

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Elementary Library  
1085 Fir Street  
Darrington, WA 98241

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019**  
**REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 PM**

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### **Call to Order**

Dave Holmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Erin Green, Jennie Requa, Sheila Sisney and Marree Perrault.

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Erin made a motion to approve the March 26 board meeting consent agenda. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Regular Agenda**

Jennie made a motion to approve the Regular Agenda, modified to reflect Item L was changed from a discussion item to an action item. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **Elementary:**

Dr. Marsh reports:

- Students have been busy in the greenhouse with volunteers and GPI; plants are thriving
- Tesla High School brought students up to work with our middle school students on building eco-friendly homes; students had to budget funds when designing structures and present to group
- National Park Ranger taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade how to use clinometer to measure tree height
- Mrs. Sappingfield's and Ms. Tucker's classes attended field trip to park today
- Thanks to Maggie Weimer-Williams and Marie Haskins for successful Book Fair
- Collaborating with Sauk-Suiattle Tribe on Kindness Challenge; former student Officer Alyssa Clark and Crystal Joseph attended RAD Assembly and were here today giving students opportunity to sign Kindness Pledge and coming back next week
- Kindergarten packets have gone out to community
- Eileen Jones and Kim Wiersma classes taking bike and pedestrian safety class; other teachers expressing interest in taking course-Kurt Helling has been very supportive setting up equipment and instructing
- Students biking to library Thursday to check out books for persuasive essay topics
- Annual Science Fair in the Elementary Gym May 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30

### **High School:**

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Building is buzzing with end of year excitement

- Next month's activities include Kindness Day, student talent show on May 1, field trips, baseball/softball, presentations, SBA testing and graduation
- Working hard to implement Breakthrough Coach strategies; carved out full day to be present in classrooms every day this month
- Goal to add additional half day next month in classrooms

### **Special Programs:**

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- A few more students with IEP's added to program this month; one transfer student and one pre-school student receiving speech services
- Numbers at approximately 20%

### **DEA:**

Dyanna Armony reports:

- 2019-2020 Calendar solidified
- CBA in works; finalizing page numbers
- Exciting to see students participating tonight

### **PSE:**

Laurie Benson reports:

- Negotiations begin tomorrow; very excited

### **Student Representative:**

Natalie Stewart reports:

- Leadership class attended WE Day; thankful to get bus transportation
- Busy time of year with many things happening: Kindness Week, Karaoke, field trips
- May 6-10 is Presentation Week
- ASB elections coming up
- Ben Miller will act as Senior Class Speaker

### **Enrollment/Financial Reports:**

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Enrollment for April at 399; anticipate average of 404-405
- Fund balance up from last year; will come down
- Monthly expenditures trend up
- Balanced to the County Treasurer

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

Several students and former students signed up to speak in support of teacher Josh Roberts after hearing rumors he may be leaving the District. They expressed that Josh goes above and beyond to help students. Linne Clarke expressed tumultuous times since Josh has been teaching with changes in administration, school board and graduation requirements leading to him not receiving leadership to help him along the way. She encouraged the Board to consider a more robust mentoring program. Dawn Erickson expressed her concern as a parent and supports Josh staying, citing his world and hometown views.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Policy Update:**

Board was encouraged to read revised policies and procedures 3115, 2125P, 6220, 5253, 5253P, 5253F1, 5281, 6020, 6100, 3120P and 3205 to match WSSDA recommendations. These will be voted on at May's meeting. Dave Holmer pointed to page 47 language regarding involving parents and community groups in the revision of any instruction in sexual health education offered.

**2019-2020 School Calendar:**

Buck pointed out the teacher training days on the calendar and thanked Ms. Armony for her hard work. Sheila made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 school calendar. Erin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 386-04-19 Adoption of 2019-2020 Minimum Educational Program:**

Buck explained we may have a \$500,000 budget shortfall for next year and anticipate cutting one certificated staff from the high school and two from the elementary K-5 staff. There are currently two non-continuing positions at the elementary to eliminate with hopes of bringing one of them back. McKenzie mentioned there are proposals to make up levy shortfall but nothing is certain until the legislature passes their budget. Conversations have begun in case cuts in other places are needed. Erin made a motion to accept Resolution 386-04-19. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution 387-04-19 Employment of Non-Supervisory Certificated Staff for 2019-2020:**

Buck pointed out the list of 23 continuing teachers on page 83 are assumed to return next year. Jennie made a motion to accept Resolution 387-04-19. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Board Calendar:**

**Preliminary Budget Discussion**

McKenzie reported \$500,000 in estimated cuts for 2019-2020 which doesn't take into account declining enrollment or potential PSE raises. Looking at \$160,000 deficit for 2018-2019, \$50,000 for certificated salary increases for 2019-20 and \$290,000 levy reduction for 2019-2020. \$100,000 in timber revenue was budgeted in 2018-19, of which only \$25,000 has been received; very unpredictable. Anticipate more potential cuts for 2020-2021.

**Facilities and Technology Report**

We have improved the student to Chrome Book ratio with donation by Eileen and Larry Jones and refurbished Chrome Books at High School; Wi-Fi is faster; connectivity is better. Have moved to second generation Chrome Books. Hoping for successful levy outcome to fix elementary roof, fire alarm and air handling units at high school. Looking for ways to install solar panels at elementary as well.

**Review Parent-Community Engagement**

Communications on levy took place with Sauk-Suiattle, City Hall, teachers/staff, Darrington Strong, Senior Center and couple other events.

**Gifts to the District:**

Erin made a motion to accept the gifts to the district on page 84. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agreements and Contracts:**

Erin made a motion to approve the agreements and contracts on page 85. Jennie seconded. Motion passed with Sheila and Marree abstaining.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Buck Marsh reports:

- Dave Holmer and DJAA to be recognized at upcoming WASSA awards banquet to be held at Everett Country Club


**Board Comments:**

Erin said sports physicals will be held at the clinic on May 20 at 5:00 p.m. for \$15, cash only price

Dave asked how many Board members will be on the Senior presentation panel. All but Marree will attend as she will be in Paris.

**Adjournment:**

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned to executive session at 7:36 PM for an estimated 30 minutes. At 8:09 Dave returned and said they'd stay in executive session until 8:30 PM. At 8:35 PM The board returned to open session and discussed the times for two special meetings. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

  
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