



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2023**

Board Members: Mari Taylor, President
Nina Hanson
David Iseminger
Vildan Kirby
Paul Lund
Ken D. Collins, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Student Advisory Council Officers: MacKenzie Conniff
Hayden LaCelle
Riley Boerger
Samuel Orduna
Yostina Mosa
Aashisri Bendalam
Laila Njie
Muhammed Ceesay

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors met in a Regular Session at Skyline Elementary. A Zoom option was available for this meeting that President Taylor called to order at 6:30.

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Director Lund made a motion to approve the February 22, 2023 agenda. The motion was seconded by President Taylor and unanimously approved.

Director Hanson made a motion to approve the February 8, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Iseminger and unanimously approved.

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RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Superintendent Collins spoke regarding the Student Advisory Council members and how it all began. He stated Policy 1900; Student Advisory Council, was student-generated, student-created, and student-driven. He also noted that it is a rigorous process to apply for the Student Advisory Council. Students need to turn in an application and interview for the position in front of a panel. Superintendent Collins read the oath of office with the Student Advisory Members. The Student Advisory Council for the 2023 school year are MacKenzie Conniff, Hayden LaCelle, Riley Boerger, Samuel Orduna, Aashisri Bendalam, Yostina Mosa, and Muhammed Ceesay. Laila Njie was unable to attend.

President Taylor introduced each school board member. Director Lund stated he has been on the board for 13 years. He has three children that graduated from LSHS. Director Lund also said being a part of this board has been a great journey. Director Iseminger stated he has been on the board for 15 years. He had two children who graduated from LSHS and has two children at NLMS. He feels it is an honor to serve on this board and that it is a great school district. Director Iseminger said it is a wonderful place to raise a family. Director Hanson said she has three children including a four-month-old. She said she has been on the board for a little over a year and she loves being a part of this community. Director Kirby said Skyline holds a special place in her heart. It is where her children started school. She used to help out in the classroom and now she is a substitute teacher because she loves working with the students. Director Kirby said she has twins at Cavelero Mid High School. She said they moved to Lake Stevens because of this school district. President Taylor said she has been on the school board for 24 years. She is the Transition Specialist at the Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families. She stated her children also graduated from LSHS. Superintendent Collins said he has been in the LSSD for 32 years and 39 years in education. He began his career in Marysville as a teacher. He started his LSSD journey at LSHS as a teacher, an Associate Principal, and then a Principal at LSHS. He then moved to the district office to become Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and is now Superintendent. He said he has been fortunate to advance his career in this district. He talked about his three children graduating from LSHS and how he had decided a long time ago that Lake Stevens would be their home.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

The evening started with Skyline Elementary Band Director Bill Kusler playing a wonderful introduction piece. Principal Tori Thomas, Dean of Students Katie Scott, and MTSS Intervention Specialist Kristen Smutz introduced themselves. Principal Thomas started her presentation in teacher Cheryl Ryba's portable where they shared and presented the box lights. Ms. Ryba showed a box light example presentation and how great the touch technology is. When everyone returned to the Library Principal Thomas spoke on Social Emotional Learning, PBIS, and Academic Learning. Principal Thomas talked about if they work around self-efficacy and a sense of belonging it will ensure their students feel confident and feel connected to staff and other students. She showed Panorama Data on self-efficacy at Skyline being at 65% and sense of belonging at 63%. Principal Thomas also talked about how they were increasing Skyline Explorer's sense of belonging and self-efficacy. They have a variety of stuffed dogs in the halls with signs on them reminding students to show responsibility, be respectful, and be safe. The students love the motivational stuffed dogs. Skyline also has Exceptional Explorer cards that staff can hand out to students when they are being respectful, responsible, and safe. Principal Thomas talked about greetings at the door. She showed a video on several different ways to greet others. Some of the great examples were smiles, waves, and high-fives.

Dean of Students Katie Scott and MTSS Intervention Specialist Kristen Smutz talked about creating a peaceful playground. Their PBIS team looked specifically at data which is sorted by behaviors and physical aggression or physical contact. They are sorted by referrals, location, and time of day. The classrooms created pictures showing a peaceful playground. After they had discussed peaceful playground information they collected more data. It was a significant change in the data. The referrals went from 71 to 14. Dean of Students Katie Scott also talked about how they created Recess Expectations. One example was a kid-friendly poster of Skyline recess football's expected behavior. Skyline staff also created an expectation matrix and expectation posters giving examples of respect, responsibility, and being safe.

Principal Thomas also spoke on Character Trait of the Month and how they are trying to help students to become citizens in a society in a positive way. She stated every month they have a new character trait that teachers work on with the students. The character trait this month is kindness. Another trait is empathy, this creates a sense of belonging when someone shows kindness or empathy. At the end of the month, one student from each class gets recognized at an assembly.

Principal Thomas also is celebrating Academic Growth! She is making use of the i-Ready target area – PHONICS. She showed a graph example of the improvement from winter 2022 to winter 2023. She also presented a graph on Kindergarten winter i-Ready data. Principal Thomas stated their students need more vocabulary and language comprehension support. She said they can take the most common words you see and show the multiple meanings. Principal Thomas ended her presentation by stating they need a balance of caring, pushing, and a sense of belonging for their students and staff.

Director Lund said he was so thankful for the chart given to each board member to follow along with the presentation. He also said it was a great presentation with creative solutions using data.

President Taylor said it was a very well-balanced presentation.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

President Taylor called for any community comments.

Mr. Todd Tamlyn wanted to speak on behalf of Cathy Benson. He stated there was a religious gentleman on the road to Cavelero Mid High School. Mr. Tamlyn stated that in 2017 this man was arrested but never held accountable. He expressed concern for the safety of the students. He wanted to thank the Cavelero Staff for taking care of the situation.

Mrs. Cynthia Tamlyn spoke addressing the urgency for the mental health care of our students. She is concerned that some of the seniors graduating are not prepared with needed life skills and that we have several students that are not graduating. Mrs. Tamlin said she was appalled to see a religious gentleman on the road to Cavelero. She said she was under the impression he should not have been on the property.

President Taylor called for any other community comments. Hearing none, she closed this portion of the meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

Consent Agenda:

Director Iseminger made a motion to approve the "Consent Agenda" items:

1. Warrant Nos. 306951 – 307151 - \$1,097,198.34 (E: 35/23);
2. the Personnel Report: certified employment of Pamela Stime; classified employment of Nicole Beck, Jennifer Escalier, Cinthia Fleming, Michael Roberts, and Denise Warstler; volunteers John LeDoux; resignations of Kathleen Batrack, Shannon Bumstead, and Pamela Stine; retirement of Lee Schwartzmiller (E: 36/23); the co-curricular report (E: 37/23);
3. A donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Highland PTA (E: 38/23); a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Walter Loayza (E: 39/23); a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Purple and Gold Club (E: 40/23); Approval to Surplus Equipment (E: 41/23); Approval to Remove Lost Items from the District's Inventory (E: 42/23).

The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

Director Kirby made a motion to approve the attendance of three teams attending the Vex Robotics Worlds competition in Dallas, TX on April 25-27 (E: 43/23). The motion was seconded by Director Iseminger and unanimously approved.

Director Lund made a motion to approve the DECA Program taking approximately six students to the DECA International Career Development Conference competition which will be held in Orlando, FL from April 21 – 26, 2023. (E: 44/23). The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved.

Director Iseminger made a motion to approve Policy 5510 Freedom of Expression (E: 45/23). The motion was seconded by Director Lund and the motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Director Hanson made a motion to approve authorization of the award of a public works contract to BCN Construction LLC in the amount of \$260,400.00 for the Lake Stevens High School Building

100 Restroom Renovation project (E: 46/23). The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

Director Iseminger made a motion to approve the final acceptance of the public works projects (E: 47/23). The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main spoke about Policy 5461 Self-Administration of Asthma and Anaphylaxis Medications. Currently, we are following policy 5475.2 Administration of Medication which it describes a one-day's dose of self-carried medication. Unfortunately, you can't reduce an inhaler to one day's dose, nor can you reduce some anaphylaxis medication to one day's dose. Self-administration of these rescue-type medications are more effective if used immediately and not waiting for a health care professional to administer. This policy also sets the expectation of the requirements on parents to provide the appropriate medical documentation so a health care plan can be developed before the student enrolls in school per RCW 28A.210.320.

Assistant Superintendent Main also talked about Policy 5475.2 Administration of Medication. The previous policy briefly stated that while the student is in the custody of the district, our employees could administer medications so they can attend school. That requirement fulfilled the life-threatening conditions but not any other medications; prescriptive or over-the-counter (OTC). This policy and procedures are updated for the following items:

- adds clarity to the definition of medications,
- designate who can administer,
- what they can administer,
- when they can administer, and
- how they can administer medications
- transporting, labeling, and storing medications
- adds language on topical sunscreens and the medical use of cannabis-infused products.

Assistant Superintendent Main also reviewed Policy 5475.7 Parental Administration of Cannabis-Infused Products for Medical Purposes. A law was passed in 2022 to allow cannabis-infused products for medical purposes to be administered on campus by the parent/guardian in a private space. The district is required to provide this space such that it does not interrupt the educational

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environment. The law and the policy prohibit any school employee from storing or administering cannabis-infused products for any purpose. Students cannot self-carry or self-administer cannabis-infused products. Smoking or other methods of inhalation of cannabis-infused products are strictly prohibited while on school grounds, aboard a school bus, or attending a school-sponsored event. This policy does not diminish our ability to enforce drug-free school policies. The procedures detail how we will support the parent in this process.

Assistant Superintendent Main spoke about Policy 5478 Opioid-Related Overdose Reversal. A law passed in 2019 (RCW 28A.210.390) requiring school districts with 2,000 students or more to obtain and maintain at least one set of opioid overdose reversal medication in each of its high schools by the 20/21 school year. The district will use a standing order from the Health Department to obtain the medication. The policy dictates training specifications and who may distribute or administer the medication to respond to symptoms of an opioid-related overdose.

Assistant Superintendent Main also talked about Policy 1650 Video Surveillance. The District is committed to maintaining a safe and positive environment for staff, students, and visitors. We currently have security cameras in public and common spaces on our school campuses, however, as part of the security access and controls projects, we are increasing the number of security cameras in common and public spaces. The policy and procedures will guide our staff on:

- Where cameras can be located, how they are operated and controlled
- Who and when video recordings will be used and how it will not be used.
- How notification of video surveillance is happening
- Viewing versus a public records request for a copy
- Custody, control, retention, and disposal of video recordings
- How law enforcement's body-worn cameras will be addressed.

WSSDA recommended this school board policy and it gives clarity to the schools on the process to address requests to view or copy video recordings.

INFORMATION ITEMS

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Kirby congratulated the Student Advisory Council members and she stated it was such a pleasure meeting all of them. She is excited to get to know all of the students personally. Director Kirby wanted to thank Skyline for hosting the board meeting and giving such a wonderful presentation. She also wanted to thank Assistant Superintendent Main for her amazing policy work.

Director Hanson is so excited to have the Student Advisory Council members here again. She stated she thoroughly enjoyed the trumpet played by Mr. Kusler at the beginning of the Skyline presentation. Director Hanson stated that her daughter attends Skyline and they enjoy the trumpet every morning. She appreciates everyone and the work they are doing at Skyline. Director Hanson also wanted to thank the community members that commented during the board meeting. She said she appreciated the clarification and language changes on the updated policies that Assistant Superintendent Main is working on.

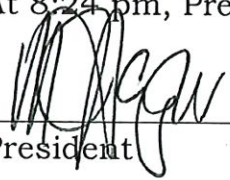
Director Iseminger congratulated the new Student Advisory Council. He thanked Skyline and commented on how he loves to be in the buildings. He enjoyed the technology with the box lights and the ability to adapt as it amplifies our education. Director Iseminger stated how gratifying it was to see PBIS tied into the presentation. He was also very thankful for the policy updates and changes.

Director Lund stated he enjoyed his time with the Student Advisory Council and learning about each of them. He spoke to the Student Advisory Council students on how they will be presenting to the board regarding what they are learning, what they see, and what they think the school board can do for all of the students. He thanked Skyline Elementary for a great presentation. He stated it is great that you see some challenges and showed how you are solving them. Director Lund stated how it is nice to see the new classrooms, how technology is used, and to see it in action. He also said thank you for the community comments. He thanked Assistant Superintendent Main for her important policy work.

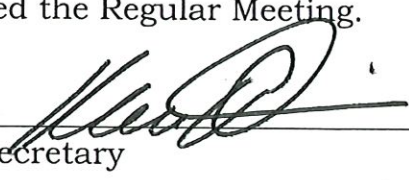
President Taylor congratulated the amazing Student Advisory Council members and said she is so excited they are here. She thanked Principal Thomas, Dean of students Kristi Scott, and MTSS Intervention Specialist Kristen Smutz for a wonderful welcome and a great presentation. She told them the message of love and belonging was wonderful.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:24 pm, President Taylor adjourned the Regular Meeting.



President



Secretary