

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

TUESDAY, SEPTMBER 22, 2020
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, Sheila Sisney, Jennie Requa and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Jennie made a motion to approve the August 25 Meeting Consent Agenda. Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

High School Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- Plugging away at problem solving unexpected situations in first few weeks
- Hotspots have been passed out; thumb drives created for those hotspots not allowing access to online materials picked up and returned on Tuesdays
- Woodworking Frameworks have been approved through OSPi
- School Improvement Plan nearly finalized; weekly newsletters being sent out as part of the plan
- Teachers working hard to provide rigorous online instruction
- Will have participation and engagement data next month to share

Special Programs:

Buck Marsh reports:

- A lot of students are transferring in with IEPs
- We have two high needs students that may be transferred in order to provide appropriate services; working with Arlington to provide one student and NRLC to place another student
- Started bringing in students last week to receive IEP services; problem solving unexpected situations as best we can
- Thanks to every special education staff and Toni for working on getting schedules set up to bring kids back to receive services in person
- Will have special education percentages and caseload numbers next month

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Elementary School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- K-8 staff recording ELA and math lessons; lessons loaded into Google Classroom and copied to flash drives; flash drives and packets available for pick up each Friday
- Approximately 140 color-coded flash drives made each week
- Special education students started on campus last week; following health protocols and practicing social distancing; difficult to stay 6 feet away from students
- Stickers placed on floor to indicate 6 feet from sinks
- Preparing to paint circles on sidewalks and under cafeteria covered porch to indicate to students how far they need to be apart from each other
- Mask breaks provided taking students outside for fresh air
- Windows are doors open in classrooms to allow maximum air flow
- Rooms being prepared for hybrid model of instruction with desks 6 feet apart
- Two locations set up on campus for students to access internet; will send out information as soon as a few questions are answered; hope to have students using the space by Thursday

PSE:

Laurie Benson reports:

- Really chaotic time; Classified employees stressed
- Trying to keep sanity; hope no burnout before we get in the groove

DEA:

Dyanna Armony reports:

- Asked when board meetings will be held in person; Dave said that hasn't been determined
- Have an MOU regarding COVID-19 this year
- We're remote now and need to agree on hybrid model; next stage needs to be agreed upon
- Member quotes were read

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Enrollment for September is 394.32; above 390 budgeted
- Lost another 5 students at \$10,000/FTE
- September 2020 FTE down from 2019 FTE; enrollment trend dropped
- August fund balance above \$1 million; this will change; cushion nice to have as out of district services are expensive
- Won't see levy failure effects immediately; will have to cut staff later unless something drastic happens
- Should have no cuts due to enrollment; other cuts unknown until Legislature reconvenes; will lose \$330,000 hold harmless funds next year

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

McKenzie said there were no comments submitted

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

McKenzie said there were no comments submitted

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policies and Procedures 3205, 3205P, 3143, and 3143P:

Dave encouraged the Board to read the revised and new policies and procedures; action to be taken at October's meeting.

Resolution 407-09-20 Policy 1321R District Reopening Suspension of Policy:

Marree made a motion to approve Resolution 407-09-20 Policy 1321R District Reopening Suspension of Policy, extension to December 31, 2020. Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Asset Surplus:

Larry made a motion to approve the asset surplus items listed on page 52. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent/Board Goals:

Marree made a motion to approve the Superintendent/Board goals discussed at the Board Retreat on September 17. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

Larry made a motion to approve the Agreements and Contracts on page 53. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Actions:

Larry made a motion to approve the personnel actions listed on page 54. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- DEA bargaining completed this Fall with MOU
- PSE bargaining almost complete with MOU
- All working together to make difficult decisions
- Community Center dropped lease by \$3,000 this year
- Thank you to the Board for a successful retreat
- Apollo having issues securing pumps pushing back completion date
- Attended bi-weekly Snohomish Health District meeting; cases at 25-75/1000 medium risk; anticipate Fall surge of COVID-19 and flu; could be in Phase 2 for awhile
- Monitoring return of Special education students
- Being advised on county-wide numbers

Board Comments:

Jennie apologized to teachers for ending Dyanna's conversation and said they are here to support them.

Sheila echoed what Jennie said and hopes the teachers know we support them; it's hard on parents and difficult all the way around.

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Marree stated that frustration levels are high across the board and that we hear your frustrations. She said we'll get through this and to give each other grace.

Dave apologized if it was interpreted that he tried to stop Dyanna from her report; it was not his intent and was unfortunate.

Larry said he received a call from Mark that Apollo would be firing up the boilers at 9:30.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.

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Board President

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Buck Marsh
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Secretary to the Board

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