



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors

Erin Markquart, President
Deb Norris, Vice President
Paul Williams, Legislative Rep.
Casey Chamberlain, Member
Richard Hendricks, Member

Mission

*We believe it is our responsibility to
ensure the best education for every student,
every day, in every classroom.*

*We believe in success for
students and staff every day.*

November 9, 2016 Study Session – Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

School Board President, Erin Markquart, called the November 9 Study Session of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Present:

Erin Markquart, Deb Norris, Paul Williams, Casey Chamberlain, Rick Hendricks

Superintendent, Laurie Dent; Assistant Superintendent, Bill Gaines; Educational Support Services Executive Director, Steve Sjolund; Secondary Executive Director, Kelly Denn; Career and College Readiness Executive Director, Sharon Fochtman; SEA President, Gabrielle Wright; Comprehensive Guidance Coordinator, Jeannie Larberg; Secondary Curriculum Director, Lindsay O'Neal; Daffodil Valley Dean of Students, Corey Gould; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; Special Services Executive Director, Keoni Smith; Elementary Program Administrator, Laurie Sjolund; Elementary Program Administrator, Elli McDaniel; Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Campbell; Sumner High School Biology Teacher, Bo Woodbury; Elementary Executive Director, Beth Dykman; Recording Secretary, Bailey Ottenad

Visitors: 2

2. Flag Salute

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Casey Chamberlain to approve the agenda as presented; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports

a. Vision 2020: Academics Part II

District Administrators provided the board with a deeper look into the academics portion of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan by reporting on the areas of Science, Early Learning, academic rigor and career pathways.



Secondary Executive Director, Kelly Denn, gave the Board an overview of science test data for students in grades 5, 8, 9, and 10 in comparison to state standard. This data allows the district to provide strategic support in schools with students that need it most, while leveraging strengths and practices in schools where data is good. Kelly continued to report that the district is preparing for science assessment changes to NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards).

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, Bill Gaines, reported on academic rigor as it relates to Vision 2020. Challenging students and offering classes that are interesting keeps them motivated. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses offer the academic rigor that some students need to remain motivated and passionate to learning. Bill reported on the trend and current number of students enrolled in AP and IB classes at both high schools.

Elementary Program Administrator, Laurie Sjolund, gave the board an overview of early learning and kindergarten in Sumner School District and the importance of creating an intentional focus to build a foundation of success.

Lastly, Career and College Readiness Executive Director, Sharon Fochtman, and District Comprehensive Guidance Counselor, Jeannie Larberg, gave the Board an inside look into the new online advisory career/college planning tool for students called Career Cruising. Sharon said elementary students participate in career exposure activities, middle school students use Career Cruising for career exploration, and high school students use Career Cruising for career experiences. Sumner School District works diligently to ensure all students graduate high school career and college ready.

b. Policy and Procedure

Superintendent, Laurie Dent, presented the following new and revised policies and procedures:

- 2121 and 2121P Substance Abuse Program
- 3413 Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses
- 3115 and 3115P Homeless Students Enrollment Rights and Services
- 3122 and 3122P Excused and Unexcused Absences
- 3510 and 3510P Associated Student Bodies
- 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises

Superintendent, Laurie Dent, reviewed the School Board's Operating Principles. The School Board signed a new copy of the Principles.

5. November 16 Agenda Review

Superintendent, Laurie Dent, reviewed the October 19 Board agenda.

6. School Board Future Planning

This is a time on the agenda for the School Board to review their commitments to action and requests for Superintendent, Laurie Dent.



7. Board Discussion

School Board Member, Casey Chamberlain, informed the School Board that he is still receiving requests from Bus Drivers to look into toggle switch concerns. Casey requested that the District follow up directly with Bus Drivers and bring closure to the issue.

School Board Member, Paul Williams, asked if the District will participate in a perception survey this year. Superintendent, Laurie Dent, informed the Board that students just completed the survey, staff will complete the survey in January, and parents in the spring.

8. Executive Session

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Session, RCW 42.30.111(c)(f), School Board President, Erin Markquart, announced the Sumner School Board of Directors would hold an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a real estate and personnel matter. The Board expected the Executive Session to last 50 minutes and action was not anticipated following the session.

Meeting Recessed to Executive Session – 8:12 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened – 9:01 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Paul Williams to adjourn the November 10 Study Session; Seconded by Casey Chamberlain. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Laurie Dent, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest:

Erin Markquart, President
Board of Directors