

**Skamania School District #2**  
**Regular Scheduled Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**February 18, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Superintendent's Office**  
**Google Meet joining link: <https://meet.google.com/vxj-vadj-rmw>**

**In attendance**

***Board Members:*** Donald Collins, Lisa Young, Jeremy Silver, Martin "Rowdy" LaFevers

***Staff:*** Katie Chavarria - Superintendent, Amber Warren- Office Manager

***Online Visitor:*** **Wendi Brenner**

**Call to Order**

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

- Meeting was recorded as per RCW 42.30.035

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**Changes to the agenda**

There were no changes made to the agenda.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the January 21st Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of Bills and Payroll

General Funds Check numbers 30796 through 30817, totaling \$37,225.15

Payroll and Benefits check numbers 30818 through 30828, totaling \$134,083.27

Lisa Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Jeremy Silver seconded, and the motion passed with no further discussion.

**Unfinished Business**

- Policy 5011 -Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
  - First Reading

Katie Chavarria presented an updated policy based on the WSSDA sample including these targeted additions. Following a brief discussion, the Board reached consensus to bring the policy forward for a second reading and consideration for approval at the next meeting.

- Board Member Vacancy Update

Donald Collins shared that there is one person observing online to determine if they may be interested in applying for the vacant position on the Board.

- HVAC Update

The district continues to address deficiencies in the HVAC system installed during the prior renovation. The system does not match the approved specifications and is not performing as designed.

Legal counsel remains engaged. The Cincinnati Insurance Company has concluded its review and attributed the issue to equipment design rather than subcontractor workmanship, referring the matter back to ParTech's insurer. An independent adjuster will be retained to evaluate the system.

ParTech has been reminded that, as the district's contracted party, it remains responsible for resolving the issue. A coordination meeting is being scheduled to review proposed corrective actions and determine next steps. The Board may consider legal action if an acceptable resolution is not reached.

- Levy Update

Although official certification is pending, preliminary election results indicate the levy is passing with approximately 61.40% support. The district is grateful for the strong support from the community.

### **New Business**

- Certificated and Classified Salary Comparisons

Katie Chavarria presented a salary comparison graph for classified and certificated staff and explained the key. Lisa reviewed the data and expressed comfort with the comparisons.

The IPD rate has not yet been determined and likely will not be finalized until the legislature concludes its session. Current comparisons reflect this year's data across districts, with the understanding that other districts' figures may also increase. Overall trends appear to be moving counter to recent inflation patterns.

Donald requested cost projections for 2.5%, 3.5%, and 5% salary increases for further review.

- 2026-27 Budget Goals Discussion

The Board briefly discussed budget priorities for FY 2026–27. Katie encouraged members to identify priorities or goals in advance so potential impacts can be reviewed with Chuck.

Items previously discussed include replacing the HVAC unit in the portable classroom next to the 7/8 room and adopting a new Social Studies curriculum. Although the ELA curriculum is not scheduled for formal review next year, digital access from the 2020 adoption expires this summer, so a brief review will be conducted to determine whether to renew access for an additional year.

- Indoor Air Quality Grant - Ryan Davis

Ryan Davis was not able to attend to give a presentation. However, Katie shared that the district received grant funding for a building indoor air quality assessment totaling just over \$7,600. Apollo Contractors has submitted a proposal. Although the grant covers the assessment, Board approval is

required to proceed due to the project amount. The assessment should yield actionable data in regards to the HVAC efficiency and potential recommissioning needs.

Lisa shared her perspective which is that we already know we have a HVAC system that doesn't work and she doesn't see the value of having another company involved. Katie shared that we could put this item on hold for a future meeting if we need time to think about it. Donald stated that we may know that we have a system that doesn't work as specified, but it would be helpful to have more data.

Rowdy LaFevers made a motion to pursue the air quality assessment as quoted. Donald seconded, and the motion passed with one nay.

### **Reports**

- Superintendent's Report - Katie Chavarria

Katie reported that draft calendar mockups have been prepared but are pending completion of the neighboring district's three-year calendar, as many families overlap between districts. Once received, a proposed calendar will be shared for Board review, with the goal of approval at the next meeting. The district typically aligns closely with Stevenson due to transportation and high school transition patterns. A noted challenge is working to better align spring break schedules next year.

Katie provided a brief legislative update, noting the recent revenue forecast reflects an improved outlook, with a projected increase of approximately \$827 million over prior estimates, potentially reducing the severity of anticipated education cuts.

Katie also shared that she will be taking two vacation days to attend her son's baseball tournament.

The Board confirmed that the approved \$1,000 budget for the small schools conference is expected to cover travel and meals. There is no additional information available at this time regarding the statewide superintendents' conference.

- Budget Status Report - Donald Collins

Donald provided an update on the budget status. The General Fund was projected at \$461,409, with an actual balance of \$410,444.39, which is pretty consistent. The Capital Projects Fund was projected at \$0, with a present balance of \$5,820.86. The Associated Student Body Fund was also projected at \$0, with an actual balance of \$3,583.31. The Transportation Vehicle Fund was projected at \$0, with an actual balance of \$183,814.93. Overall, the district remains in a stable position.

**Comments from Skamania Board of Directors**

Donald shared that he is pleased with the Board’s work. Lisa shared that she is thrilled with the levy results thus far and expressed appreciation for the community’s support of the district.

Lisa followed up on two topics presented during the January meeting.

There was a presentation regarding outdoor recess. Katie explained the criteria and consistency considerations when reviewing practices in other districts. The Board does not set a specific policy regarding recess; it may be addressed in district procedures.

There was also discussion regarding the dress code policy, particularly concerning students wearing hats and hoods in the classroom. Lisa compared it to issues that arose when fidgets were introduced a few years ago. Katie shared that she discussed the matter with staff, who indicated it is not a pervasive issue at this time.

**Executive Session (RCW 42.30.110)**

- Performance Review

Donald announced that the board would be entering into executive session at 7:04 PM for 30 minutes.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:06 PM, and returned at 7:35 PM.

**Upcoming Dates**

- Middle School Dance
  - February 20th
- End of 2nd Trimester
  - March 6th
- Literacy Night
  - March 24th

**Adjournment**

Lisa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Rowdy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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