



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors

Casey Chamberlain, President

Erin Markquart, Vice President

Deb Norris, Legislative Rep.

Richard Hendricks, Member

Paul Bucich, 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.*

October 14, 2015 Study Session – Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

President, Casey Chamberlain, called the October 14 Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office Board Room.

Present:

Casey Chamberlain, Erin Markquart, Deb Norris, Richard Hendricks

Superintendent, Dr. Sara Johnson; Career and College Readiness Executive Director, Sharon Fochtman; Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent; Secondary Academic Officer, Deb Barlow; Assistant Superintendent, Marc Brouillet; ELL and Student Services Director, Tyler Stiner; Education Support Services Officer, Steve Sjolund; Curriculum and Instruction Officer, Michelle Lewis; Special Services Officer, Keoni Smith; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; Bonney Lake High School Principal, Cris Turner; Elementary Academic Officer, Beth Dykman; Secondary Literacy Director, Kassie Meath; Career and Technical Education Intern, Shannon Thiessen; Research and Assessment Director, Dan Lysne; K-12 Math Director, Kelly Denn; Elementary Literacy Program Administrator, Elli McDaniel; Early Learning Program Administrator, Laurie Sjolund; Athletic Director, Tim Thomsen; SEA President, Gabrielle Wright; Resource Conversation Manager, Jay Donnaway; Recording Secretary, Bailey Ottenad

Visitors: 1

2. Flag Salute

3. Approval of Agenda

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain requested that the agenda be amended to include an update on the Phi Delta Kappan (PDK) audit.

Moved by Deb Norris that the Board amend the agenda to include an update on the PDK audit; Seconded by Erin Markquart. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Erin Markquart that the Board approve the agenda with amendments; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports

a. Recycling Initiative Update

Resource Conversation Manager, Jay Donnaway, presented the Board with an update on the District's overall recycling baseline. Jay said our adjusted baseline is up \$95,000 this year,



however, it is due in large to an increase in garbage and recycling rates. Jay said that Victor Falls and Emerald Hills Elementary are District leaders for green initiatives. Though Victor Falls is our largest elementary, it has the lowest garbage rate. Sumner High School will be piloting a green recycling initiative. DLC students will staff and promote one station for green recycling this year.

b. Graduation Rates Report

Director of Research and Assessment, Dan Lysne, presented an overview of graduation rates at Bonney Lake and Sumner High School. Since October 2015, the downward trend of graduation rates has been reversed. These efforts are credited to the District High Schools reaching out and identifying students that were flagged as drop outs and coding them properly in the system, categorized as GED graduates, out-of-state transfers, or drop outs. In the 4 year 2014-15 cohort, 52 students were identified as dropouts; 45 of those students started in the district in 9th grade and 7 had transferred.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, asked for the Bond and Facility Planning Update and Current Enrollment and Legislative Class Size Implications be combined into one presentation.

c. Bond and Facility Planning Update

Educational Support Services Officer, Steve Sjolund, updated the Board on student enrollment and legislative class size implications. Steve reported that the October 1 enrollment was 8,986. Of those students, 274 are running start, 166 are fulltime, 53 students attend the district in an alternative learning experience capacity, and 67.5 are enrolled in Bates Technical College.

Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie, and Educational Support Services Officer, Steve Sjolund, continued conversation on District bond planning. A proposed list of project, budget, and timing of projects were presented to the School Board. If the School Board passes a resolution at the November 18 Board meeting, the overall ask to voters will be approximately \$145.6 million. Steve presented an overview of tax rate collections for Sumner School District. If passed, District Administrators are confident the February 2016 bond would bring the actual tax rate no higher than the 2013 tax rate of \$2.41 per thousand.

Athletics Director, Tim Thomsen, presented the School Board with information on the Sumner High School pool. The District has recently engaged the City of Bonney Lake in long range pool planning. Sumner School District is actively looking for options to ensure that the needs our students and communities are met.

The School Board thanked Sarah, Steve and Tim for the information they received. It has helped them understand the bond planning in depth. They are looking forward to the Board Retreat on October 28 to further discuss bond planning.

d. District Report Card

Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie, presented the second draft of the District report card. Sarah said the 12-page brochure is a state of the district report and commitment to the community, how district goals are impacting student success, and how district goals are providing systems of support.

The School Board thanked Sarah for her hard work on this project. Rick said it's been many years since the District has had a report card and he's excited that it is finally here.



e. Curriculum Report

Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent, updated the School Board on the current Instructional Services initiatives and how curriculum ties into that. Laurie said that teachers need materials; common core is out and curriculum options have been released. Laurie presented the School Board with a 2015-16 through 2020-21 curriculum adoption timeline.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, asked that we inform staff of the curriculum adoption timeline and process. Laurie said that all principals have received the adoption schedule and she will follow up to see that teachers receive it too.

Meeting Recessed – 8:07

Meeting Reconvene – 8:12

f. Policy and Procedure

Assistant Superintendent, Marc Brouillet, reviewed policies 2151 Interscholastic Activities, 6220 Bid Requirements, and 6700 Nutrition. These policies will come before the School Board for first reading at the October 21 Board meeting.

6220P Bid Requirements and 6700P Nutrition were included for Board information.

An update was also provided to the School Board on a deletion of 2147 and 2147P Extra Curricular GPA Standards in the Sumner Secondary Schools, 2150 Extra Curricular Activities 3323.1P Athletic-Cheerleader Training Code, 3323.2 Athletics, and 6703 Competitive Food Services.

g. PDK Audit Update

Dr. Sara Johnson informed the Board that the final draft of the PDK audit has been received. Dr. Johnson reiterated that the PDK audit is a deficit audit and they are only looking at things that are wrong in the District. District Administration has been reviewing the audit and is dissecting information that has been divided into 5 standards. The Administration will report out on what is being done to correct the findings and a preliminary communication plan around messaging.

5. October 21 Agenda Review

Dr. Johnson reviewed items on the agenda for the October 21 Board Meeting.

6. Board Discussion

School Board member, Rick Hendricks, discussed the upcoming National School Board Association (NSBA) conference. Rick would like the School Board to consider attending because it allows the Board to get to know one another and develop positive Board dynamics.

School Board Vice President, Erin Markquart, said the Board gains valuable information and professional development when they attend conferences. Erin said she also wants the Board to be fiscally responsible when making travel arrangements.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, reiterated Erin's comments regarding fiscal responsibility.

Dr. Sara Johnson said the School Board attending conferences has increased their work in partnership versus isolation.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, thanked Assistant Superintendent's, Laurie Dent, and Marc Brouillet, for their immense amount of hard work. Casey said the School Board truly appreciates



the work they put in. It adds a great feeling to know that Dr. Johnson is backed by an incredible Leadership Team.

7. Executive Session

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Session, RCW 42.30.110(c), School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, announced an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing real estate matters. The Executive Session was expected to last 45 minutes. No action was anticipated following the session.

Recessed to Executive Session: 8:50 p.m.

Reconvened: 9:43 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Rick Hendricks that the Board adjourn the October 14 meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:44 p.m.



**Dr. Sara E. Johnson, Secretary
Board of Directors**

Attest:



**Casey Chamberlain, President
Board of Directors**