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**Sumner School District
Board Retreat**

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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.*

July 9, 2014 Retreat Minutes

Board Room

7:15 – 9:15 p.m.

Present:

Paul Bucich, Casey Chamberlain, Richard Hendricks, Deb Norris, Erin Markquart
Dr. Sara Johnson, Superintendent; Bailey Brinkman, Recording Secretary

1. Identify 2013-14 Accomplishments

Superintendent, Dr. Sara Johnson, and the Board reviewed what they accomplished over the past school year. Board noted various successes; added two new Board members, hired a new superintendent and recording secretary, passed the Capital Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements and Replacement for Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operation Levy, accepted new schools, reviewed and adopted new policies and procedures, attended the state conference together, Rick Hendricks and Dr. Johnson attended the national school board conference, adopted study session, and made minor revisions to school district boundaries.

2. Clarify, Focus, and Outline the Work of an Effective School Board

Dr. Sara Johnson led discussion on effective school Board work and asked the Board to contribute their own thoughts. Board commented on effective work; continue to focus on student achievement, attend conferences together, have a common vision and measurable goals, set

standards, vote on policies and support policies they have passed, get community involved in the work of the District and achieve fiscal responsibility.

Dr. Sara Johnson presented a full report on the “Eight Characteristics of Effective School Boards” after gathering the Boards ideas.

3. Identify and List Challenges of Public Schools

The Board had open discussion about the challenges that public schools face today.

4. Understand Sumner School District Data and Data Systems

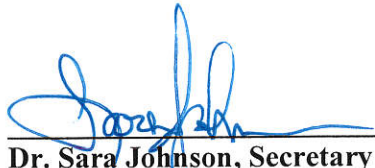
Dr. Sara Johnson presented a PowerPoint to the Board that Dan Lysne, Director of Assessment and Research, put together. The PowerPoint compared the District’s schools to each other by showing math proficiency, reading proficiency, graduation and dropout rates, excused and unexcused absences and showed the District’s 2014-15 data plan. After reviewing the PowerPoint, Dr. Sara Johnson asked the question, “How Are the Children?”

5. Board Reports

Each Board member stated what they would like reported to them, things they want additional information on and curiosities they have for the upcoming year.

6. Future Meeting Dates

Dr. Sara Johnson asked the Board to consider future meeting dates as this Retreat is a three step process. Part B will be scheduled for August 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and Part C has tentatively been scheduled for September 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Dr. Sara Johnson, Secretary
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Attest: 

Paul Bucich, President
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