

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

September 17, 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>

Lisa Young, Donald Collins and Cynthia Dominik Medlin

Via Video Call - Angus Anderson and Martin (Rowdy) LaFevers

Staff: Milt Dennison, Katie Chavarria, Amber Warren

Call to Order

Donald Collins called the meeting to order at 6:46pm - Delayed due to technical difficulties with members joining online.

Meeting was recorded as per RCW 42.30.035

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Changes to the agenda

There were no changes made to the agenda.

Public Comment

No public comment

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the August 19th Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

General Fund: Accounts payable warrant numbers 30224 through 30255 totaling \$64,301.25

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) warrant numbers 30256 through 30265 totaling \$140,382.97

Lisa Young moved to approve the August 19th minutes and bills and payroll with changes to include spelling edits to page three. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Feedback on Policies
 - Policy 4200 Safe and Orderly Learning Environment

Lisa Young did not care for the wording “observers are required to avoid interaction.” Donald Collins suggested “observers shall not interact.”

Lisa Young would also like “preserved” changed to “uninterrupted.”

- Policy 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices

Milt Dennison shared that given both of the policies impact families, he would like to give them the opportunity to provide feedback on the changes.

Lisa Young expressed concerns regarding students using phones on the bus and drivers being held responsible for driving, managing behavior and monitoring phone use.

Rowdy LaFevers expressed support for students using phones on buses to allow the driver to focus on driving rather than checking who may be using a phone.

- Enrollment Update and Implications
 - Milt Dennison gave an update on student enrollment and discussed possible implications if our student enrollment continues to increase.
 - Lisa Young was wondering about para support. Mrs. Chavarria explained that paras had been moved around to offer support in the areas of greatest need.
- Bus Driver Contract Approval
 - Cynthia Dominik Medlin moved to approve the contract as written. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
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- Transportation Update
 - Bus #3 decommission - Board Approved Recommendation
 - Milt Dennison shared Amber Warren’s memo in regards to options for disposing of the bus that has been out of service. One option that was recommended is to donate the bus to Fire District #5 for training purposes as it would be a cost-effective solution and provide valuable training equipment for them.

Lisa Young moved to approve the recommendation to donate Bus #3 to Fire District #5 for training purposes. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 2024-25 Board Goal - Adoption

Milt will be adding “Successful implementation of TWIG science curriculum” to the action plan initiative list.

- Board and Superintendent Working Agreement - Approval

Milt shared that based on the Board Workshop discussion, one change was made to the updated agreement and recommended the approval of the agreement.

Rowdy LaFevers moved to approve the agreement as written. Lisa Young seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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- “Meet the Board” Options

Donald Collins recommended that the board pick a date, possibly during conferences and maybe serve refreshments. Ask families what the board can do to help serve them better. Question is, where?

There was some discussion whether they hold it at the school or off campus, perhaps at the gazebo at the landing. It was decided to hold the event at the school. Milt Dennison said that we will look at possible options for dates and email with possibilities.

- Student Club Proposals

- Milt Dennison shared that we are looking at restarting an ASB (Associated Student Body) and asked Katie Chavarria to provide more information.
- Katie Chavarria shared that the district will be starting a student council with grades 5-8 and include other class representatives in the process so voices can be heard. She will be working on by-laws and budget eventually, but it will take some time.

Reports

- Superintendent’s Report- Milt Dennison

Milt Dennison shared an update with the HVAC system and maintenance. The HVAC system received the first preventative maintenance service with the new agreement with Hunter-Davisson. This will include the HVAC units in the portable classrooms. He will be meeting with the Vice President of the company to take a look at the portable units and see if we will need to add the additional venting system.

Milt Dennison stated that he is continuing to work on the website updates and district policies.

Milt shared OPSI Budget documents that he received during a recent Superintendent’s meeting with ESD 112.

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

According to Katie Chavarria, we have had a great start to the school year. Both former students and new students are meshing well. The new curriculum is kicking off and doing well. Of course, the teachers are a bit overwhelmed, but not abnormally so and things are smoothing out.

- Budget status report- Chairman Donald Collins

The budget is looking well overall.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Angus Anderson apologized for not being at the meeting in-person.

Rowdy LaFevers shared a photo with the winners of the Mariners game ticket winners from last school year's auction enjoying the game.

Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)

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

The board went into Executive Session at 8:02 pm and returned to the regular board meeting at 8:07 pm.

Upcoming Dates

Picture Day

- October 7th

October Board Meeting

- October 15th at 6:30 pm
 - Angus Anderson reminded the board that he will not be in attendance at this meeting.

Fall Festival

- October 26th

Rowdy LaFevers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____