

Skamania School District #2
Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Minutes

June 18, 2025

6:30 p.m - 8:30 p.m

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), Cynthia Dominik Medlin, Lisa Young, Jeremy Silver

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

Call to Order - Regular Session

Donald Collins called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

- Meeting was recorded as per RCW 42.30.035

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Changes to the agenda

Donald moved to excuse Rowdy LaFever's absence from the June 17th and 18th meetings, as he was traveling internationally for work. Although Rowdy had planned to attend virtually, technical issues prevented his participation. Cynthia seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Appointment of Board Director

- Position #1 Swearing in

Donald administered the oath of office to Jeremy Silver and announced that he is now an official board member, with the ability to make motions and vote.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the May 21st Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Donald requested that the approval of the May 21st minutes be tabled until Rowdy returns from his trip, as neither Cynthia nor Jeremy attended the May 21st meeting. As a result, there are not three board members present who can approve the minutes.

- Approval of Bills and Payroll

Accounts payable general funds check numbers 30529 through 30547, totaling \$25,470.40

Payroll and benefits check numbers 30548 through 30557, totaling \$123,298.77

Lisa Young made a motion to approve bills and payroll. Cynthia seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Unfinished Business

- HVAC Update

Milt provided a brief update on the HVAC situation. He shared that the district met with CSG earlier that morning to ensure alignment on the next steps toward determining whether legal action should be pursued. Tim Young updated the board on both the 8:00 a.m. meeting with CSG and the 2:00 p.m. meeting with Windsor Engineers. The options discussed included:

- a) filing a warranty claim on all nine units, and
- b) pursuing legal action.

Tim recommended holding off on any decisions until the district hears back from Troy Lomax (CSG), who will be following up with Johnson Barrow and Par-Tech.

Cynthia made a motion to authorize Katie Chavarria or Milt Dennison to work with Tim to put the warranty claims into motion if needed. Lisa seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Policy 3141 Non-resident Students
 - Second Reading and Adoption

Lisa made a motion to adopt policy 3141 as written. Jeremy seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- 2025-26 Staffing Update

Milt shared that we will have hired two new intermediate teachers for the 2025-26 school year and they will be great additions to the district. We are still working on hiring a music teacher. There was a second interview for one candidate earlier in the day and there may be an interview with another candidate next week before reaching a decision. The district also filled the long-term sub position for Camille Schauble. Amy Cornish who currently works in that classroom as a paraeducator will fill in for Camille while she is out on maternity leave. Milt also shared that he is thrilled to report we will be starting the 2025-26 school year with two bus drivers. The board expressed that they are pleased to hear this.

New Business

- Salary Schedules 2025-26

Milt shared that we now have salary placements for all of our certificated staff with the exception of the music teacher. He also shared handouts for the board to review along with the handouts that were shared at the June 17th special meeting. Milt recommended that the board approve another 5% increase in addition to the 2.5% provided by the state for a total of a 7.5% increase.

Cynthia made a motion to raise the 2025-26 certificated staff salaries by 7.5% as shown on exhibit 2 column 2. Jeremy seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Katie shared handouts for the classified staff salaries with figures for a 5% increase as requested by Donald at the June 17th special meeting.

Lisa made a motion to increase the 2025-26 classified salaries by 5% with one position adjustment as shown on the 3rd column of exhibit 1. Cynthia seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- July Board Meeting Date

Due to scheduling conflicts, the July 16th board meeting will need to be rescheduled. The board discussed alternative dates for the meeting.

Jeremy made a motion to move the July 16th board meeting to Monday, July 21st at 6 p.m. Cynthia seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

- Policy 2230 Transition to Kindergarten Program
 - First Reading

Katie shared that the district did not have a policy in place as required when starting the program. She shared the policy that was drafted to mirror what other districts had in place and highlighted a couple of key points.

Lisa made a motion to approve the first reading of policy 2230. Cynthia seconded and the motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.

Reports

- Superintendent's Report- Milt Dennison

Milt shared that the last week of school went smoothly. Field Day was great and well organized. The Kindergarten graduation and 8th grade Promotions were a success.

- Instructional Report - Katie Chavarria

Katie shared that there isn't much to report on instruction at this time, but had some updates on curriculum adoption. After a search and testing for an improved Social Studies curriculum the teachers did not feel like they were inclusive enough. The staff opted to wait to adopt a curriculum when more options become available. There are some options for new PE and Health curriculums that look promising and it will be nice to get some input from the incoming PE teacher as he has an extensive background in the subject.

Katie also shared that the district is still waiting for some of the state testing results to come in, but so far there is an increase of 7% in English Language Arts and 18% in Math. The board expressed that they are quite pleased with those results.

- Budget status report- Chairman Donald Collins

Donald reported that the budget status is more positive than anticipated. The General Fund was budgeted at \$262,578, with actuals coming in at \$377, 147. Capital Projects had no budgeted funds but currently show an actual of \$5,406. ASB funds were budgeted at \$2,440, with actuals at \$3284. Transportation Funds, also initially budgeted at \$0, now reflect \$138,777 in actuals. Overall, the district's financial position is looking strong.

Comments from Skamania Board of Directors

Donald announced that this is probably Milt’s last board meeting and wanted to acknowledge that when the current board and Milt came in, times were rough for the district and things are looking better. Everybody deserves credit. Not just Amber, Katie and the board, but also it’s important to say that Milt deserves a significant amount of credit for that. The board agreed that Milt has made a major impact in our school. Other board members and people in attendance shared their appreciation for Milt and how we are so grateful for him.

Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)

Donald announced that the Board would enter executive session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss the performance review of an employee, with plans to return at 8:16 p.m. The board concluded the executive session at 8:16 p.m.

Adjournment

Cynthia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Lisa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair, _____

Board Secretary, _____