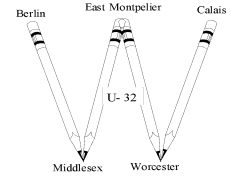


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Washington Central Unified Union School District Board Approved Meeting Minutes

12.4.19 6:30 – 9 PM

U-32 Middle/High School, Room 128/131

approved 1-15-20

Board Members Present: Scott Thompson, Jonas Eno-Van Fleet, Jaiel Pulskamp, Lindy Johnson, Flor Diaz Smith, Chris McVeigh, George Gross, Vera Frazier, Marylyne Strachan, Student Representative Townes DeGroot

Administrators Present: Superintendent Debra Taylor, Doty Principal Gillian Fuqua, Rumney Principal Casey Provost, Berlin Principal Aaron Boynton, Calais Principal Cat Fair, Business Administrator Lori Bibeau, Director of Student Services Kelly Bushey, U-32 Principal Steven Dellinger-Pate, U-32 Assistant Principal Jody Emerson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jen Miller Arsenault, Director of Technology Keith MacMartin

Others Present: ORCA videographer, Corinne Stridsberg (arrived at 7:30); Matthew DeGroot (arrived at 8:30)

1.0 Call to Order: Scott Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

1.1 Reception of Guests: no guests were present tonight at this time.

1.2 Agenda Revisions: Scott Thompson indicated that the board may, if time permits, go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting. Scott Thompson noted that he intends to have the meeting end at 9:00; however, at that time, the board may take action to extend the duration of the meeting. Board members were in agreement of this.

1.3 Public Comments: Scott Thompson noted that he had heard feedback to request that when committees meet, they prepare a summary to share, for example, on Front Porch Forum.

Steven Dellinger-Pate shared that Susan Dentith passed away over Thanksgiving break. Board members expressed their deepest condolences.

2.0 Spotlight – U-32 Principal, Steven Dellinger-Pate: Steven Dellinger-Pate shared an activity that U-32 has been practicing - to write notes on post cards for students (or staff). Board members selected post cards to do the same.

3.0 Book Reflection – Equity from the Board Room to the Classroom Chapter 7: Aaron Boynton facilitated a book reflection activity, using a discussion protocol.

4.0 Consent Agenda (Action)

4.1 Approve Minutes of 11.20.19: **Flor Diaz Smith moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2019. Seconded by Jaiel Pulskamp, this motion carried unanimously.**

4.2 Approve Board Orders : **Lindy Johnson moved to approve board orders in the amounts of: \$421,789.60 and \$18,082.68. Seconded by Chris McVeigh.**

Discussion: Vera Frazier and Chris McVeigh asked a couple of questions for clarification. **This motion carried unanimously.**

5.0 Reports (Discussion)

5.1 Superintendent: This written report had been shared with the board.

5.2 Leadership: This written report had been shared with the board. Kelly Bushey shared briefly about the November 11th professional development with David Melnick, around trauma-informed practice in schools.

5.3 Student: Townes DeGroot shared some of the student happenings.

5.4 Superintendent Search: Flor Diaz Smith shared that the steering committee has been meeting weekly. She shared that on Wednesday, December 11th, a public forum will be held to discuss the superintendent search; the intention of this meeting is to flesh out the questions for the interview committee. Some discussion followed around the composition of the hiring committee.

5.5 Negotiations: Lindy Johnson shared that the group has begun its work using Interest Based Bargaining process.

6.0 Finance (Discussion/Action)

6.1 Budget

6.1.1 Short-Term Capital Investment

6.1.2 Budget Draft #1a: Debra Taylor presented this budget iteration which reflects an increase of 4.82%. The board discussed Community Connections and other topics related to the budget, including proposed new positions for consideration in response to student needs. Some discussion followed around the difference between professional development and teacher coach positions.

Board members agreed that this budget draft is a good beginning, and is appropriate to share at the community forum on December 11th. Vera Frazier suggested that she would like to see a 3.5% increase budget for consideration. George Gross asked what is the population trend.

7.0 Policy (Discussion/Action)

7.1 Policy Committee Report: Chris McVeigh briefly reviewed the notes from the most recent Policy Committee meeting. Vera Frazier asked, in the future, if there are changes to policies, can edits be highlighted for board members' consideration.

7.2 First Reading of A2 Policies and Procedures, A20 Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution, F46 Flag Raising Policies. Some discussion followed around these policies. The board and Steven Dellinger-Pate discussed the second flag pole at U-32; Principal

Dellinger-Pate indicated that the BLAM group is preparing a proposal for administration/ board around the Black Lives Matter flag, which is currently flying on the second pole.

Scott Thompson moved to approve first readings of the policies: A2 Policies and Procedures, A20 Board Meetings, Agenda Preparation & Distribution, F46 Flag Raising Policies Seconded by Flor Diaz Smith, this motion carried unanimously.

At 9:00, Scott Thompson invited members of the leadership team to leave if they wanted.

Jonas Eno- Van Fleet moved to extend the board meeting an additional half hour. Seconded by Chris McVeigh, this motion carried unanimously.

7.3 Second Reading of C50 Comprehensive Sexual Health Services Policy. **Lindy Johnson moved to approve second reading of this policy. Seconded by Jonas Eno-Van Fleet, this motion carried unanimously.**

7.4 Resolution Regarding Hate Symbols: Jonas Eno-Van Fleet suggested some verbiage for Policy C27; he will forward this information to Debra Taylor and Chris McVeigh for the Policy Committee. Townes DeGroot asked whether there is an explicit definition for “hate symbol.” Committee members shared that creating a list is exhaustive; Townes felt that the verbiage Jonas Eno-Van Fleet had discovered is helpful in defining “hate symbol.”

8.0 Personnel (Action)

8.1 Approve Hires: none

9.0 Board Operations

9.1 Possible Renaming of District: the board will address this at a later date.

9.2 Board members considered the board members terms of office. January 27, 2020 is the deadline for community members to acquire signatures on a petition to run for a vacant seat. The board will use Front Porch Forum to communicate this.

10.0 Future Agenda Items

10.1 Solar Power Discussion

11.0 Board Reflection and Summary of Meeting – Next Steps for Board Members

12.0 Adjournment: At 9:30 p.m., the board adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Stoudt, Board Recording Secretary