

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019
REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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: Erin Green, Jennie Requa, Sheila Sisney and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence

Dr. Marsh reported that January is School Board Recognition month. He expressed his thanks for their service and all they do for the District. He had a certificate of appreciation for each.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Erin made a motion to approve the December board meeting Consent Agenda as corrected. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Sheila made a motion to approve the Regular Agenda. Erin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Elementary:

Tracy Franke reports:

- We're back to a long week
- Working on K-5 expectation stations
- First ever Geo Bee, led by Kim Wiersma, ties together well with new curriculum; 7th grader Cadence Houart was the winner
- Reading and math assessments have started
- Sound Salmon Solutions, Stillaguamish Tribe and GPI continue teaching watershed lessons once a month
- 5th grade Mountain School March 3-6 at North Cascades Institute at Diablo
- Art show tonight; band playing at basketball game
- Winter Art and Music Extravaganza Thursday, January 24 at 6:00

High School:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Busy last two weeks readying for change of semester
- Seniors who have not met standards in math are attending math class for help with SAT testing set for March 9; Dyanna Armony and Cindy Christoferson providing student transportation if needed morning of exam
- Mr. Bass teaching math support to all classes assisting students with meeting standards on test
- Keeping close eye on 10 of 30 Seniors regarding Math test
- ALE up and running with 3 students and 1 more to enroll

- All Seniors are registered in the required classes needed for graduation

Special Programs:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- We are busting at the seams
- Qualifying more students
- May need extra support

DEA:

New President, Dyanna Armony, thanked the Board for their service.

PSE:

No Report

Student Representative:

Natalie Steward reports:

- Finals this week getting ready for next semester
- Finishing up leadership lessons to middle school classes
- Very successful Senior class trip to Central Washington University; juniors were also invited
- This is Homecoming week
- Friday basketball games begin at 4; Seniors doing concessions
- Seniors have \$5000 in their Senior class fund; working on funding for trips
- Royalty was announced Friday and will be featured at pep assembly
- Taking a last deep breath before moving in to next semester

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Enrollment for January dipped a little; looking good at 406-up from 387 budgeted
- Fund balance following previous years' trends
- Monthly expenditures up due to newly-purchased van
- Balanced to the County Treasurer

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Sue Howard handed out a list of District uniform purchases showing what she expressed as a disparity between teams. She expressed her frustration that volleyball and softball don't have the same equity as other sports. She mentioned that she was told they were near the top of the rotation for new uniforms but haven't seen results until she asked to go to the Board. Softball was given \$1000 previously, but the uniforms were not well made and did not last. McKenzie mentioned that there is an account within the General Fund for athletics and that ASB funds and donations can also be used for uniform purchases. Dave Holmer added that this was a time for comments only. She expressed her wish to take the softball team to watch a Husky softball game, and said that the coaches had to drive the vans, when the football team went to a Husky football game and an overnight WSU game trip. Dr. Marsh expressed it was only a transportation cost as the team slept on gym floors. He said he would be happy to meet and discuss her concerns. Ms. Howard expressed that she would love to talk with the Board and that staff would like to be considered for comment during the Superintendent's evaluation and during hiring times of principals and superintendents. She said some staff are afraid to speak up for fear of retaliation.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Update-1st Reading:

Members were encouraged to read WSSDA updated Policies and Procedures 1400, 1400P, 2030, 2030P, 3122, 3122P, 3141, 3143, 3144, 3144P, 3144F, 3226, 3226P, 3231, 3231P, 3241, 3241P, 3410, 3412, 3413, 3413P, 3414, 3414P, 3416, 3420, 3420P, 4310, 4314, 4314P, 4500, 5411, 6100P, 6210, 6220, 6220P, 6230, 6500, 6500P, 6610, and 6630.

Dave pointed out several that he thought were interesting to board members.

Overnight/Out of State Travel:

Jennie made a motion to approve the overnight travel for 5th grade Mountain School March 4-6 at Diablo and possible post season travel for basketball and wrestling. Football and wrestling travel will be included in August's agenda for approval. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Expiring Bond/Capital Levy:

McKenzie and Buck discussed with the Board the possibility of running a capital levy to replace the current capital bond that is expiring, to run in April. McKenzie shared a handout showing our current voted bond, and deadline information on the proposed capital levy including potential projects. Marree asked if there was time for community input; Erin asked if a mass mailer was a possibility to get the word out. Buck will meet with individual Board members next week to discuss shared vision and strategy and proceed from there. McKenzie stated that the current bond rate is 1.38% when asked by an audience member.

Gifts to the District:

Marree made a motion to accept the gifts to the district as stated on page 170. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- The Alternative Ed report is due this month; Cindy Christoferson is doing a wonderful job
- Strategic Plan discussion planned for January 28 in-service; hope to get feedback from key stakeholders
- Safety Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon
- Boys' basketball team won tonight by 20 points

Board Comments:

Marree stated that North Counties is leading the Point in Time Count for Snohomish County covering the entire school district. They are giving away dog/cat food at January 23 Kindness Begins With Me Family Night.

Jennie said the boys' basketball team won by 20 tonight against La Conner.

Sheila repeated Jennie's statement.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned to executive session at 7:44 PM for an estimated 45 minutes. At 8:27 Dave returned and said they'd need 30 more minutes. At 8:56 Dave said they would end at 9:10. At 9:07 the board returned and adjourned the meeting.

Dave Holmer
Board President

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Secretary to the Board

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