

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

February 19, 2025

6:30pm-8:30pm

Mrs. London's Classroom

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <http://meet.google.com/vxj-vadj-rmw>

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In attendance:

Board Members: Donald Collins (Board Chair), Angus Anderson, Lisa Young, Martin "Rowdy" LaFevers, Cynthia Dominik Medlin

Staff: Milt Dennison - Superintendent, Amber Warren- Office Manager

Guests: Tim Young

Call to Order

Donald Collins called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

- Meeting was recorded as per RCW 42.30.035

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Changes to the agenda

Milt Dennison announced that Policy 3115 under New Business will be removed from the agenda, as OSPI has confirmed that the policy meets all requirements as written, given that we are a non-high district.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the January 22nd Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

Accounts payable general funds check numbers 30399 through 30417, totaling \$32,953.11

Payroll and benefits check numbers 30418 through 30427, totaling \$127,184.51

Angus Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Lisa Young seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Unfinished Business

- HVAC Update and Next Steps - Tim Young

Milt and Tim presented a proposal from Johnson Barrow to address the district's HVAC concerns and recommended that the board take action to approve the proposal as outlined.

Rowdy LaFevers made a motion to approve the proposal for \$5,008. Cynthia Dominik Medlin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Portable Roof Replacement Update

Milt shared information in regards to questions the Board had when they approved a proposal for the roof replacement during January's Board meeting in regards to the extended warranty and the type of asphalt shingles would be best for the district.

- Meet the Board Forum - Format Discussion

Milt confirmed that the 'Meet the Board' Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, following the PTO meeting. He also shared the format proposed by the PTO. The Board agreed to the suggested format, with each member taking 2-3 minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they chose to serve on the School Board. Following the introductions, the Board will address any questions from the public

- Transportation Update

Milt provided an update regarding our transportation challenges. He mentioned that we have an interview scheduled for this week, but even if it goes well, it will take time to train the candidate, meaning it could be a couple of months before they are ready to drive. He also noted that we currently transport about 18 students to Stevenson in the afternoons, and we may reach out to the Stevenson-Carson School District to explore transportation options.

Rowdy made a motion to increase the starting hourly wage to \$30 in an effort to attract more applicants. Lisa seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with no further discussion.

New Business

- Contract Approval
 - Rachel Hastings

Angus made a motion to approve the contract as written. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Resignation from the Board
 - Angus Anderson

Angus made a motion to accept his letter of resignation effective at the end of the school year. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Budget Development Timelines

Milt stated that the district is awaiting some funding to be finalized. Once received, we can begin planning the budget for the 2025-26 school year.

~~Policy 3115 - Students Experiencing Homelessness Enrollment Rights and Services~~
Removed from agenda

- Immunization Update

Milt and Amber shared an update on the district's immunization status. When the district submitted the compliance report in December, we were 100% in compliance. All students are either fully vaccinated, have submitted an exception, or in conditional status while catching up on required vaccines.

- Retirement Request
 - Milt Dennison - Superintendent

Cynthia made a motion to accept Milt's retirement request effective June 30, 2025. Angus seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Milt shared that we survived the winter weather storm. We had to have our first snow day on Thursday, February 13th. The district will make that day up on March 14th.

The Dr. Seuss breakfast on February 28th. It will look a bit different because of the shortage on eggs. Students will have the option of having a cinnamon roll with green frosting for breakfast. Teachers or volunteers will read to students in their classrooms.

There is not much going on regarding Federal Action. Will share an update after the conference next week.

Milt also shared the instructional report from Katie Chavarria.

Program Review - Milt, Amber and Katie met with the OSPI program review team last Wednesday. After a few minor adjustments the program review will be finalized. The team commended us for addressing so many areas in the first round.

Winter Diagnostics - Winter diagnostics testing is now complete, and we'll be meeting with teachers this week to analyze the data and adjust our spring intervention groups accordingly.

- Budget status report- Chairman Donald Collins

Donald Collins provided an update on our budget status, and overall, things are looking positive. We are expecting a couple of funds to come through, which will place us in a strong position moving forward.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Rowdy asked about the status of our choice students that was discussed during last month's meeting. Milt let him know that everything has worked out.

Lisa shared that she is not thrilled with Angus and Milt leaving the district, but we know change can be good. We wish them the best of luck!

Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)

- Performance Review of an Employee

The board went into executive session at 7:49 pm and returned at 8:09pm. No action was needed following the session.

Upcoming Dates

Dr. Seuss Breakfast

- February 28, 2025

Meet the Board

- March 11, 2025

Snow Make-up Day

- March 14, 2025

Regular Board Meeting

- March 19, 2025

Adjournment

Angus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm. Donald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____