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.

March 18, 2015 Regular Meeting – Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

President, Casey Chamberlain, called the March 18 Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office Board Room.

Present:

Casey Chamberlain, Erin Markquart, Deb Norris, Richard Hendricks

Superintendent, Dr. Sara Johnson; Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent; Educational Support Services Officer, Steve Sjolund; School Support and Improvement Officer, Deb Barlow; Human Resources Executive Director, Marc Brouillet; Intervention Services Director, Beth Dykman; Donald Eismann Elementary Principal, Susie Black; Emerald Hills Elementary Principal, Andrea Landes; Technology Integration Specialist, Tracy Davis; Chief Technology Officer, Sandy Maynard; Sumner Middle School Dean of Students, Shena Mouring; Sumner Middle School Teacher, Kathy Bryson-Stevens; Sumner High School Teachers, Bryan Slater and Don Pruett; Sumner Middle School Principal, Jenny Williams; Sumner Middle School Assistant Principal, Matt Ziegenfuss; Donald Eismann Elementary Teachers, Sarah Smeller and Nancy Lenihan; Emerald Hills Elementary Teacher, Sarah Sage; Victor Falls Elementary Assistant Principal, Martina Scheerer; Bonney Lake High School Assistant Principal, Brian Scheerer; STARR Project Director, Marilee Hill-Anderson; Career and College Readiness Director, Sharon Fochtman; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; Bailey Ottenad, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 51

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, excused Director, Paul Bucich, from the March 18 Board Meeting.

2. Flag Salute

3. Recognition of Greeters

The School Board recognized Sumner High School students Jordan Landes, Michael Smith and Sean Kosick, for greeting at tonight's Board meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Erin Markquart that the Board approve the minutes of the February 18 Board meeting, March 11 Study Session; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consent Items

Moved by Rick Hendricks that the Board approve items on the consent agenda; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

a. **Supplemental Consent Items**

   Moved by Erin Markquart that the Board approve items on the supplemental consent agenda; Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously

7. Acceptance of Donation

Moved by Erin Markquart that the Board accept the $17,861.96 donation from Victor Falls Elementary Parent Teacher Organization for lunch and multipurpose tables; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, thanked Victor Falls Elementary Parent Teacher Organization for the donation.

Victor Falls Elementary Assistant Principal, Martina Scheerer, said that the donation will be used for new tables and chairs. The new tables will be safer for students and will maximize instructional time by a half an hour every day.

8. Audience Comments

None.

9. School Insight: Sumner Middle School

Sumner Middle School Principal, Jenny Williams, introduced Assistant Principal, Matt Ziegenfuss, Dean of Students, Shena Mouring, Teacher, Kathy Bryson-Stevens, and Sumner Bobcats Brittany Cullip, Bryce Bostick, Tori White, Rusty Smith, Sidney Stratton, Garrett Green, and Ethan Abel. The Sumner Bobcats presented the Bobcast morning news to the School Board and audience. The presentation focused on providing a safe environment for all students while increasing students learning.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, thanked Sumner Middle School for their wonderful Bobcast. The Bobcast gave the Board an insight to the daily happenings at Sumner Middle School.

10. Recognition: Technology Challenge

Dr. Sara Johnson introduced Chief Technology Officer, Sandy Maynard, to start the Technology Challenge. Sandy Maynard said that the District is getting closer to achieving the 1:1 ratio of one Chromebook to every one student initiative that Dr. Johnson requested.

Sandy Maynard introduced the Technology Challenge winners from the STEM Fair. Their presentations were evaluated on the following criteria: purpose and organization, evidence and elaboration, convention, and creativity and speaking. Donald Eismann students Cole Boyd, Tristan Gaston, Jack Harrington, Molly Kurtx, Annalise Scheerer, Jaiden Sparks and Persephone Taylor; Emerald Hills students Avery Cesarano, Jameson Farmer, Alex Harmon, Parker Kavcich and Natalie Sorensen; and Sumner High students Chad Davidson, Sean Kosick and Michael Smith presented rationales for why students should be allowed to bring Chromebooks home.

Students demonstrated a number of ways Chromebooks would be taken care of when transporting them from school to home, how fees and fines would apply if Chromebooks were damaged, and the effects Chromebooks could have on increased learning and student's ability to access school work and collaborate with their teachers wherever they are.

Meeting recessed: 7:47 p.m.

Meeting reconvened: 7:52 p.m.

11. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Sara Johnson highlighted a number of key initiatives that are happening in Sumner School District:

- Dr. Johnson discussed the District Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE) data and noted how all schools in the District have grown and improved over the past year.
- Dr. Johnson reported on some of the work that is coming out of the Instructional Services department and the things that will happen over the next year including collaborating with Nancy Skerrit and bringing Habits of Mind to the District. Anita Archer will also be in the District next year to focus on explicit instruction that provides students a solid foundation for growth.
- Dr. Johnson highlighted the District's involvement in the Phi Delta Kappan (PDK) audit. PDK will be on site April 13-15 visiting all schools, conducting interviews with staff members, and holding open interviews for parents and community and business members. Dr. Johnson is excited to see the results of the audit and learn what Sumner School District is doing great on, but also the areas where we can focus on improvement.
- Dr. Johnson noted that the District testing season is beginning. Third through eighth, tenth, and eleventh grade students across the District will be participating in the SBAC this Spring.

Dr. Johnson said that, "we will use all of this data gathered from multiple venues to drive District improvement."

12. Board Member Comments

Deb Norris, commented on her attendance at the District STEM Fair and Art Show last month. She was invited to judge student projects and was thrilled by the energy and excitement of students and staff at this event.

Deb Norris, updated the School Board on her recent trip to Olympia with Executive Director of Business Services, Deb Campbell, for the Legislative Conference. Deb said she gleaned quite a bit of knowledge from the conference and looks forward to what will happen at the Legislature this year.

Rick Hendricks, spoke to the number of Chromebooks that are currently available to students in the District. Sandy Maynard said that we are one of the largest Chromebook deployment Districts in the state.

Rick Hendricks, commented on the Board potentially having a divided vote when the Bonney Lake High School artificial turf comes before them at the April Special Board Meeting. Rick asked Administration to bring the right information to the Board and reiterated how difficult the process has been. Rick said that his biggest fear is approving a product that could later on be detrimental to the safety of students.

Vice President, Erin Markquart, said she is looking forward to travelling to Nashville with the School Board for the National School Board Association conference. It is always a great learning experience as a Board.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, echoed what Rick Hendricks said. Casey said he wants to have a close relationship with the Administration and that the School Board needs to know the positives and negatives of anything that comes before them. Casey stated that the Board has a little sliver of time where they are able to serve and he wants to make the best decisions for all students in Sumner School District.

13. Unfinished Business

None.

14. New Business

a. Bond Refinance

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, requested that the Board approve Resolution No. 7/14-15: State Guarantee and Bond Counsel engagement letter by roll call vote. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Bond Refinance

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, requested that the Board approve Resolution No. 8/14-15: Refinancing the 2005 and 2007 bonds to reduce interest costs by roll call vote. Motion passed 4-0.

c. Revised Policies – First Reading

Revised policies 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying; 3210 Nondiscrimination; 3247 Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans; 3418 Response to Student Injury or Illness; and 5011 Sexual Harassment were presented for first reading.

d. New Policies – First Reading

New policies 3211 Transgender Students and 3417 Catheterization were presented for first reading.

e. New and Revised Procedures

Procedures 3207P Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying; 3210P Nondiscrimination; 3211P Transgender Students; 3247P Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans; 3417P Catheterization; 3418P Response to Student Injury or Illness; and 5011P Sexual Harassment were included for Board information.

Rick Hendricks thanked Executive Director of Human Resources, Marc Brouillet, for presenting policies and procedures to the School Board at the March 11 Study Session.

15. Information Only

a. Upcoming Board Meetings

A Special Meeting will take the place of the Study Session and is scheduled for April 8. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 15. Both meetings will be held in the Central Office Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

b. Budget Status Report

The Budget Status Report for February was included for Board information.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Rick Hendricks to adjourn the March 18 Meeting; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Dr. Sara E. Johnson, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest:

Casey Chamberlain, President
Board of Directors