

Skamania School District #2

Special Board Meeting

Minutes

June 17, 2025

6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m

Superintendent's Office

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

In attendance:

Board Members: Donald Collins (Board Chair), Lisa Young, Cynthia Dominik Medlin

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

Guest: Jeremy Silver

Call to Order - Regular Session

Donald Collins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 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.

New Business

- Board Replacement Applicant Interview

Donald Collins reported that the district received one application for the vacant board director position. The board conducted the interview during an open session. Donald began by asking the applicant, Jeremy, a few questions, after which Jeremy shared his background and explained why he believed he would be a strong candidate. The board then posed additional questions before proceeding to consider a motion.

Cynthia made a motion to appoint Jeremy Silver to fill the Board Director number one vacancy. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Salary Schedules for the 2025-26 School Year

Katie Chavarria presented data on classified salaries and provided an explanation of the materials included in the review packets. These packets outlined the process she used to compile and analyze the data. Donald requested that figures showing the impact of a 5% salary increase be prepared for the June 18th board meeting. Milt shared data comparing certificated staff salaries and offered a recommendation. His packet included base salaries as well as figures for base salary plus TRI days and supplemental days. He also provided a document illustrating the percentage by which the district's salary schedule has fallen behind. While the state is funding a 2.5% increase for state-funded positions, it is recommended that the board approve an additional 5%, for a total increase of 7.5% for certificated staff, in order to remain competitive with neighboring districts.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Donald expressed that he is pleased to welcome Jeremy to the board. Milt shared that the main topics for discussion at the June 18th meeting will be the HVAC issues and salaries for the 2025–26 school year. He also asked board members for ideas on how to honor Angus Anderson. Suggestions included creating a commemorative plaque, placing a bench in front of the school, and possibly planting a tree in his memory.

Adjournment

Cynthia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____