

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020
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: Larry Boyd, Sheila Sisney, Jennie Requa and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Larry made a motion to approve the July 28 Regular Meeting, July 28 Work Study Session, and August 12 Special Meeting Consent Agendas. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Schedule being pinned down; really hard
- Board approval needed before we get Skyward assistance with schedule
- Hallways are getting cleared out
- HVAC guys are in the building

Special Programs:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Vacancies filled
- New psychologist is amazing
- OT and SLP hired through agency

Elementary School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Re-working schedule
- Staff coming in-using temperature-taking protocols
- Conferences are scheduled; teachers to make calls this week; trying to be flexible

PSE:

No Report

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DEA:

Dyanna Armony reports:

- Anxious about starting the year; not perfect but we're all professionals
- Admin has been there to support us
- Up for the challenge
- Trying to be as positive as best we can
- Negotiations going well, close to complete

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Fund balance trend through July is up; savings due to closure; should help smooth out cuts
- July expenditure trend is under; typical for summer
- Fund balance report for each fund balanced to County Treasurer
- Count day will be the 4th school day in September
- Keeping an eye on home school requests
- Budgeted for 390; at 402 with updates to come

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

Resolution 406-08-20 District Reopening Plan:

Buck stated that the previous High School schedule had changed as it had issues with instructional minutes and has changed from 3 periods to 4. Jennie made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 District Reopening Plan. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2020-2021 Minimum Basic Instruction (FP 600):

Larry made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Minimum Basic Instruction. This is an OSPI report where the district attests to what we expect to offer. It is accurate except the hours will have to be re-calculated at some point. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Retreat:

The Board Retreat is set for September 17 from 10:00-12:00 via Zoom. Dave asked Buck if he had any agenda starters. Superintendent goals, Board goals, next step in the strategic plan, facilities updates, next steps on facilities were stated. Dave asked Buck if he would send out a tentative schedule to which Buck said he would.

Certificated and Classified Staffing Updates:

Buck stated there are challenges with Covid-19 and the recent levy failure. He said transportation funding is taking a hit and we won't receive the same as in the past. In conversations with PSE, the decision was made to furlough the transportation department as we don't anticipate much work for them. There may be opportunities for hours once Special Education and the Skills Center is back up and running. Furloughs give the opportunity to continue benefits. The dishwasher position had been eliminated as it does not offer enough hours for benefits. Jennie asked if we would still be offering food service and have the bus drivers deliver. Buck stated that meals to Free and Reduced students would continue for pick up and others can also purchase meals. Dave asked if other positions would be impacted due to distance learning. Buck said we'd get a clearer picture mid-September on enrollment. If it is lower than expected, we'll need to discuss additional cuts. Dave asked if we need to consider action prior to September's board meeting. Buck stated he didn't think so. Paras won't be underutilized; they will have a lot to do.

Gifts to the District:

Sheila made a motion to accept the gifts to the district listed on page 38. Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

Marree made a motion to approve the Agreements and Contracts on page 39. Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Actions:

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

Superintendent's Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- Meetings have been held with PSE regarding transportation and furloughs; he commended Laurie Benson and wished it could be a different situation
- We want to leave employees with a sense that we care about them and will continue benefits for those furloughed
- DEA negotiations are progressing well; something should be complete by end of week
- Principals have done a great job with schedules; continual changes
- Staff kick-off Thursday
- Conferences scheduled for next week
- Need to find things to celebrate; dig in within ourselves to make it a great year

Board Comments:

Sheila said her daughter had good test results; no leukemia cells were found so a bone marrow transplant won't have to happen; she will have 5 rounds of chemotherapy.

Jennie asked if the Community Center contract could be re-negotiated to save money. Buck asked if the Board would like to do this; all said they were interested. Buck will make some inquiries, keeping the tone positive. He will keep the Board posted before the September board meeting.

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Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM. He said the Board would go into Executive Session for an estimated 45 minutes. At 8:25 PM the Board adjourned the Executive Session with no action.

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Dave Holmer

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Board President

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Secretary to the Board

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Date

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