

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

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021
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, Maggie Weimer, Jennie Requa and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Larry made a motion to approve the June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 14, 2021 Budget Work Study Meeting Minutes. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Summer School Stats: Tomorrow marks the half-way point for our summer school at DHS.
 - Invited 32 students we have 43% of those students attend regularly.
 - 50% of those invited have attended at least one day. One just started this week.
 - 10- 9th graders were invited. We have one that is attending regularly. Brand new student to our district is working on his WA St. History requirement.
 - 7- 10th graders were invited. 3 are attending regularly.
 - 7- 11th graders were invited. 4 are attending regularly.
 - 8- 12th graders were invited. 6 are attending regularly. 1 is just starting this week and 1 other has attended one day so far.
- After over 40 years teaching with the Darrington School District, Dyanna Armony has decided to retire. She has been a constant at the high school, instrumental at keeping up with the myriad of changes in technology, and has always set the bar high for our students at DHS. She is going to be greatly missed!

Special Programs:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- We have hired a new SLP to replace Alana Baxter who provided SLP services with us last school year.
- No new enrollments yet.

Elementary School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Summer School begins next Monday and runs for 3 weeks, Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00.
- New staff have visited their classrooms and have asked to get a start on planning by reviewing curriculum.
- The biggest challenge we will have when we return in the fall is space for breakfast and scheduling lunches.

PSE:

No Report

DEA:

Shawna Brown reports:

- DEA met today and ratified the new 2-year agreement (2021-22 and 2022-23).
- Bargaining was a positive experience.
- DEA thanked district administration and noted that they felt that their concerns were heard during bargaining.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

No Report

Superintendent Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- I do not have an answer yet for the biggest question in the room- Mask or No Mask? We will hopefully be receiving a ruling soon.
- We will be offering in-person learning, 5 days a week with our regular 8:05-2:50 schedule.
- Return to Learn program- I plan to work with our nurse to provide additional testing for our students and staff. This is in addition to the testing associated with athletics. Testing is free; there is no out-of-pocket cost or co-pay for schools or families. The Washington State Department of Health covers costs for school-based diagnostic and screening tests and funding continues through July 2022. L2R tests are quick and painless. All tests available through Learn to Return use a shallow nasal swab to collect samples from participating students and staff. This is not the dreaded "brain tickler" swab. The NWESD has also received funding to support this program.
- Sports Open House will be held on August 24th from 5:30-7:30. Staff will be available to help families fill out athletic documents. There will be information provided to families about COVID-19 testing protocols and the option of getting vaccinated so testing does not have to occur on the weekly basis for wrestling and basketball.
- We are still looking for a JV Volleyball Coach and a Cheer Coach.
- As DEA stated, we are pleased that the contract was ratified by DEA today.
- I attended an Incoming Superintendent Conference in Seattle on Sunday and Monday. It was very interesting to be back for an in-person event. The conference inspired me for the new role I have in the district. We will be discussing some of the items at our Board Retreat on August 20th from 9:00 to 12:00.

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- No enrollment report for July.

- Fund balance higher than usual due to State Forest Revenue
- All funds balanced to the County Treasurer

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

McKenzie stated no comments were submitted

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

McKenzie stated no comments were submitted

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Update-2nd Reading:

Dave asked about the ALE policy and asked about a plan to encourage students to come back to the district. Tracy shared that she is contacting families when they fill out a transfer request to make sure they are aware of all of their options. Dave asked about the ASB policy. McKenzie explained that the changes are related to the new requirements from HB 1660. Larry made a motion to approve WSSDA updated Policies and Procedures 3510, 3510P, 2255, and 2255P. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Update-1st Reading:

Members were encouraged to read WSSDA updated Policy and Procedure 3225 and 3225P.

Resolution 413-07-21, Prepayment of 2012 Sublease:

Jennie made a motion to approve Resolution 413-07-21, Prepayment of 2012 Sublease. Maggie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2021-2022 Budget Hearing:

Dave called the 2021-2022 budget hearing to order and asked for any comments on the budget. McKenzie noted that the budget was discussed at the July 14, 2021 Budget Work Study Session. Hearing no other comments, Dave adjourned the budget hearing.

Resolution 421-07-21, 2021-2022 Budget Adoption:

Larry made a motion to approve Resolution 421-07-21 for the 2021-2022 Budget Adoption. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2021-2022 Athletic Schedules Discussion:

Tracy presented the current drafts of the 2021-2022 athletic schedules and noted that they are likely to change as the athletic seasons progress.

Food Service Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Meals served September 2020-June 2021
 - 20,124 breakfasts
 - 21,853 lunches
- Summer Food is providing meals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Starting August 2nd through August 19th they will be available Monday- Thursday.

- We will still need to work on getting the Free/Reduced forms completed for the 2021-2022 school year to hopefully get our district qualified for the Community Eligibility Program. With the CEP, all students can get meals at no cost to families, regardless of income.
- For the 2021-2022 school year, as with the previous year, students are receiving meals at no cost to families, regardless of income.
- For the 2021-2022 school year, in addition to the meal cart for the high school, a grant for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables was provided to the elementary building. With this grant we can provide more fresh fruit and vegetables to students.

Transportation Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- We are in desperate need of drivers. The drivers we had available in the spring were on a very tight schedule between transporting students to Arlington, and our split hybrid schedule.
- As we go into the fall, we are concerned with how we will cover routes and the transportation to athletic events.
- We appreciate the dedication of our drivers to our students and the programs.

Gifts to the District:

Marree made a motion to accept the gifts to the district listed on page 47. Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

Maggie made a motion to approve the agreements and contracts listed on page 48. Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Actions:

Marree made a motion to approve the personnel actions listed on page 49. Maggie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

Jennie commented that she's happy to be back to in-person meetings.

Marree noted that the upcoming National Night Out will be the last big event at the MARC before it's sold. She also shared that North Counties Family Services will provide school supplies to students if needed.

Larry shared that he and Marc checked the cracks in the elementary gym wall with an engineer and they found that the structure is sound. Apollo is coming to replace a check valve on the boiler soon and the boiler cleaning is planned for next week.

Dave inquired about the status of the community center lease and Tracy shared that she will be meeting with the community center representatives soon to discuss.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting 7:40 PM.

A Holmer
Board President

Jacey Franke
Secretary to the Board

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