

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

TUESDAY June 27, 2023
REGULAR MEETING: 6:30PM

Call to Order:

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

Correspondence:

Tracy – The Community Center Board sent the new contract it has been updated. It has been sent to the lawyer to be looked over.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Regular Agenda:

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

DISTRICT REPORTS

PSE: Linn Brooks – It was a great year. They appreciate the open communication they had with the Administration. They are looking forward to seeing classified positions for the 23/24 school year.

DEA: Shawna Brown- Appreciates the open communication with Administration. Happy to see all the open teaching positions posted. Teachers are excited with the new math and social studies curriculums. Looking forward to look at a new English curriculum for 9th – 12th grade next year.

Student Representative: Not present

High School Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- This last month has been a whirl wind of events much like it is every year.
- The 2023 graduation ceremony was wonderful. Thanks to the entire high school staff for putting together such a great ceremony for our students. Also, thanks to Jennie and Janet along with Superintendent Franke for providing our graduates with words of wisdom as they move on to this next stage in their lives.
- We had 24 graduates walking this year. They all did such a fantastic job! We have one senior who is enrolled with our district but attending Open Doors. This student transferred to us from out of district at the end of the 2022 school year. The Open Doors program allows students, like

this one, to earn their high school diploma as well as an industry certificate that will allow them to go straight to the work force with job skills.

- In the fall, we were awarded a \$14,000.00 grant to enhance our computer science offerings. With this money, we were able to purchase materials to update our computers in the computer lab to better support our joint effort with Microsoft and their TEALS coding program. Additionally, we were also able to purchase materials and equipment to offer a 3-D Printing class that will be offered to both high school and middle school students. This course will be offered to middle school students for high school credit.

Special Programs Report:

Cindy Christoferson shared:

- We ended this year with a Special Ed Rate of – $82/425 = 19.3\%$
- That is quite a jump from last month's rates – this is not atypical as we have students who we have been providing tier 2 interventions throughout the school year then, in the spring, we just don't see the progress necessary and will refer to special education for an evaluation.
- We usually have one or two students who have been receiving birth to 3 services transition over to the school district for services. These students often have speech and/or OT concerns that need to continue being addressed

K-8 School Report:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Thanks to Mr. Rankin and Ms. Solomon for planning field day this year, it was great.
- Year ended with educational and fun field trips.
- The 8th grade moving up ceremony went very well.

Superintendent Report:

Tracy Franke shares:

- Facilities -
 - Larry, Randy, McKenzie & I met with Apollo to review the scope of the project with Scott Lewis and James Taylor, and Novella Randal from DES who has final approval of the project. They are taking some time to look at options for keeping or removing pipes from the community center.
 - Sending a letter of acceptance to Scott Black tomorrow.
 - Capital Projects in process: Irrigation Project; ADA Button on HS front door; HS alarm system; first step in irrigation issues at elementary being addressed with removal of trees; dishwashing area of kitchen
 - Fascia boards being replaced on the high school
- Response to letter received at May Board Meeting:
 - Question #1 - What are students currently being taught in regard to sexual or reproductive education? Please provide curriculum being used if any.

Answer: Students are taught the state standards. Portions of the FLASH curriculum are utilized in teaching the state standards. Content that does not meet the standards is not included.

For HIV/STD prevention, the KNOW Curriculum was being used, but we will be updating the curriculum to better align with the standards next year.

- Question #2 - Are teachers and staff clearly instructed NOT to self-script or ad lib on the topics of sexual education, or gender identity?

Answer: Yes, they are directed to only speak to the state standards.

- Question #3 - Are there plans to approve any additional sexual education or related curriculum? If yes, please provide details.

Answer: We are setting up free consultation meetings with Cardea to support our adoption process. Family input will be part of the process.

- Question #4 - Will the Board strongly consider using a sexual education curriculum that is developed locally? If yes, is the Board also willing to allow a minimum of two months to see a draft presentation of the curriculum instead of the two weeks that were given this year?

Answer: An adoption committee will be formed with the support of Cardea WA Prep Services. We received support from this organization in the past. The committee will be looking at a variety of curriculum to ensure all the standards are being taught. Because of the variety of material available, and the work of Cardea, we hope to find a curriculum that is already written that can be utilized.

Yes, the schedule can be arranged to have letters mailed two months in advance instead of the one month that is required and took place this year.

- Staffing Update: Offered positions to teachers for elementary and MS positions
- Basic Ed Requirements - We are setting a goal to expand financial education instruction as it is recommended/not required. As for the Seal of Biliteracy, we continue to not be able to meet this recommendation as 4 years of a foreign language is required and at this time we provide two years.

Financial and Enrollment Reports:

McKenzie Boyd shared that the annual average FTE for 22-23 was 420.97. Fund balance looks good. She is finishing up grant claims. The preliminary budget is due to the ESD July 10th 2023.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Kiah Penfield – would like to see the agenda items be more clear and has concerns about teaching Health standards at the district. Also thinks that PE and Health should be two separate classes.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy update

Policy 1250 and 1250P Students on governing boards.

Randy made a motion to approve policy update 1250 and 1250P with changes, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Update

None

High School Principal Contract

Tracy requests High School Principal contract renewal for Cynthia Christoferson for 2023-24.

Janet made a motion to renew the High School Principal contract for Cynthia Christoferson, Larry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Career and Technical Education Report

Cindy-

- This year in CTE found us continuing to build our Family and Consumer Science pathway. We are hoping to be offering both Intro to Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry this next school year. This will be a two period block allowing students to earn 1.0 credit semester one in Intro to Culinary Arts and 1.0 credit semester two in Baking and Pastry. Doing this allows for more flexibility in scheduling students and allows us to provide a two-year CTE graduation pathway in one year for students that need it.
- We also received a supplemental grant which provided us with \$15,000.00 to increase our Dual Credit options. We chose to put this money toward purchasing standard industry equipment for our culinary arts program and will be working on partnering with a secondary program like Skagit Valley Community College or Bellingham Technical College in order to offer our students college credit and a secondary education pathway.
- The Tiny House There have been a dedicated group of students working on it again this year – at least two will be returning to work on it again in the upcoming school year. It is nearing completion and will hopefully be completed by the end of the 2024 school year.

Athletics Department Report

Tracy- 22/23 School Year we had 12 girls middle school basketball, 12 wrestlers, 20 baseball players, and 22 softball player. Softball made it to state for the 2nd year in a row. Linn has schedules for the 23/24 School year for Football and Volleyball completed. Wrestling tournaments have been scheduled. She is working on Basketball. Linn and Tracy talked to the board about “Go Fan” which will allow people to buy tickets and watch DHS games online.

Food Service Report

Tracy –

- Lunch to students is at 75% with a 92% high. In 19/20 School year lunch rate was at 43%.
- There is an average of 14 staff members eating lunch with a high of 26.
- Amy is working on lowering food costs.
- Since we are a CEP School our students qualify for the PEBT program over the summer
- Amy is looking for grants for new ovens

- Farm to School Grant will help us spend down \$20,000. We are also using that grant to purchase items, such as a food processor to allow for more seasonal foods being prepared instead of purchasing in commodities.
- Breakfast after the Bell will be offered in the 23/24 School year to all students

Transportation Report

Tracy-

- Ordered a new Thomas Bus using depreciation funds from the state.
- April is training a new bus driver that will put us at 7 drivers.
- Talked about electric buses and grants coming out to purchase them.

Gifts to the District

Hampton Lumber Mills donated boards for the fascia on the high school.

Larry made a motion accept the gift from Hampton, Janet seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

List of Agreements and Contracts on page 38.

Larry made a motion to approve the agreements and contracts on page 38, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

To Review the performance of a public employee.

Executive session begins at 7:41 pm. The board will return at 8pm with action to follow.

The board returned at 8:00 pm.

Personnel Actions:

Janet made a motion for non-renewal of a certified staff member, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry made a motion for 3.7% raise for superintendent for 2023-24, Randy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Comments:

Marree shared NCFS summer camp has started and Law enforcement officers are coming to camp in July for lunch.

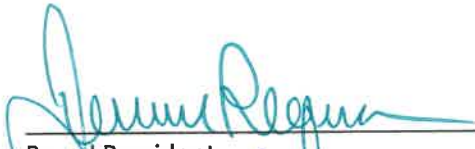
Janet appreciates that this was a great school year. There are great things happening. Thanks to everyone.

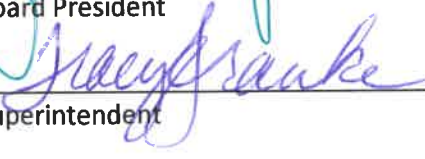
Larry – None

Randy - None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.


Board President


Superintendent

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