



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Sumner School District Regular Board Meeting

### Board of Directors

Paul Bucich, President  
Casey Chamberlain, VP & Leg. Rep.  
Sherm Voiles, Alt. Legislative Rep.  
Mike Pavlik, Member  
Richard Hendricks, Member

### Mission

*We believe it is our responsibility to  
ensure the best education for all of our students.  
We believe in success for  
students and staff every day.*

## October 16, 2013 Agenda - Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order:

President Paul Bucich called the Regular October 16 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: **Paul Bucich, Mike Pavlik, Sherm Voiles, Richard Hendricks**

Dr. Sara Johnson, Superintendent; Craig Spencer, Assistant Superintendent; Laurie Dent, Academic Officer; Debra Barlow, Executive Director, Human Resources; Deb Campbell, Executive Director, Business Services; Erin LaVerdiere, Executive Director, John Hellwich, Director, Teaching & Learning; Sandy Maynard, Director, Technology; Sarah Briehl, Director, Student Services; Sharon Fochtman, Director, CTE; Steve Sjolund, Principal; Jenny Williams, Assistant Principal; Sara Jackson, Nancy Nybo, Patty Bergerud, Tracey Brown, Kandy Rose, Teachers, Sumner Middle; Bill Gaines, Principal; Jeff Baines, Kassie Meath, Assistant Principals, Kay Jones, Teacher, Sumner High; Robin Arndt, Registrar; George Powell, Custodian; Martina Scheerer, Administrative Intern; Sarah Gillispie, Communications Manager; Mandy Jowett, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 2

### 2. Flag Salute

President Bucich excused Vice President Casey Chamberlain from the meeting.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mike Pavlik that the Board approve the agenda as presented: Seconded by Sherm Voiles. Motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Rick Hendricks that the Board approve the minutes of the September 18 and October 9 Board meetings: Seconded by Mike Pavlik. Motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Consent Items**

Moved by Mike Pavlik that the Board approve items on the consent agenda and the supplemental consent agenda: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Audience Comments**

None

### **7. Recognition**

#### **a. Roll of Honor**

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Johnson introduced and recognized the following staff members for their contributions to making the Sumner School District a great place to learn.

**Kay Jones** is a passionate and dedicated teacher for student learning and student success. She was recognized for her extensive work with ELL (English language learners) at Sumner High School. Kay has been instrumental in growing a successful ELL program which started with 17 students in 2010-11 and was 30 students in 2012-13.

**Robin Arndt** was recognized for performance above and beyond the call of duty. As a registrar at Central Office, Robin worked tirelessly to support and train new registrars at both our high schools at the beginning of the school year when registrars are critical to school operations.

**George Powell**, Custodian at Bonney Lake Elementary, was recognized for taking quick action to keep a 9 year old boy safe. Last month on a dark and rainy night George asked a young boy who had been hanging around the elementary campus if he needed assistance. The boy said he was lost. George brought him into the building to stay warm and called 911. It turned out the boy had been reported missing earlier in the day. Police were able to safely reunite the boy with his family.

**John Hellwich**, Director, Teaching & Learning, has made transformation changes during his two years with the Sumner School District. John was recognized because he has:

- strengthened our Professional Learning Communities by implementing and training our teacher leaders at all levels.
- led the changes in the new teacher and principal evaluation system.
- led countless professional development opportunities for 500 teachers and 22 principals.
- became an integral partner in the Teaching and Learning Department where he helps facilitate new staff orientations and supports teachers through Nation Board Certification.

Thanks to John, the Sumner School District is a regional leader in these important initiatives.

**Erin LaVerdiere** Executive Director, Teaching & Learning, has created a unique and outstanding orientation program for new certificated staff. Rather than just giving new staff required information, the program Erin has developed sets Sumner School District apart from other districts by focusing on welcoming, serving, honoring, and establishing a growth mindset with the new staff. The District values Erin's commitment and dedication to ensure the success of new staff.

## **8. School Insight: Sumner Middle School**

Principal Steve Sjolund and Assistant Principal Jenny Williams, along with staff and students **Yanava Ferreria-Allah, Sam Hart, Madelyn Michael, Jonathon Garrison, Joe Najmolhoda, Jared Smith, Ella Norberg** and **Finn Payton** presented highlights of their school's multi-year reading program journey using the metaphor "We're going to New York!" Stop 1: Curriculum, Stop 2: Assessment, Stop 3: Instruction, Stop 4: Data, Final Destination: Reading Proficiency for all Students.

## **9. Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Johnson and Director Casey Chamberlain had recently attended a successful CTE Advisory Council event where students in the culinary program served a wonderful dinner for 70 attendees. Dr. Johnson also briefed the Board on the first meeting of the Alternative to Out of School Suspension Committee, the upcoming Communications Audit Focus Group, a high school climate survey, and she spoke about the increase in visits to schools by central office administrators to support principals and teachers.

Dr. Johnson gave kudos to **Sarah Gillispie** for her communications work and recent improvements to the District's Web site and thanked Sumner High School Senior Class President **Mandy Hooser** for being the greeter at the meeting.

## **10. Board Member Comments**

Director Rick Hendricks said he is looking forward to attending the Annual WSSDA conference in Bellevue in November along with fellow Board members and newly-elected Board members.

## **11. Unfinished Business**

None

## **12. New Business**

### **a. School Impact Fees**

Moved by Sherm Voiles that the Board formally request the municipalities within the District to increase impact fees to the 2013 Capital Facilities Plan calculation: Seconded by Mike Pavlik. Motion passed 3 to 1 (Hendricks opposed).

### **b. Replacement Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operation Levy**

Moved by Mike Pavlik that the Board authorize Superintendent Sara Johnson to:  
(1) have special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, prepare a resolution that provides for the submission to the District's voters, at a special election to be held on February 11, 2014, of a proposition authorizing the District to impose a four-year replacement educational programs, maintenance and operation levy for collection in 2015 of \$20,000,000, in 2016 of \$21,000,000, in 2017 of \$22,000,000 and in 2018 of \$22,500,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such amounts per year being approximately \$3.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and (2) present such resolution to the Board for consideration at the regular meeting on November 13, 2013: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously.

### **c. Capital Levy for Instructional (or Educational) Technology Improvements**

Moved by Mike Pavlik that the Board authorize Superintendent Sara Johnson to:  
(1) have special counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, prepare a resolution that provides for the submission to the District's voters, at a special election to be held on February 11, 2014, of a proposition authorizing the District to impose a four-year Capital Levy for Instructional (or Educational) Technology Improvements for collection in 2015 of \$2,500,000, in 2016 of \$2,600,000, in 2017 of \$2,850,000 and in 2018 of \$3,050,000, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such amounts per year being approximately \$.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and (2) present such resolution to the Board for consideration at the regular meeting on November 13, 2013: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously.

### **d. Capital Projects Technology Funding Plan**

Moved by Sherm Voiles that the Board approve the transfer of Capital Project funds to the General Fund as presented: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously.

## **13. Information Only**

### **a. Upcoming Board Meetings**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. and a Study Session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Board room.

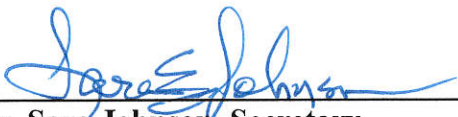
**b. Minimum Basic Education Compliance (SPI 1497)**

The District's Annual application as required by WAC 180-16-191 through 220 relating to the minimum requirements for entitlement to state basic education allocation funds was included for Board information.

**c. 2014 High School Graduation Ceremonies**

Bonney Lake High School's graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 10, at 6 p.m. at the ShoWare Center in Kent and Sumner High School's graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 11, at 7 p.m. at the White River Amphitheater in Auburn.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:05 p.m.**

  
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**Dr. Sara Johnson, Secretary**  
**Board of Directors**

Attest:   
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**Paul Bucich, President**  
**Board of Directors**