement. Currently there is a patch put on the roof and it was holding up until recently. Previous quotes estimated the replacement roof to be around 20K. The board members agreed that quotes should be gathered now so that a decision can be made rather soon.

- Maintenance Projects List

There is a company called Highmark that may take on some of the maintenance needs from Skamania School. However, the work may not even begin until sometime in November due to the work demand in the area.

- Surplus Property

The storage area is completely full and includes items of value to be used, items to be surplus, and items to be disposed of. Once these items are categorized and the items to be surplus are identified they will be brought to the board for approval.

- 24-25 Board Goals

Lisa Young moved to approve the 24/25 board goals and action plans as amended. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

- Policies First Reading

- Policy 4130 Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement

Title 1 part A is essentially the same as the present policy with a change in verbage. The board members asked if it was lifted verbatim from the original policy? Mrs. Chavarria shared that there were a few adjustments made to make the policy align with what our small school needs and requires.

- Policy 4200 Safe and Orderly Learning Environment

Changes in the procedure could include a 48 hour notice shared by Lisa Young. What could and should constitute an emergency?

Staff will be available ½ hour before and after school shared by Rowdy LaFevers as a possible change to the policy wording that makes it a scheduled time rather than an open ended timeframe.

- Policy 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices

Lisa Young stated that she still believed the telecommunication devices ban should also be addressed on school buses. It was questioned if students who require special accommodations would still be able to use their gadgets. such as students who have 504s and IEPs. The other board members were informed by Chairman Donald Collins that a student's IEP or 504 will always take precedence over the policy because of the student's immediate requirements.

Chairman Collins also mentioned that many parents oppose letting students leave their devices at home, based on his own study and community surveys. Reaching their children is something that parents desire. The safety of schools has declined.

Chairman Collins asked the board if they needed more time to consider the information or if they were prepared to make a vote. The board members indicated that they would like to revisit policy 3245 in the November board meeting and that they would require more time for reflection about this policy.

- Meet the Board Options

After considering several options, the board concluded that meeting with community members one evening could be the best course of action, perhaps following a PTO meeting.

- Adult Meal Pricing

Skamania School's application for food services was recently accepted. However, due to federal guidelines there needs to be an increase in adult meal pricing. The suggested pricing has been rounded up to \$5 per adult meal. The board will need to approve this change before it can take effect.

Cynthia Dominik Medlin moved to approve the raise in adult meal prices to \$5.00. Lisa Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Personel
 - Approval of ParaEducator Contract

Sarah Reed has been assigned as a general education para educator in the TTK/Kindergarten classroom.

Lisa Young moved to approve the ParaEducator contract for Sarah Reed as written Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

The installation of the GaGa Ball Pit is complete. To make sure all of the observers understood the game's rules and regulations, a training session with ParaEducators was held on Wednesday, October 16.

In the spring, the Mount Pleasant School District might be interested in joining our food program. Before a meal program is added, a lot of logistics and questions need to be addressed.

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

The board has been informed by Mrs. Chavarria that plans are underway for the program review scheduled for November.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the week of October 28–November 1.

The ASB elections were held, and it appeared that students enjoyed the events. The students are thrilled about student government and fundraising opportunities, even though not all the details have been finalized.

- Budget status report- Chairman Donald Collins

Funds from capital projects will be utilized to pay for necessary repairs. A brand-new GaGa ball pit was acquired. The overall budget appears to be in order.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Cynthia Dominik Medlin shared that there is an article in the Columbian Newspaper regarding the OSPI election.

Lisa Young shared that she was excited to see the 3D printer. It's an exciting opportunity to have this type of equipment in a small school. Lisa also shared what legislative positions the WASDA Board will focus on.

Upcoming Dates

Fall Festival

- October 26th

Parent Teacher Conferences

- October 28th - November 1st

Veterans Day- No School

- November 11th

November Regular Board Meeting

- November 19th

Lisa Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____