SUMNER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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.

May 3, 2017 Special Board Meeting – Meeting Minutes

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

School Board President, Erin Markquart, called the May 3 Special Board Meeting 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; Assistant Superintendent, Kelly Denn; Human Resources Executive Director, Marion Leach; Special Education Executive Director, Karen Finigan; Innovation and Learning Executive Director, Michelle Lewis; Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Campbell; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; SEA President, Gabrielle Wright; Community Engagement Director, Marilee Hill-Anderson; Recording Secretary, Bailey Ottenad

Visitors: 1

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. STEM

Innovation and Learning Executive Director Michelle Lewis reported on the District's exploration, planning and implementation of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program in Sumner School District. Michelle said that Washington state has 45,000 unfilled STEM jobs and 50% of STEM positions require less than a bachelor's degree. In order to ensure students are career and college ready, we must prepare students with the tools and skills to be successful in various settings. Success will be measured by increasing enrollment in STEM, meeting and/or exceeding standards, and offering an increased number of industry certifications and class opportunities. Three groups will benefit from a STEM program: students will be STEM ready, teachers will be able to provide rich and rigorous STEM opportunities, and the community will have a well-educated and trained workforce.

b. New and Revised Policy and Procedure

In accordance with School Board Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and By-Laws, Superintendent Laurie Dent presented the following new and revised policies and procedures:

- 2409F Credit for Competency-Proficiency
- 2410P High School Graduation Requirements
- 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
- 4400 and 4400P Election Activities
- 5253 and 5253P Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries
- 6112 Rental or Lease of District Real Property
    - School Board Member Paul Williams said he supported the WSSDA model policy, but asked if two other board members would support him writing an opinion letter to our local Legislator on whether or not leftover community rental money should remain in the general fund or be moved to capital projects. The Legislator would then forward the opinion on our behalf to the Attorney General's Office (AGO) for online posting and solicitation from Washington State School Directors' Association and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. School Board President Erin Markquart asked if this was a big enough issue to take to the AGO. School Board Member Rick said the AGO would be a good resource for future issues.

c. 2017-18 School Board Meeting Calendar

The School Board reviewed 2017-18 Board meeting dates. The calendar will be approved at the May 10 Board meeting.

5. 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.

6. Board Discussion

School Board Member Rick Hendricks said the School Board needs to move forward with a name change. School Board Member Paul Williams asked about holding another open house or something similar. Rick said another open house was not necessary. Superintendent Laurie Dent said the Board needs to take action on the name change in the near future or they run the risk of the matter being deemed abandoned. Rick highlighted a recent Tacoma News Tribune opinion article from April 24 and said it was exceptionally good and reiterated that we would not have passed the 2016 bond without the support of citizens on the hill. Paul asked if there were any filing expenses associated with the name change and Laurie said $20.

School Board President Erin Markquart said she has been approached by multiple community members regarding the District Late Start. Erin said we tabled the matter in March but need to come to a decision on how to proceed. School Board Member Casey Chamberlain said the majority of survey respondents agrees with changing Wednesday late start to Friday early release. School Board Member Paul Williams asked for additional data to support the need to change the late start. Superintendent Laurie Dent said the District has exhausted surveying key stakeholders; a survey was done in 2015 and this past January. School Board Member Rick Hendricks said he will not support a Friday early release. Erin said she is here to represent the community and the community has spoken in both surveys; the results say they would like to see a change from Wednesday late start to Friday early release. School Board Vice President Deb Norris said our personal bias should not interfere with what the survey results show. Paul said the matter can remain tabled and we can request the District provide additional data.

School Board Vice President Deb Norris said she attended the Washington State Achievement Award Ceremony where 5 out of 8 elementary schools were recognized.

School Board President Erin Markquart said that it was Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked teachers for the work they do every day.

7. Executive Session

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Sessions, RCW 42.30.110(c)(g) and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), School Board President Erin Markquart announced the Sumner School District Board of Directors would hold an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a real estate matter, the Superintendent's evaluation and contract, and collective bargaining. The session would last 90 minutes and possible action was anticipated.

Meeting Recessed to Executive Session – 6:49 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened to Open Session – 8:22 p.m.

Moved by Deb Norris to approve Appedix A 2017-18 Salary Schedule for the Sumner Exempt Employees; Seconded by Casey Chamberlain. Motion passed 3-2.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Casey Chamberlain to adjourn the May 3 Special Board Meeting; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:23 p.m.

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Laurie Dent, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest: _____
Erin Markquart, President
Board of Directors