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.

May 27, 2015 Regular Meeting – Meeting Minutes

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

President, Casey Chamberlain, called the May 27 Meeting of the Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 to order at 7:00 p.m. at Sumner High School.

Present:

Casey Chamberlain, Erin Markquart, Deb Norris, Richard Hendricks, Paul Bucich

Superintendent, Dr. Sara Johnson; Educational Support Services Officer, Steve Sjolund; School Support and Improvement Officer, Deb Barlow; Human Resources Executive Director, Marc Brouillet; Instructional Services Assistant Superintendent, Laurie Dent; Sumner High School Principal, Bill Gaines; Sumner High School Assistant Principals, Brandon Bakke, Kassie Meath and Jeff Baines; STARR Project Director, Marilee Hill-Anderson; Family Center Director, Joannie Hill; Sumner High School Teacher, Don Pruett; Intervention Services Director, Beth Dykman; Business Services Executive Director, Deb Campbell; Career and College Readiness Director, Sharon Fochtman; Communications Manager, Sarah Gillispie; Recording Secretary, Bailey Ottenad

Visitors: 47

2. Flag Salute

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Paul Bucich that the Board approve the minutes of the May 13 Board Meeting; Seconded by Deb Norris. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consent Items

Moved by Paul Bucich that the Board approve items on the consent agenda and supplemental agenda; Seconded by Erin Markquart. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Audience Comments

Kari Peterson, Sumner School District Bus Driver, spoke to her concerns regarding the Transportation Departments contract negotiations. Kari values working for the District and wants to feel valued as an employee.

Terri Patterson, passed on audience comments.

Jim Pyette, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Union Representative, said the primary reason we are here is due to bargaining. Jim said IUOE is looking at multiple pay scales in District and out of District to compare the Transportation and Child Nutrition pay scale. Jim wants to ensure employees feel valued and important.

Sheri Pyl, Child Nutrition employee, wants to feel valued. Sheri said the District needs to find the money to ensure the Transportation Department gets an increase in wage. She stated we need to bring the District back on top to the proud District Sumner once was.

Mike Rizzo, Sumner School District Bus Driver, said we are far apart and behind from other District's in terms of pay, benefits, etc. Mike said Bus Drivers are the first face students see when they start their school day and have multiple jobs that they play during the school day (teacher, nurse, counselor, etc.). Mike said that they want to feel appreciated.

Karen Ohlsen, Sumner School District Bus Driver, said she has been working in the Sumner School District for many years now and has worked her way up, and is now on the Transportation negotiating team. Karen stated that Teachers, Bus Drivers, and Child Nutrition are the backbone of the Sumner School District. Karen said they keep hearing the word efficiency, but said they are seeking stability.

Cindy Goodwin, Sumner School District Bus Driver, for 18 years now. Cindy said she is proud to be a Sumner Bus Driver and that it is hard to get quality employees if you do not offer a quality contract. Cindy said they are asking for an increase in pay after six years and want to work an eight-hour shift versus a split shift.

Stacy Horl, Transportation and Child Nutrition employee said she takes her jobs very seriously. Stacy said she wants the School Board to understand the importance of her job. Stacy said not only do Bus Drivers have to follow School District policy they also have to follow Washington State Department of Transportation laws. Stacy invited the Superintendent and School Board to come and ride on an elementary School Bus as a child's life is priceless.

Robert Dean, Substitute Bus Driver, told a story of a January 2015 day when it was raining and ice was on the road. Robert had a bus full of students and drove on the highway, the most dangerous place in the world. Robert said offering us 55 cents an hour raise after six years is not sufficient, we are worth more.

Paula Stickley said she grew up in the District, attended schools in the District, and is now an employee of the District. Paula's biggest goal is to work on negotiations. Paula said Puyallup and Auburn School District's make more. She said you cannot raise a family on the wages we make and invited the Superintendent and School Board to ride on a bus.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, said that the School Board is not involved in negotiations. Casey said he would follow up with Dr. Sara Johnson and that the School Board wants the same end goal. Casey said they value the work of the Transportation and Child Nutrition Department.

Meeting Recessed: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:32 p.m.

7. Public Hearing:

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, accepted public comments as it relates to the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center Program move from the Daffodil Valley Elementary site to the Sumner Middle School site.

Meeting: Recessed: 6:33 p.m.

Victor Rodriguez, Family Support Director from the Department of Health thanked the School Board and Sumner School District for the ongoing support and partnership. Victor said this partnership has been going on since the late 90's. Victor said the reason they have invested is because learning and health go hand in hand.

Sebrena Chamber, Division Director at the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department said the Sumner School District has been very supportive of the Family Center and that they must have buy-in for the Family Center to be successful. Sebrena thanked Marilee Hill-Anderson, STARR Project Director, for running the Family Center and working on partnerships. Sebrena thanked the School board for finding another space for the Family Center to be relocated to.

Joannie Hill, Family Center Coordinator, stated that this District looks at the whole child and she is excited to see what the future holds for the Family Center. Joannie gave each Board Member a copy of a letter written by Barb Bitteto.

Vivianna Winklestin, Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center Family Support Worker shared pictures with the School Board of the clients she works with. Vivianna said it will be challenging for her clients to walk 1.5 miles to the new Family Center location at Sumner Middle School. Vivianna said she is looking at alternative locations to meet families half way so they do not have as far to walk.

Brad Moericke, Sumner Police Chief, thanked the School Board for supporting the Family Center. Brad said strong families build strong communities and that this program provides support for families. Brad looks forward to many years of collaboration with the District and Family Center.

Meeting Reconvened: 6:41 p.m.

8. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Sara Johnson congratulated Sumner High School administration, staff, and students for all of their hard work. Dr. Johnson said Sumner High School has produced some great graduates this year. She looks forward to the Senior Showcase tonight.

9. Board Member Comments

Director, Deb Norris, spoke about the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee meeting on May 20. Deb said she is proud of the work students have accomplished and she enjoyed the roundtable discussions with community members, staff, and students.

School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, also spoke to the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee meeting. Casey said they just keep getting better and better!

10. Unfinished Business

a. Instructional Materials Adoption – Second Reading

Moved by Deb Norris that the Board adopt the following instructional materials; Seconded by Paul Bucich. Motion passed unanimously.

- Title: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
  Author: Rebecca Skloot
  Publisher: Crown Publishers New York
  Copyright: 2010
  Name of Class in which the textbook will be used: Biotechnology

b. New Policies – Second Reading

Moved by Erin Markquart that the Board approve new policies 2030 Service Animals in School, 2145 Suicide Prevention, and 6512 Infection Control Program; Seconded by Paul Bucich. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Revised Policies – Second Reading

Moved by Paul Bucich that the Board approve revised policies 3231 Student Records and 5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action; Seconded by Erin markquart. Motion passed unanimously.

11. New Business

None.

12. Information Only

a. Upcoming Board Meetings

A Study Session is scheduled for June 3 in the Central Office Board Room. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 17 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Maple Lawn Elementary. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

13. Sumner High School Senior Showcase

Sumner High School has selected 12 exemplary seniors for recognition in this annual showcase event. Teachers nominated students who demonstrate the Spartan Way through the Sumner High School 8 Essentials and Servant Leadership Model. Principal, Bill Gaines, will host and introduce Senior Showcase honorees: Hailey Windish, Haley O'Dell, Brooke Lancaster, Emma Gibson, Jamie Lange, Chelivah (Angel) Magbunua, Logen Bergerud, Patrick Wright, Max Walker, Matt Topaz, Ian Hines and Jake Taylor.

14. Executive Session

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Session, RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)(iii), School Board President, Casey Chamberlain, announced a 45-minute Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation and a potential litigation matter. We do not anticipate action following the session.

Recessed to Executive Session: 6:45 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Recessed to Sumner High School Senior Showcase: 7:01 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened: 8:04 p.m.

Recessed to Executive Session: 8:04 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened: 8:50 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Moved by Paul Bucich to adjourn the May 27 Meeting; Seconded by Erin Markquart. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:51 p.m.

Dr. Sara E. Johnson, Secretary
Board of Directors

Attest:

Casey Chamberlain, President
Board of Directors