

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING August 9, 2023

Board Mari Taylor, President

Members: Nina Hanson

David Iseminger Vildan Kirby Paul Lund

Ken D. Collins, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Student Advisory Council Officers: Samuel Orduna Riley Boerger

MacKenzie Conniff

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

ROLL CALL

Director Iseminger and Director Hanson joined the meeting via Zoom. Student Advisory Council Vice President Riley Boerger and Student Council Secretary Mackenzie Conniff were unable to attend.

Director Lund made a motion to approve the August 9, 2023 agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved.

Director Kirby made a motion to approve July 12, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved. Director Lund abstained due to being unable to attend the July 12, 2023, School Board Meeting.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

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

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DECISION ITEMS

Consent Agenda:

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

- 1. Warrant Nos. 309100 to 309201- \$636,413.99 (E:131/23); Warrant Nos. 22230027 to 222300028 \$2,236.66 (E:132/23);
- Personnel Report: certified employment of Lacy Aylesworth, Julia Blaine, Colin Cassady, Shantelle Dinsmoore, Rebecca Faheem, Meggan Gwinner, Tara Heist, Rachel Hollingsworth, Cassidy Hopkins, Christian Johnson, Jennifer Much, Katy Rudolph, Kenneth Stull, Kimberly Swanigan, Sarah Wong, Taryn Zickefoose; classified employment of Patti Bowers, Megan Frisbee, Monica Gibson, Hannah Rossnagle, Kelly Wagner, Denise Warstler; resignations of Mackenzie Alvarez, Keith Lingington, Jessica Sare, Breianna Williamson (E:133/23); the Co-Curricular assignments (E:134/23); Extension of Superintendent's Contract (E:135/23); Addendum to the Administrator's 2023-2024 MOU(E:136/23); Administrator's 2023-2024 Salary Schedule (E:137/23); and Warrant Nos. 309058 to 309099 \$11,813,337.44 July 2023 Payroll (E:138/23)
- 3. a. Acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$3,374.04 from the Purple and Gold Club (E:139/23)

The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved.

Director Kirby made a motion to approve the final acceptance of the public works projects. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and was unanimously approved (E:140/23).

As a condition of a City of Lake Stevens permit to construct 12 new townhomes on the property north of the district's Educational Service Center, the developer must connect the sidewalk on the district's property to a new sidewalk along the frontage of the new development. Because access onto and through the district property is necessary to build the sidewalk, a temporary construction easement is required. Approving a temporary construction easement will allow the developer to provide a continuous sidewalk along the developed portion of the east side of 123rd Avenue NE while protecting the district during construction. The sidewalk will benefit pedestrians and students of the middle school and will connect to properties to the north for future improvements.

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Director Lund made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to sign a temporary construction easement with Jim Lussier to connect the sidewalk in front of the Educational Service Center to a new sidewalk being built as part of the North Village Townhomes Project. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and was unanimously approved (E:141/23).

Director Kirby made a motion to adopt the revised Foundation for Excellence as the District Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2028. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and was unanimously approved. Director Kirby stated she was pleased with the revised Foundation for Excellence and Director Iseminger stated what a great process it was. Superintendent Collins stated he will be introducing the Foundation for Excellence to the new teachers so they can ask questions. He said this will be a living document for the next five years. Superintendent Collins wanted to thank Jonathan Sulzbach for his work on the Foundation for Excellence. President Taylor said the Foundation for Excellence represents trust and respect and feels very accessible. She thanked everyone for a wonderful final document (E:142/23).

DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Director of Special Education Miriam Tencate discussed the need to revise the Procedure for Policy #6005.1 Special Services. The Special Education Procedures for Policy #6005.1, Discipline "Basis of Knowledge" section needs to be updated to remove the line "without educational services" from page 37. She stated OSPI completed a review of the district's revised Special Education Procedures submitted as part of the 2022-2023 iGrants Form Package 267. This revision was inadvertently overlooked when the revisions were made in August 2022. This revision must be made to avoid a potential delay in the approval of the district's 2023-2024 IDEA fund application. The district's Special Education Procedures will be in alignment with OSPI requirements and will allow for the timely approval of the district's 2023-2024 IDEA fund application.

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Teresa Main presented the 2023-2024 Final Budget Information for all funds. Assistant Superintendent Main started with the 2022-23 Projected

Ending Fund Balance including revenues, and expenditures. She presented information on the Final General Fund explaining the State Apportionment, State, Special Purpose, Federal, Local Revenue,

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Interlocal Prg-GF Transp., Revenues from Other Ent., and other Financing Sources. Assistant Superintendent Main presented a pie chart on General Fund Revenues, and Expenditures by Program, Activity, and Object. Assistant Superintendent Main also shared information on Expenditures including Regular Instruction, Federal Stimulus, Special Education, Vocational Education, Compensatory Ed., other instructional programs, community services, and support services. She talked about the 4-Year General Fund Budget based on current assumptions. She also presented information on the Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation Vehicle Fund, and Associated Student Body Fund. Assistant Superintendent Main stated the next steps will be a hearing and adoption of the General Fund Budget. Director Iseminger stated robust and sound finances do not happen by accident. He thanked the entire team and what they do to be financially sound every year. President Taylor stated how grateful she was for all of their hard work on the budget. Executive Director Teresa Main stated that phenomenal Board and Superintendent direction helps build a budget. Executive Director Main also wanted to commend Human Resources, Accounting, Budget Staff, and Building Staff for all of their hard work.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Kirby stated she is excited about the new school year and thanked everyone for what they are doing for the district. When the community comes to her she tells them that the district is doing a great job with everything.

Director Lund said what a wonderful night and that exceptional work is being done in the district. He stated he was excited about the new teacher event and looking forward to welcoming them to the Lake Stevens School District. Director Lund was unable to attend the July 12, 2023, School Board Meeting so he wanted to congratulate Business Manager Allina Holmquist on her WASBO award and thank her for everything she does for the district. He also wanted to congratulate Executive Director of Communications Jayme Taylor and the Lake Stevens School District for their numerous awards from the National School Public Relations Association and the Washington School Public Relations Association. He said it is so wonderful to have recognition from outside the district.

Director Iseminger thanked everyone for all of their hard work and hoped everyone was enjoying their summer.

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Director Hanson wished everyone a happy summer! She stated she is excited to meet the district's new administrators and teachers. She thanked Executive Director of Operations Robb Stanton and his team on the public works projects and Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main and her team for their work on the budget. Director Hanson is looking forward to receiving her copy of the Foundation for Excellence. Director Hanson valued the statement Superintendent Collins stated that the Foundation for Excellence is a living document that we can be guided by. She also wanted to thank Executive Director of Communications Jayme Taylor and the district team for all of their positive communication.

Student Advisory Council President Sam Orduna said he was happy to help with the Foundation for Excellence. Sam stated he is having a good summer and is excited about the school year.

President Taylor thanked everyone for a great night and she wanted to shout out to Student Advisory Council members Sam Orduna, Hayden Lacelle, and Aashisri Bendalam for attending the School Board Meeting during the summer. She said that is dedication. The Student Advisory Council is making such a big difference. President Taylor said take care and have a wonderful evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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At p.m., President Taylor adjourned the Regular Meeting.

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