

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Zoom Meeting
1065 Fir Street
Darrington, WA 98241

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Dave Holmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Larry Boyd, Jennie Requa, Maggie Weimer and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Jennie made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Maggie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Marree made a motion to approve the Regular Agenda. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Attendance and engagement data shows grades aren't good, but what was expected
- Will try to pull last year's data to compare
- Don't expect much change in the second half of the school year

Special Programs:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- 78 students qualify for Special Education services
- Special Education students make up 20.42% of February's enrollment compared to 20.33 last year

Elementary School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Middle school attendance shows 77% of students with attendance rates of 90% or above
- Kindergarten-5th grade attendance shows 83% of students with attendance of 90% or above
- Middle school data shows 56%-82% of students with passing grades in all subjects
- 18%-44% of middle school students have 1-2 failing grades; 19%-28% have 3 failing grades
- Approximately 25 students are accessing counselors
- Students are receiving social emotional learning through School Connect and Character Strong programs
- Grades 6-8 will return to in person learning on March 8
- Only in-person learners DIBELS tested

PSE:

Laurie Benson reports:

- Relief and reassurance felt with Sauk-Suiattle is administering COVID immunizations to school employees
- March 8-12 celebrates hard-working Classified staff
- Welcome Maggie Weimer to the board
- Custodians doing a great job

DEA:

Dyanna Armony reports:

- Plans are to bring students back in hybrid format at the high school this spring as a result of updated MOA and low COVID metrics
- Both hybrid and remote learning will commence Monday, April 12
- Small pre-hybrid events planned for second half of March
- Thanks to Sauk-Suiattle Tribe for generosity in making vaccinations available to school staff

Superintendent Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- High School hybrid plan to begin April 12
- Grading and semester model make hybrid return model difficult
- Baseball and softball season began Monday, first game scheduled for March 6; season to end April 3
- Grateful to Sauk-Suiattle for vaccination offerings
- Governor is allowing in-person public meetings with 16 requirements; will work with legal counsel for guidance

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Enrollment down 41 FTE from same time last year; not on a good trajectory; well below budgeted line
- Fund balance okay due to savings in athletics and substitute costs

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

McKenzie read comments from Susan Howard regarding playing/starting 8th grade players in softball over older players.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

McKenzie said there were no comments submitted

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ASB Report:

Ally Dawson, ASB Co-President, reports:

- ASB is meeting weekly with all class presidents invited
- Set up Instagram account asking for best pick-up lines for Valentine's Day
- Students would like soda machine filled back up with favorites

- Hoping to foster a freshman program

Appoint 2021-2022 Superintendent:

Marree made a motion to approve Tracy Franke as 2021-2022 Superintendent. Maggie seconded. Roll-call vote: Dave Holmer, yay; Larry Boyd, yay; Marree Perrault, yay; Jennie Requa, yay; Maggie Weimer, yay.

Budget Development Parameters:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Just getting started on 2021-2022 budget; there are a lot of unknowns with the Legislature still in session
- 2020-2021 budgeted at 392 with actual enrollment at 387.86 average; difference of 4.14 FTE or \$40,000
- February enrollment down 36.99% from last year; difference of 36.99 FTE or \$369,000
- ESSR 1 funding and remote learning savings contribute to estimated 20-21 \$1,023,000 ending fund balance
- 21-22 estimated fund balance at \$441,112; board policy minimum is \$474,198
- Legislature still in session and could provide funding to offset enrollment and transportation losses but still unknown
- ESSER II revenue allocated but uses limited and can't be used to backfill revenue for lost enrollment
- Additional COVID protocol costs still unknown
- Budget decisions to be made include incorporating budget cuts into the 21-22 budget or using a more optimistic enrollment projection; run next 4-year levy for larger amount to offset McCleary losses in Spring 2022 for calendar years 2023-2026

Gifts to the District:

None

Agreements and Contracts:

None

Personnel Actions:

Marree made a motion to approve the Personnel Actions listed on page 28. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

Dave expressed his appreciation to the high school staff for the update and thanked Kerie Anderson for getting the LOG out. He thanked the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe for availability of the COVID vaccine for school employees. He is optimistic that community morale will roll over to passing the levy.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting 8:13 PM.

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Dave Holmer

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Board President

Buck Marsh

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Secretary to the Board

5/12/2021

Date

3/25/2021

Date