

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Middle School STEM Portable
1065 Fir Street
Darrington, WA 98241

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
BOARD RETREAT: 10:00 AM

Call to Order

Dave Holmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Larry Boyd, Jennie Requa, and Marree Perrault; Sheila Sisney excused.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Goals:

COVID-19 circumstances lead to the selected items of focus this year:

1. The superintendent will manage district operations by working with the board, administration, employees, unions, community, health, governmental, risk management and other regulatory partners to continually assess and refine approaches to Continuous Learning 2.0, bringing students and staff safely on campus and adjusting educational offerings as appropriate.
2. The superintendent will provide the board with timely information by communicating on a periodic basis with the school board, sharing pertinent emergency information in an expedient manner, providing periodic 1-on-1 discussions for concerns and questions, and striving to provide the same level of information and access to each board member.

Dave Holmer added these conversations should be with the board as a whole so that everyone hears the same message.

The board discussed meeting times with the superintendent; proposed meeting in November, December or January, February, March or April, and May. These meetings could take place after the regular board meeting for these months.

Board Goals:

1. Prioritize the safety and well-being of our students and our staff and also take proactive measures to ensure appropriate training for emergency (COVID-19) situations.
2. Focus on how best to: (a) provide for the continuation of educational services to students outside of normal school operations and when appropriate (b) prepare for the safe return to normal instruction for our students and staff.
3. Determine the configuration of administration structure for the 2021-22 school year. Dave Holmer stated that he has been in touch with WSSDA regarding Goal #3. The cost of using an educational consultant could be \$10,000 or more. Dave said that we don't necessarily have to do this.

Strategic Plan:

The board discussed reviewing and adjusting timelines due to the unique circumstances. They would like to see the plan ratified in October.

Vision for Facilities, Curriculum, Staffing, etc.

Dr. Marsh relayed that the door project is running long. He hopes to have an update by the end of September or first week of October and will send an update to the board. He has asked Apollo to come back with their best offer on a new elementary roof before making a decision and will share this with the board. Looking to complete at end of current 4-year capital levy collection as there are too many unknowns and no cash flow now.

The district curriculum is solid.

The district will maintain current level of staffing for the short term, including custodial crew. Enrollment is down approximately 20 students.

Board Self-Assessment:

The board discussed which of the 5 WSSDA standards to focus on. All agreed that #2 and #4 are important and relate to each other. This will be an ongoing conversation; Dave will take care of the next board assessment to be done in February.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

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