



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Sumner School District Regular Board Meeting

### Board of Directors

Paul Bucich, President  
Casey Chamberlain, Vice President  
Erin Markquart, Legislative Rep.  
Deb Norris, Alternative Legislative Rep.  
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.*

## March 19, 2014 Regular Meeting - Meeting Minutes

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

President Paul Bucich called the March 19 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:

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

Dr. Sara Johnson, Superintendent; Craig Spencer, Assistant Superintendent; Gina Longland, Coordinator, Elhi Hill Program; Sarah Briehl, Director, Student Services; Mandy Jowett, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 26

### 2. Flag Salute

### 3. Approval of Agenda

President Paul Bucich asked that the agenda be amended to include discussion on a legal matter in Executive Session. Moved by Deb Norris to amend the agenda as requested: Seconded by Erin Marquart. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Deb Norris to approve the agenda as presented: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Moved by Casey Chamberlain that the Board approve the minutes of the February 19, February 23, and March 12 Board meetings and March 17 Boundary Revision Public Hearing: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Consent Items**

Moved by Casey Chamberlain that the Board approve items on the consent agenda: Seconded by Erin Markquart. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Audience Comments**

Parents concerned about school boundary revisions addressed the Board:

Sarah Lysene, Donald Eismann Elementary PTA parent, said she wants to see a school boundary change so her children remain in the valley and are not bused up the hill to attend school.

Aeriel Eyerly lives in Sky Island and has four children. She said she is looking forward to a change in school boundaries to decrease the length of time her children spend on the bus to and from school.

Jessi Lewis is a member of the Boundary Revision Committee and Donald Eismann Elementary PTA parent. She said it is time to make the needed changes to school boundaries. Valley elementary students should attend a school closer to their homes; currently there are four. Not doing so also increases travel time for parents and school volunteers. She strongly disagrees in any further delay to implement needed boundary changes.

Shannon Anderson spoke in support of the previous speakers' comments, adding that a 30-40 minute bus ride is too long for elementary students. She also recommended the District approve in-district waivers before out-of-district waivers.

#### **7. School Insight: Elhi Hill High School Program**

Program Coordinator Gina Longland introduced Elhi Hill High School students and mothers **Brooke Thompson, Rebecca Arriaga and Stephanie Fowler**. They spoke about how the program has helped them stay in school and their appreciation for the support they receive while attending class. The Elhi Hill High School program has 50 students; 12 are on target to graduate this year.

## 8. Recognition

### a. Roll of Honor

The Superintendent and Board recognized the District's Annual STEM & Art Fair student award recipients and two staff members who make the event a success, year after year. Sumner High School's **Don Pruett** and **Jennifer Peters**. Don is the grandfather of the STEM Fair, and before that the Science Fair; it has been his project from the inception, and Jennifer is the STEM Fair's backbone. These two teachers have promoted science education in its purest form for students – kindergarten through high school. The District is indebted to them for their dedication to science and their ability to make science come alive for students.

## 9. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Johnson introduced **Jane Davis- Aronson**, new principal at Victor Falls Elementary starting the 2014-15 school year. Jane comes from White River School District, where she has served as a Middle School Vice Principal since 2011.

Dr. Johnson introduced **Kristine Hillius**, new principal at Maple Lawn Elementary starting the 2014-15 school year. Kristine comes from Bethel School District, where she has served as a Elementary Principal since 2006.

The Superintendent gave kudos to CTE Director Sharon Fochtman for her presentation at the recent Sumner Puyallup Chamber luncheon which showcased the District's CTE programs and community partnerships.

## 10. Board Member Comments

Vice President Casey Chamberlain told parents who came to the meeting with school boundary concerns that he understands their frustrations but assured them that the District ultimately wants to do what is best and will address Maple Lawn families' concerns.

President Paul Bucich said the Board will make sure due diligence is done regarding boundary revisions and will recommend the Administration bring to the Board a detailed plan of action and timeline.

Director Erin Marquart acknowledged inconsistencies over time, which the current Board does not take lightly, and that the District currently doesn't have a good plan.

Director Rick Hendricks recommended ride times and waivers be addressed by the next Board meeting.

## **11. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Revised Policy 2320: Instructional & Activities Related Field Trips - Second Reading**

Moved by Deb Norris that the Board approve revised Policy 2320: Seconded by Casey Chamberlain. Motion unanimously approved.

### **b. District Boundary Revision**

After discussion President Paul Bucich recommended the Board vote to approve the boundary revision process be delayed for the purpose of continued research of projected demographics with the intent of revisiting the revision in the fall of 2014. The motion was presented but failed to get a second. After further discussion Rick Hendricks moved that the Board approve the previous motion presented by Paul: Seconded by Casey Chamberlain. Motion approved unanimously.

## **12. New Business**

### **a. Cell Tower Lease**

At the March 12 Study Session the Board heard a proposal to consider a lease agreement to place a cell tower on the District's Support Services property.

Moved by Erin Markquart that the Board state it is not in favor of a cell tower on District property in proximity of Bonney Lake High School: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion unanimously passed.

**Meeting Recessed: 8:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 8:36 p.m.**

### **b. Revised Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements - First Reading**

Student Services Director Sarah Briehl summarized policy 2410 revisions presented in detail at the March 12 Study Session for first reading.

### **c. Revised Discipline Related Policies**

Student Services Director Sarah Briehl presented revised policies 3240 and 3241 for first reading. These policy changes were presented in detail at the March 12 Study Session.

## **13. Information Only**

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

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, **April 16**, and a Study Session will be held on Wednesday, **April 2**. Both meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room.

**b. Budget Status Report**

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

**c. 2014 Annual Community Summit**

The 21st Annual Communities For Families (CFF) Community Summit was held Thursday, March 20, 2104, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Mountain View Middle School. This year's Summit theme was "Serve BIG" and focused on servant leadership.

**Meeting Recessed: 8:45 p.m.**

**Meeting Reconvened: 8:52 p.m.**

**14. Executive Session**

President Paul Bucich announced in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Sessions, RCW 42.30.110, the Sumner School District Board of Directors would hold an executive session for the purposes of discussing a legal matter, and the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. This Executive Session would be approximately 30 minutes. No action was anticipated following the session.

Immediately following Executive Session, Deb Norris moved to adjourn the March 19 Board meeting: Seconded by Rick Hendricks. Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:27**



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

**Attest:**

  
**Paul Bucich, President (VP)**

**Board of Directors**