

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

TUESDAY May 23, 2023
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30PM

Call to Order:

Jennie Requa called the meeting to order at 6:30PM, followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Janet Loyd, Marree Perrault, Larry Boyd, and Randy Hayden.

Correspondence:

Tracy gave a letter to the board from Randi Morrison regarding the FLASH curriculum.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Jennie called for the approval of the consent agenda. Larry made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Jennie called for approval of the regular agenda. Marree made a motion to approve the regular agenda, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

PSE: PJ Wieferich - Attended a legislative summit for PSE in Vancouver. She discussed the Para assessment, minimum requirements for elementary recess, school maintenance and the seismic safety study grant.

DEA: Shawna Brown- Shared end of the year field trips and invited the Board members to the end of the school year celebration.

Student Representative: Breanna Monteith shared that Prom was fun. The National Honor Society held a blood drive. Softball is in 1st place and will be going to state this year. Baseball got 5th all league. All Senior presentations are complete and graduation will be on June 10th.

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- Senior award banquet
- Field trip to King Arthur Baking School
- Winthrop field trip
- Grad walk on June 2nd time TBD
- Field day – DHS on June 8th
- Graduation is June 10th – Location TBA by June 7th

Special Programs Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- Special Ed Rate – 17.8%
- Increasing due to learning loss from covid.

K-8 School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Field trip are going well and they have great volunteers
- Almost done with state testing
- District testing almost complete
- I Ready math assessments will start for 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th graders, staff is confident the data will be ready by the June board meeting.
- Had a meeting May 9th to go over FLASH curriculum, only addressing the standards.

Superintendent Report:

Tracy Franke shares:

- Working on increasing attendance rate
- Graduation rate appeal was excepted.
- Facilities -Received the Apollo modernization award grant
- Should get Irrigation bids before football starts
- Making a list for summer projects
- Front door at the high school needs to be fixed

Financial and Enrollment Reports:

McKenzie Boyd shares that the enrollment trend looks good. Fund balance is good, increased in April when taxes were received. Everything balanced to the Treasurer. Audit is done.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

PJ Wiefierich – expressed concerns with FLASH curriculum. Encourages other PSE members to talk without fear for jobs.

Erin Green- Read a letter from community members about all their concerns with the FLASH Curriculum. Expressed her own concerns as well. Said that Arlington School District Opted out of the standards.

Billie Moore- Thinks there was an irrigation system on the football field at one time.

Randi Morrison – Expressed deep concern about the FLASH curriculum, asked the board to stop the curriculum.

Cathy Hayden- Commented on doing due diligence when purchasing new curriculum.

Dale Johnson- Passed.

Gabby Wesson- Expressed concerns on FLASH curriculum, thinks the school should come up with their own curriculum.

April Kittelson- Youth leader in the community, asked for a copy of the FLASH curriculum so she will be able to answer questions when the kids ask about things they learned from the curriculum.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy update

Policy 1400 and 1400P Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum.

Randy made a motion to approve policy update 1400 and 1400P, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Update

Policy 1250 and 1250P Students on governing Boards– first reading.

Tracy explained there were only two juniors that applied and no seniors for next year.

Janet asked about elections process. Will review next month at the June board meeting.

Audit Exit Conference

Kristina Baylor and Morgan Fairbanks from the Auditors office shared the audit results.

Two audits were done the first was a financial statement audit for 9/1/2021 thru 8/31/2022.

The findings on the 1st audit were: Clean audit, no concerns and in compliance.

The second audit was a Federal grant compliance audit for 9/1/2023 thru 8/31/2023.

The finding on the 2nd audit: Clean audit, no concerns and in compliance.

The audits came in under budget cost.

Next audit will be in 2024 and will start early next year.

The audit team gave a big kudos to McKenzie for all her hard work and a job well done.

Certificated Staff Teaching Out of Endorsement

Jade Boykin and Eileen Guerzon both need General Education endorsement.

Randy made a motion to approve the endorsements on page 38 with changes, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Curriculum Adoption

Tracy talked about the programs and software for Social Studies 6th – 12th grade and Math K- 8th grade.

Shawna Brown- did a survey on a lot of other districts using I Ready, all liked the I Ready software. She also went to an informational conference for the I Ready software.

Randy asked about cost. Janet asked about funding sources. McKenzie noted that the district obtained OSPI approval to use ESSER funds for the curriculum and that the district will need to start saving money annually to replace curriculum in the future.

Randy made a motion to approve the curriculum adoption for math, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tracy explained the 6-12 Social Studies curriculum is outdated. The new curriculum is online and updates all the time.

Marree made a motion to approve the curriculum adoption for Social Studies, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2023-2024 District Calendar

Tracy worked with PSE and DEA, they chose Calendar B.

Randy made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 District calendar, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent/Principal Contract

Continuing with Tracy Franke's two-year contract as is. Will revisit next May.
Randy made a motion to approve continuation of the two-year contract as is, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Gifts to the District

None

Agreements and Contracts:

None

Personnel Actions:

Janet made a motion to approve the personnel actions on page 40, Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

Randy expressed concern about the FLASH curriculum a thinks maybe a special meeting should be held in order to discuss.

Marree shared that the Spring Youth Forum competition went very well.

Janet gave appreciation to the public for coming, to Mckenzie and Tracy for all they do, and Bree for representing the student body.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Marree Perreault
Board President

Tracy Franke
Superintendent

6/27/2023
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