

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

March 20, 2025

5:30pm - 6:30pm ~ Executive Session

Dr. Dennison's Office

6:30pm - 8:30pm ~ Regular Session

Mrs. London's Classroom

Google Meet joining info

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

In attendance:

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

Staff: Milt Dennison - Superintendent, Katie Chavarria - Principal, Amber Warren- Office Manager

Guests: Montse Chang, Michelle Miller, Liz LaFevers (online)

Call to Order - Executive Session

- Performance Review of an Employee

Donald Collins called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

The Board went into executive session at 5:32pm

Adjournment

Angus Anderson made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:29pm Lisa Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order - Regular Session

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

No changes were made to the agenda.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

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

Amber Warren informed the board that a check will be issued from the Capital Projects funds for the deposit on the roof replacement of one of the district's portable classrooms. The board confirmed that they had already approved the cost during a previous meeting.

Accounts payable general funds check numbers 30428 through 30451, totaling \$23,279.90

Payroll and benefits check numbers 30452 through 30461, totaling \$120,069.76

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

Unfinished Business

- Transportation Update

Milt Dennison provided a brief update on our transportation situation. One of our teachers has graciously stepped in to assist with one of the afternoon bus routes on a temporary basis. While we had hoped to have another staff member ready to take over for the remainder of the school year, there has been a slight delay. Additionally, Milt mentioned that we recently interviewed an applicant who will be relocating to the area over the summer, and so far the references have been positive.

- "Meet the Board" Debrief

Montse Chang shared that families are pleased with how approachable the Board Members are. Liz LaFevers agreed and proposed the idea of setting up a drop box for families to submit questions or suggestions throughout the school year. Donald expressed interest in making the "Meet the Board" event an annual occurrence. Michelle suggested that the district assist with covering the costs, rather than the PTO being solely responsible for the entire expense. Donald and Lisa said they would consider the proposal, but would need a detailed breakdown of the expenses before making a decision.

- Policy 4310 - District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other Governmental Agencies
 - First Reading

Lisa made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 4310. Angus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Superintendent Hiring Update
 - Special Board Executive Session
 - March 26th

Executive Session will be at 4pm on March 26th in the Superintendent's office. Regular Board Meeting will follow.

New Business

- 2025-26 School Calendar

Rowdy made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Calendar. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Enrollment Report
 - Impact on 2025-26 Classrooms

Milt and Katie presented a slideshow outlining the enrollment projections for the 2025-26 school year and discussed the potential impact on classroom dynamics due to the increased enrollment. Donald inquired whether there would be a cap on student enrollment for each class. If not, he expressed his desire to see a classroom size cap implemented.

- Personnel
 - Resignation - Lori Caccavo

Cynthia moved to accept Lori's resignation. Rowdy seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Milt provided an update on the State and Federal Funds, noting that there isn't much new information at the moment, but he will share more details as they become available. He also mentioned that, due to the increased enrollment, we can expect additional funding for the 2025-26 school year. Regarding safety procedures, Milt reported that the recent lockdown drill went smoothly overall, though a few issues with the intercom system will need to be addressed. Lastly, he confirmed that the roof replacement for the portable classroom is scheduled to begin during Spring Break.

- Instructional Report - Katie Chavarria

Katie presented the March Instructional Update, highlighting several key areas of progress. The Program Review was completed ahead of schedule with a perfect score, showcasing the district's efficiency. Spring conferences are next week, offering families an opportunity to receive updates on their child's progress. In terms of the Social Studies curriculum, testing is ongoing to find a suitable option, but a final decision may not be reached before the end of the year. Additionally, Camp Invention will not be held this year due to resource constraints.

The first round of after-school clubs was successful, and the next round will begin after spring break with new activities. To enhance student online safety and engagement, the district is implementing GoGuardian, a platform to monitor student activity. In the 5/6 grade classes, students are studying space exploration and ecosystems while working on improving their paragraph writing skills.

- Budget status report- Chairman Donald Collins

Donald presented the budget report, starting with the General Funds, where we were budgeted to have a fund balance of \$262,578, but the actual balance stands at \$272,353.22. For Capital Projects, we were budgeted for \$28,350, and the current balance is \$23,261. The ASB began with a balance of \$2,420, and it has grown to \$2,523.86. Donald raised a question about why the \$2,400 expense for the Gaga Ball Court hasn't yet been deducted. Amber explained that this will be addressed when the budget is updated in April. Finally, for Transportation, we were budgeted for \$135,788, and the actual balance is \$138,550.03, showing a positive outcome.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

No comments were made.

Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)

No executive session was held.

Upcoming Dates

- PTO - Skate Night
 - March 21, 2025
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - March 24-28, 2025
- Spring Break
 - March 31st-April 4th
- Regular Board Meeting
 - April 16, 2025

Adjournment

Rowdy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Angus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____