

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Elementary Library
1085 Fir Street
Darrington, WA 98241

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018
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: Erin Green, Jennie Requa, Sheila Sisney and Marree Perrault.

Correspondence

Dr. Marsh received notification that the district's application for the Dual Credit Expansion grant was approved in the amount of \$25,000.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Erin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular Agenda

Erin made a motion to approve the Regular Agenda. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Elementary:

Tracy Franke reports:

- Received sixty-four responses to the Title I Parent Involvement survey regarding family engagement
- In the process of setting up math night and parenting classes in partnership with North Counties Family Services as a result of the survey responses
- The Sauk-Suiattle Tribe has offered to pay for a production of Tears of Joy: The Legends of Coyote, which will be performed at the elementary school
- North Cascades National Park Service has offered to pay for this year's 5th grade North Cascades Mountain School
- Conference attendance was 100% for Preschool and Kindergarten, 95% for 1st through 5th grades, and 53% for 6th through 8th grades.

High School:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Will report conference attendance numbers at the next board meeting
- The drama presentation was great
- Started a new tradition of having pie with students the day before Thanksgiving break
- 15-20 students went on a tour of AMTEC, which is essentially a college version of Skills Center
- The Journalism class will be attending an upcoming conference

Special Programs:

Cindy Christoferson reports:

- Continuing to work with staff to serve kids

DEA:

Dyanna Armony reports:

- DEA would like to change their VEBA contribution amount and will send the results of their vote to the district office

PSE:

No Report

Student Representative:

Natalie Stewart reports:

- Drama production was successful
- Winter sports in full swing
- Starting to order for graduation
- Holiday Hallways and Holiday Fun Day coming soon
- New Thanksgiving pie tradition was fun
- Mr. Bass had a pre-Thanksgiving feast in his room
- Veterans Day assembly with special guest Matt Pater was successful
- Students made college field trips to EVCC and Skagit CC

Enrollment/Financial Reports:

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Enrollment for November was 410.97
- Currently projecting 405 annual average enrollment, above 387 budgeted
- Presented final year end fund balance for August 2018 (\$1,096,427)
- Presented October 2018 fund balance (\$1,271,375)
- Dave requested that the fund balance chart include fund balance as a percentage of expenditures in the future so the board can assess its compliance with the minimum fund balance policy

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

Roxanne Sappingfield thanked the board for the new ELA curriculum. She also shared that she is concerned about the added sugar in school lunches. She presented information about the grams of sugar in student favorites such as chocolate milk and orange chicken and noted that the additional sugar in the orange chicken is the equivalent of two candy bars. She stated that it is difficult to teach math after lunch when the students have had so much sugar. She also noted that it is the district's duty to educate students on health as well as math, reading, etc. The number of processed food items on the menu is also of concern to her. She stated that the students need healthier options and would ask that chocolate milk be taken off the menu.

Dave Holmer stated that the board should have additional conversations about this issue because they would need more information before making a change.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

None

OLD BUSINESS

Sheila made a motion to accept revised Procedure 1620P, revised Policy 2410 and revised Procedure 2410P. Erin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Update:

Board members were encouraged to read WSSDA recommended revised policy 4130, to be voted on at December's meeting.

School Improvement Plans:

Tracy Franke and Cindy Christoferson presented the school improvement plans for each school. Dave thanked them and asked them when the outcomes will be available for review to determine whether the plans were effective. Tracy and Cindy shared that the outcomes will be available in June 2019.

District Action Plan CTE 2017-18:

Dr. Marsh shared that he is working on getting CTE in compliance, which requires approval of the 2017-18 Action Plan and an assessment. Jennie made a motion to accept the 2017-18 CTE Action Plan. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DPICC:

Marree Perrault presented information about the Darrington Prevention and Intervention Community Coalition as part of the Key Leader Orientation that is required annually.

Superintendent Goals:

Dr. Marsh presented his goals as follows:

Goal #1: During the 2018-19 school year, the district will continue to update and reimagine its mission, vision, and strategic plan.

Goal #2: During the 2018-19 school year, the district will continue to develop and increase the capacity and practice of school personnel through training, professional development, supervision and evaluation.

Goal #3: During the 2018-19 school year, the district will develop ways to promote and increase family engagement, interagency cooperation, and community support.

Goal #4: On an ongoing basis throughout the 2018-19 school year, the superintendent will work with the school board to promote a professional working environment.

Erin made a motion to approve the superintendent goals for 2018-19. Jennie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Overnight/Out of State Travel:

None

Board Calendar:

Tabled until the December meeting

November 2018 Asset Surplus:

McKenzie stated there were no assets to surplus for November.

Gifts to the District:

Erin made a motion to accept the gifts to the district as stated on page 48. Sheila seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreements and Contracts:

None

Personnel Actions:

Erin made a motion to accept the personnel actions as presented on page 49. Marree seconded.

Superintendent's Report:

Buck Marsh reports:

- The high school football and volleyball seasons are complete
- Basketball and Wrestling seasons have begun
- Dr. Marsh thanked Tracy Franke and Cindy Christoferson for presenting their school improvement plans. He noted that it is common to see test scores decline when students move from primary to intermediate and the challenge is creating an atmosphere of achievement and getting students to view themselves as college capable. He also stated that AVID is a program that is intended to unlock student achievement. In addition, he said that it's important to remember that one year of curriculum is designed to provide one year of growth. To get student scores above state averages, we must provide supplemental activities in order to add more than one year of growth in one school year.

Board Comments:

Maree noted that students need support even after school and she noticed that district administrators were the only school staff in attendance at the Colors of Fall event.

Executive Session:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:11 PM stating that thirty minutes would be needed for an Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee. Dave returned at 8:32 PM and stated that they would need an additional ten minutes, meaning they would return at 8:51 PM rather than the initial estimate of 8:41 PM. Dave returned at 8:55 PM and stated that they would need an additional ten minutes, meaning they would return at 9:05 PM. The Board returned at 9:18 PM.

Adjournment:

Chair Dave Holmer adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.



 Board President



 Secretary to the Board

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