

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

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 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:

None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Regular Agenda:

Jennie called for approval of the regular agenda. Randy requested the addition of an agenda item to discuss a resolution to that would support elimination of the weighted vote provision in WSSDA's bylaws. Larry made a motion to approve the regular agenda as revised, Marree seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

PSE: PJ Wieferich shared that sixty-five people attended the Silvertips game and it was a lot of fun. PSE appreciation week and Dr. Suess week are coming up. PSE members are still working hard to shuffle schedules due to employee absences. Snow removal has been awesome. PSE sent donuts to the transportation department to show their appreciation.

DEA: Shawna noted that several DEA members have contracts that are ending this year and they are feeling unsure about next year. Shawna also shared copies of her High School and Beyond newsletter.

Student Representative: No report.

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- Shawna has been an awesome addition to the high school. Student and parent engagement is up and students are asking good questions. Shawna and Cindy are meeting with parents of students who are at risk of not graduating.
- The girls basketball team performed well in the post season.
- Seven wrestlers went to state and five placed.
- Boys basketball also did well this season.
- CTE was awarded a \$15,000 grant to build up CTE dual credit offerings.

- High school staff is looking at high school MAP data now and working on creating new SIP goals.

Special Programs Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- She will provide an in-depth special education report under agenda item O.

K-8 School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- The transitional kindergarten program is up and running with nine students currently enrolled.
- ECEAP is going on a field trip.
- The spelling bee was held last week. The winner was Ryker Stemme.
- Middle school basketball is underway and students are excited.
- Lots of assemblies are coming up.
- Family night is next Thursday. It will have a focus on literacy.
- We have an upcoming symphony field trip for fourth and fifth grades.
- Shawna is leading the math pilot.
- A Pre-K through first grade consortium meeting was held today.

Superintendent Report:

Tracy Franke shares:

- We received a manufacturing grant last year, but she will let the state know that we won't be able to claim the money as we don't currently have a program that can use the equipment.
- She will be meeting with teaching staff who have contracts that expire this year.
- Preliminary staff evaluations are done.
- The sheriff's department visited recently. Students enjoyed the visit.
- The social studies curriculum process is moving along.

Financial and Enrollment Reports:

McKenzie Boyd shares that enrollment is up due to the Transitional Kindergarten program. The fund balance has improved, but we will really see a difference in April when taxes are collected on the new four-year levy. For now, we are receiving enough in apportionment each month to cover payroll and accounts payable.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board members were asked to review Policy 2411.

Certificated Staff Teaching Out of Endorsement

Page 35 of the board packet shows the certificated staff teaching out of endorsement. Janet made a motion to approve the staff teaching out of endorsement, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of School Safety Procedures

Tracy Franke reviewed RCWs regarding safety requirements. She shared that the district's safety plan is fluid and is improved after each drill. Cindy and Tracy have completed Incident Command System training. District staff hold reengagement meetings for students who are returning after an incident. Drills are documented in the Rapid Responder system. The district has a shared Google spreadsheet for student reunification that can be used at remote locations if needed. Reunification locations are determined, but won't be disclosed until an actual event for safety reasons. Tracy met with local first responders in the fall and will be scheduling a meeting with the fire department soon. Some ongoing issues include protocols for evacuation in the event of a lahar as well as evaluating evacuation protocols for students with special needs.

Special Education Report

Cindy Christoferson reviewed the Special Education summary on page 36 of the packet.

Athletic Department Report

Tracy Franke shared that there were eight cheerleaders, thirteen girls basketball players, seventeen boys basketball players, and nine wrestlers this year. They all did well.

Gifts to the District

None

Agreements and Contracts:

Page 37 of the board packet shows the agreements and contracts. Marree made a motion to approve the agreements and contracts, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Actions:

Page 38 of the board packet shows the personnel actions. Janet made a motion to approve the personnel actions, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WSSDA Weighted Vote:

Randy shared a sample resolution that would move to remove Article XI Section 3 title Weighted Vote from the WSSDA bylaws. It would also move to revise Article XI Section 2 Item E to state only "Every delegate shall have one vote." The board discussed the resolution. No action taken.

Board Comments:

Randy shared that he went to the legislative conference and learned that the district can have our student representative vote as an advisory vote. He also noted that other districts elect the student representative by a vote of the student body. He shared that there is a big push for the legislature to fund special education and transportation. There is also some talk about requiring school board meetings to be recorded and posted online.

Marree noted that there are two bills regarding transportation and special education funding in the legislature now.

Larry shared that the Community Center has fiber optic now and Kaleb Wyatt is working on wifi bridges.

Jennie asked if the district will be adding another bus route. Tracy said yes, as soon as another driver is available.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.



Board President



Superintendent



Date



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