



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.*

April 13, 2016 Study Session – Meeting Minutes

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

School Board President, Erin Markquart, called the April 13 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, Richard Hendricks

Acting Superintendent, Laurie Dent; Instructional Services Acting Assistant Superintendent, Deb Barlow; Human Resources Assistant Superintendent; Marc Brouillet; Athletics Director, Tim Thomsen; Maintenance and Operations Director, Mark Baumgarten; Special Services Director, Traci Donohue; Educational Support Services Offer, Steve Sjolund; Elementary School Support and Improvement Officer, Beth Dykman; K-12 Student Leadership and Community Outreach Program Administrator, John Norlin; Elementary Literacy Program Administrator, Elli McDaniel; Early Learning Program Administrator, Laurie Sjolund; K-12 Math Director, Kelly Denn; Secondary Literacy Director, Kassie Meath; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; Career and College Readiness Intern, Shannon Thiessen; Research and Assessment Director, Dan Lysne; Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Campbell; SEA President, Gabrielle Wright; Career and College Readiness Executive Director, Sharon Fochtman; Research and Assessment Director, Dan Lysne; Instructional Services Officer, Michelle Lewis; Special Services Officer, Keoni Smith; Recording Secretary, Bailey Ottenad

Visitors: 1

2. Flag Salute

3. Approval of Agenda

School Board President, Erin Markquart, referenced Agenda Item 8. Executive Session, and asked that the agenda be amended to add “and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)” after RCW 42.30.110(c)(i) and strike “and” after real estate matter and a “comma” be added in its place and for the words “and Acting Superintendent contract negotiations” be added after potential litigation.

Moved by Deb Norris to amend the agenda and add “and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)” after RCW 42.30.110(c)(i) and strike “and” after real estate matter and a “comma” be added in its place and for the words “and Acting Superintendent contract negotiations” be added after potential litigation; Seconded by Casey Chamberlain. Motion passed unanimously.



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

4. Reports

a. Bond Delegation Presentation

Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Campbell, informed the Board the District is planning to sell its first round of bonds this June. The bonds will be priced on June 6 and the bond sale of \$75 million will happen on June 7. The School Board will approve 3 resolutions at the April 20 Board meeting relating to the bond sale: Resolution No. 20 Ratification and Confirmation of Acting Superintendent Appointment, Resolution No. 21 State Guarantee, and Resolution No. 22 Bond Delegation.

b. Elementary Technology Specialist

Acting Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, Deb Barlow and Instructional Services Officer, Michelle Lewis, presented the rationale behind Sumner School District's shift to staffing school libraries with an Elementary Technology Specialist. Deb spoke to the equity across district schools and the need to provide each student with the same opportunities no matter which elementary school they attend. Deb reiterated that Sumner School District is not closing any libraries and no Librarians are losing their jobs.

c. Standards Based Grading

Acting Assistant Superintendent, Deb Barlow, presented the Sumner School District's rationale for moving away from Standards Based Grading. Standards Based Reporting came to Sumner School District in 2011 as a package of Standards Based Teaching, Assessment, and Grading. While Sumner School District will keep Standards Based Teaching and Assessment, beginning in the Fall of 2017, the District will revert back to an A,B,C,D grading model at all middle schools.

d. Budget Update

Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Campbell, updated the School Board on enrollment, staffing, budget, and Legislative implications for the 2016-17 School Year.

e. Maple Lawn Elementary Parking Lot Expansion

Educational Support Services Officer, Steve Sjolund, Chief Financial Officer, Debbie Campbell, and Maintenance and Operation Director, Mark Baumgarten, spoke to the need for additional parking on the Maple Lawn Elementary campus. The parking lot expansion will add an additional 72 spots and help alleviate some of the street parking congestion. The School Board will take action on April 20 and, if approved, will allow the District to move forward with planning with an estimated project completion of late October to early November 2016. The project will be funded out of the existing capital facility budget.

f. Policy and Procedure

Human Resources Assistant Superintendent, Marc Brouillet, presented new policy and procedure 2409 Credit for Competency-Proficiency and revised policy and procedure 2421 Promotion/Retention. New and revised policies 2409 and 2421 will go for first reading and comment at the April 20 Board meeting.

5. April 20 Agenda Review

Acting Superintendent, Laurie Dent, reviewed the April 20 agenda with the School Board.

6. Board Presentation Planning

This is a time on the agenda when the School Board reviews upcoming presentations and makes requests for future presentations.



7. Board Discussion

School Board Member, Rick Hendricks, commented on his attendance at the National School Board Association Conference where he met an individual who knew of John Norlin and the effectiveness of the district student leadership model. Rick thanked John for the strong leadership program he has created at Sumner High School.

School Board Member, Paul Williams, praised the new Study Session format and thanked all presenters. Paul also commented on the School Board Conference and valued the time spent in Boston.

School Board Vice President, Deb Norris, said the Board learned a wealth of new information from the National School Board Association Conference and looks forward to sharing it with Acting Superintendent, Laurie Dent.

School Board President, Erin Markquart, said the Board brought many things back from the National School Board Association conference that will help them grow.

8. Executive Session

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Session, RCW 42.30.110(c)(i) and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), 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 matter, potential litigation and Acting Superintendent contract negotiations. The Board anticipates Executive Session to last 60 minutes and action was not anticipated.

Meeting Recessed to Executive Session – 7:38 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened – 8:38 p.m.

School Board President, Erin Markquart, asked for an extension of 30 minutes in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(c)(i) and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).

Meeting Recessed to Executive Session – 8:39 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened – 9:10 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Deb Norris to adjourn the April 13 Study Session; Seconded by Paul Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:11 p.m.

Laurie Dent, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest:

Erin Markquart, President
Board of Directors