SUMNER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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.

February 11, 2015 Study Session – Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
President Casey Chamberlain called the February 11 Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Central Office Board Room.

Present:
Casey Chamberlain, Erin Markquart, Deb Norris Richard Hendricks, Paul Bucich
Superintendent, Dr. Sara Johnson; Director of Career and Technical Education, Sharon Fochtman; Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent; Assistant Superintendent; Craig Spencer; Curriculum and Instruction Officer, Steve Sjolund; School Support and Improvement Officer, Deb Barlow; Executive Director of Human Resources, Marc Brouillet; Director of Intervention Services, Beth Dykman; Director of Maintenance and Operation, Mark Baumgarten; SEA President, Gabrielle Wright; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; STARR Project Director, Marilee Hill-Anderson; Programs of Hope Programs Administrator, Gina Longland; Recording Secretary, Bailey Ottenad

Visitors: 0

2. Flag Salute

3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Deb Norris that the Board approve the agenda as presented; Seconded by Erin Markquart. Motion passed unanimously

4. Reports

a. Wednesday Late Start
SEA President, Gabrielle Wright, presented a proposal to the School Board to move the Wednesday late start to a Monday late start or Friday early release. In 2007, Sumner School District moved to a Wednesday late to start to offer teachers 90 minutes of professional development opportunities, and Wednesday was the only day that did not affect the Kindergarten schedule. Gabrielle stated that many teachers feel like the Wednesday late start breaks up the teaching week and the optimum teaching level is not reached. 188 teachers responded to the survey that Gabrielle sent out to receive feedback. Of those 188 responses, 77% said it was an important issue to address, 40% said it was an extremely important issue, and 72% voiced that movement from Wednesday to a different week day was a good idea. Gabrielle presented the School Board with information on what neighboring school districts have done to offer teacher professional development during the week.

The School Board requested that work be done with Administration to provide additional research before moving forward with this decision. They believe that the community and district families need to be surveyed to provide an opportunity to voice their opinion and give feedback on this proposal.

b. **Poverty Education Update**
Director of Intervention Services, Beth Dykman, reported on a recent conference she and a team of administrators attended called "Disrupting Poverty." Beth compared the national poverty rate to that of Sumner School District's and showed how poverty can lead to higher absenteeism and dropouts. Sumner School District currently has 33% of its student population on free and reduced lunch. The takeaway from the "Disrupting Poverty" conference was how to turn high poverty schools into high performing school: 1. Relationships, 2. Rigorous, purposeful, and intentional curriculum, and 3. Good teaching. Daffodil Valley is highlighting the bright spots by rewarding students for good attendance and punctuality; Liberty Ridge is reviewing strategies and how they can implement them in their school; Maple Lawn is helping staff understand poverty and what it is.

Beth Dykman, and Maple Lawn Assistant Principal/English Language Learner Program Director, Tyler Stiner, are working towards hosting three family events before the end of the school year. These events will be directed towards better connecting families to available community resources.

c. **Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Sumner School District**
Career and College Readiness Director, Sharon Fochtman presented the CTE plan that the Board will adopt at the February 18 Board meeting. Sharon highlighted the program of study which is a series of courses that shows how students can achieve certain career, community college, and four year university goals.

The City of Bonney Lake and City of Sumner Mayors have officially proclaimed February as CTE month.

d. **Application for Temporary Waiver of Implementation of the 24 Credit High School Graduation Requirements (Core 24)**
Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent, and School Support and Improvement Officer, Deb Barlow, presented a temporary waiver request for the implementation of the 24 credit high school graduation requirements to the School Board. Students will still continue with state testing and required classes for graduation; the waiver gives the District a safety cushion for implementation. Laurie stated that we are acting wisely and working diligently, we hope to complete this process in less than two years.

5. February 18 Agenda Review
Dr. Sara Johnson reviewed items on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting.

6. Board Discussion
Paul thanked Dr. Johnson for following up on a recent request of his. Dr. Johnson said that work could not have been completed without Health Services Secretary, Kelly Madden, pulling the data for her.

Board President, Casey Chamberlain, thanked Sharon Fochtman, CTE, and Kahale, for the phenomenal Chef Dinner last Friday at Bonney Lake High School.

Board President, Casey Chamberlain, said he enjoyed visiting Elhi Hill after their School Insight at the January Board Meeting.

Recessed: 8:30 p.m.
Reconvened: 8:36 p.m.

7. Executive Session
In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Session, RCW 42.30.110, School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, announced an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing several real estate matters. The Executive Session is expected to last 60 minutes. We do not anticipate action following the session.

Recessed to Executive Session: 8:37 p.m.
Reconvened: 10:08 p.m.

8. Adjournment
Moved by Rick Hendricks that the Board adjourn the February 11 meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District; Seconded by Paul Bucich. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 10:09p.m.

Dr. Sara E. Johnson, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest: _____
Casey Chamberlain, President
Board of Directors