

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

**January 22, 2025**

**6:30pm-8:30pm**

**Superintendent's Office**

**Google Meet joining info**

**Video call link: <http://meet.google.com/afz-jbee-fre>**

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**In attendance:**

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

**Staff:** Milt Dennison - Superintendent (virtual), Katie Chavarria - Principal, Amber Warren- Office Manager

Guests: Montse Chang and Michelle Miller arrived at 7:15

**Call to Order**

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

Meeting was recorded as per RCW 42.30.035

Donald Collins noted Cynthia Dominik-Medlin was not in attendance and had an excused absence. He also noted that Milt Dennison is attending virtually.

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**Changes to the agenda**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**Public Comment**

There were no public in attendance at the time.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the December 18th Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of bills and payroll

Accounts payable general fund check numbers 30370 through 30388, totaling \$44,089.32

Capital Projects check number 225 in the amount of \$3,069.45

Payroll and benefits (Payroll A/P) Check numbers 30389 through 30398, totaling \$138,068.64

Angus Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rowdy LaFevers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Review and Acceptance of Portable Roof Quotes

After a brief discussion, Lisa Young moved to approve the proposal for Gregg Roofing to replace the roof to the portable using asphalt shingles vs. metal. Angus seconded the motion with a note for the district to consult with the maintenance person and the contractor regarding the different options for shingles.

- Transportation Update

Milt Dennison and Amber Warren gave an update in regards to a temporary solution to the district's bus driver shortage. Amber shared that OSPI accepted our request for a temporary authorization for one of our classroom teachers to assist with our afternoon route as she has a Washington CDL with school bus endorsements.

## **New Business**

- Skamania School ASB Constitution

Katie Chavarria gave an update and presented the ASB constitution. Rowdy made a motion to approve the constitution as written. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Resignation of an employee
  - Kim Cunningham

Angus made a motion to accept the resignation. Donald Collins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Middle School Teacher Recruitment Update

Milt gave a brief update on the recruitment status. Out of nine applicants, we have it narrowed down to three. Interviews have been conducted this week and we hope to have a decision made by next week.

- Policy Review and Discussion
  - 3226 and 3226P

Milt presented the policy and procedure for Interviews and Interrogations of students on school premises for review in preparation of the latest federal decision regarding ICE and immigration status.

Lisa had some questions with a couple of items written in the policy and requested the subject be added to a later board meeting to review, discuss and possibly make some edits to the policy and procedure.

## Reports

- Superintendent's Report - Milt Dennison

- Maintenance update

Milt shared the progress of the maintenance list and stated that he is very impressed with our maintenance person and how is working through the task list quickly as well as keeping up with requests as they come in. Lisa agreed.

Milt also shared a brief summary of a choice transfer issue we have run into with a family that resides in Oregon. The district is waiting for a few clarifications from OSPI and the fiscal team and will update the board once we have more information.

- Instructional Program Report - Katie Chavarria

Katie provided an update and shared a newspaper article highlighting the recognition award the district recently received. She also informed us that students are currently completing their mid-year diagnostic testing, and the results will be reviewed to determine if any adjustments to interventions are necessary based on the outcomes. Additionally, Katie mentioned that Chromebooks have been ordered using funds from the recent technology grant awarded to the district. The district is also exploring options for a new social studies curriculum. This month, Katie focused on providing an update for the 1st and 2nd grade classes. She highlighted the excellent work Ms. Camille is doing with the class and expressed her admiration for the progress the students have made.

- Budget status report- Chairman Donald Collins

Donald provided an update on the district's budget status. The General Fund has an ending balance of \$259,986.50, slightly below the budgeted amount of \$262,578. Angus mentioned that we are expecting additional funds in February, so the budget remains in good shape. The Capital Projects account has an ending balance of \$22,781.75, with a budgeted amount of \$0.00. These funds will be used for the roof replacement. The Associated Student Body (ASB) account has an ending balance of \$2,523.86, which is slightly higher than the projected balance of \$2,440. Donald noted that the GaGa Ball pit purchased earlier in the school year will be paid for from this account in the coming months. The Transportation Funds have a balance of \$138,550.03. Overall, the district is in a solid financial position.

## Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Donald invited Montse to make her announcement. Montse shared that January is Board Member Appreciation Month and, on behalf of the PTO, she would like to present thank-you cards and treats to the Board members in recognition of their contributions to the school. Milt took the opportunity to suggest setting a new date for the "Meet the Board" session, as the original date no longer works for some members. After a brief discussion, the Board and PTO agreed on March 11th. Angus also announced that he will not be seeking re-election for another term as Board Director when his current term ends at the end of the year. He

encouraged the district and Board to begin the process of recruiting a new director to fill his position. Lastly, Lisa commended the excellent work on the newspaper article shared by Katie Chavarria.

**Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)**

- The Board went into executive session to discuss the performance review of an employee at 7:45pm and ended it at 7:59pm.

*No motion was made following the executive session.*

**Upcoming Dates**

Snow Make - up Day (if needed)

- February 14, 2025

February Regular Board Meeting

- February 19, 2025

**Adjournment**

Lisa Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Angus seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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