



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.*

May 6, 2015 Study Session – Meeting Minutes

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

President Casey Chamberlain called the May 6 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, Paul Bucich

Superintendent, Dr. Sara Johnson; Director of Career and Technical Education, Sharon Fochtman; Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent; Assistant Superintendent; Craig Spencer; School Support and Improvement Officer, Deb Barlow; Early Learning Coordinator, Laurie Sjolund; Director of Athletics, Tim Thomsen; Executive Director of Human Resources, Marc Brouillet; Director of Maintenance and Operation, Mark Baumgarten; Instructional Services Program Administrator, Kelly Denn; Bonney Lake High School Counselor, Eric Crinklaw; Sumner High School Counselor, Nicole Bortle; Director of Research and Assessment, Dan Lysne; Capital Project Coordinator, Marina Tanay; SEA President, Gabrielle Wright; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; STARR Project Director, Marilee Hill-Anderson; Recording Secretary, Bailey Ottenad

Visitors: 2

2. Flag Salute

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Reports

a. Guidance and Counseling Advisory Council

Bonney Lake High School Counselor, Eric Crinklaw, and Sumner High School Counselor, Nicole Bortle, presented a Guidance and Counseling Advisory Council concept to the Board. The council is in its formative stage and they are seeking students, staff members, community members and Board members. They are seeking Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation from the American School Counselor Association and the advisory council is a component needed for RAMP implantation. The council will meet 2-3 times per year. School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, will represent Sumner High School, and School Board Vice President, Erin Markquart, will represent Bonney Lake High School.



b. Attendance in Sumner School District

Director of Research and Assessment, Dan Lysne, presented an attendance report to the School Board. The report highlighted current elementary, middle, and high school attendance rates. The report showed ethnicity, free and reduced, and special education subgroups affecting student attendance rates. Research and Assessment reported providing extra support to students during the 5th-6th and 8th-9th grade level transitions. A new automatic notification to parents will be implemented next year that notifies parents of chronic absences. Counselors will be informed of chronic absence cases and monthly data monitoring will be implemented.

Dr. Johnson asked that the Sumner School District Attendance Campaign be brought to the Board at a future date.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, asked if the Board could be provided information on how attendance affects student's grades at different grade levels.

Board Member, Paul Bucich, asked for information on how we compare to our neighboring Districts.

c. District Report Card

Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie, presented a draft copy of the annual District report card. The report card included versatile inserts that can be used for a multitude of venues, e.g. Career Fairs and District Bond Planning Communications. Sarah included Washington State data on Sumner School District pulled from OSPI. Sarah asked that Board Members provide her with feedback and she will incorporate that into her final report card.

d. Rationale and Structure of the Instructional Services Department

Instructional Services Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent, presented an overview of the Instructional Services (IS) department and the future work that will come out of IS. Laurie made a comparison between completing a puzzle and the development of IS; they are hiring key people to build the structure of IS. Goals for the IS department include; quality instruction from all teachers, dynamic assessment systems, and effective progress monitoring to serve kids to the best of our ability.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, asked that IS provides a report to the Board in August or September to see what is being implemented at the start of the school year.

e. Facilities Planning and Bond Timeline

Educational Support Services Officer, Steve Sjolund, presented an overview of the bond package that will come before the Board in November for action, and then on the February 2016 election ballot. The Facilities Planning Committee has identified capital facility projects that address the needs of the district in the valley, hill, and south regions. The Committee recommends a \$145.6 million bond be presented to the voters in February 2016.

This presentation is a launching pad for bond planning and communication. In the next few months, the District will be holding multiple community events to engage constituents for feedback.

f. 2015-16 Pool Agreement

Executive Director of Business Services, Debbie Campbell, and Director of Athletics, Tim Thomsen, updated the School Board on the Sumner High School pool agreement. The outside management firm who currently operates and cares for the pool has given notice that she will no longer be able to run the pool. Debbie and Tim have worked out an agreement with the management firm to continue pool operations for District swim teams only from August 2015-February 2016. At that point, the District is hopeful to enter into an agreement with the Gordon Family YMCA for use of its pool to service both Bonney Lake and Sumner High School swim teams.

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g. Policy Updates

Executive Director of Human Resources, Marc Brouillet, presented recommendations for policies 2030 Service Animals in School; 2145 Suicide Prevention; 3231 Student Records; 5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action; 6512 Infection Control Program. These policies will go before the Board on May 13 for first reading.

Board Member, Paul Bucich, excused himself from the Study Session at 9:27 p.m.

5. 2015-16 Board Meeting Calendar

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, facilitated a discussion on the Board Meeting start time. Beginning July 2015, all Board Meeting's will begin at 6:30 p.m., and beginning January 2015, all Board Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

6. May 13 and 27 Agenda Review

Dr. Johnson reviewed items on the agenda for the next two regular Board Meetings.

Dr. Johnson presented textbook The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks to the School Board. This textbook will be used in the Biotechnology class at Bonney Lake High School and will come before the Board at the May 13 Board Meeting for first reading.

7. Board Discussion

None.

8. Executive Session

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Session, RCW 42.30.110(b)(g), School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, announced an Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a real estate matter and the Superintendent's evaluation. The Executive Session is expected to last 30 minutes. We do not anticipate action following the session.

Recessed to Executive Session: 9:35

Reconvened: 10:12

9. Adjournment

Moved by Deb Norris that the Board adjourn the May 6 meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District; Seconded by Erin Markquart. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 10:13 p.m.

Dr. Sara E. Johnson, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest:

Casey Chamberlain, President
Board of Directors