

**DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 8, 2024
6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: VIA ZOOM ONLY**

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minutes

I. Call to Order

A. Establish a Quorum

School Board Chair Teresa VanNatta called the meeting to action at 6:06 pm. VanNatta affirmed the attendance of Kat Stupka, Anne-Elissa Carter (arriving late), and Pat Carter (virtual). Gordon Smith was unable to attend and was excused.

II. WSSDA Conference Review

Teresa shared content from a session relating to treating patrons with dignity. She reviewed two resources: Phrases for Dignity and the Contempt/Dignity Continuum. Board members and the Superintendent discussed how these strategies apply to difficult situations. The goal is to find common values and promote an understanding with the community that the Board acts on its oath to follow state and federal laws.

Steve Marshall presented highlights from a presentation on budget communications; he also shared a draft graphic from Business Services Director Aaron Villanueva. Pat Carter suggested that we consult WASBO for assistance with clear messaging on school finance.

Steve Marshall also walked the School Board through a presentation from Walla Walla SD that documented their successful bond campaign. Key takeaways related to transparency, surveying, and communication throughout the bond process (pre, during, and post) and involving local contractors.

VanNatta communicated regret that Anne-Elissa Carter was unable to present highlights from the School Board Self Assessment tool.

III. January 29, 2024 Board Meeting Planning

At 7:17 pm VanNatta adjourned the Work Session and announced the start of an Executive Session for the reasons identified below. She said that she expected that the Work Session would last at least until 8:15 pm. The estimated end time was later updated to 9:15 pm.

IV. Executive Session

A. Consideration of site selection of real estate purchase or lease. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

B. Performance of a public employee. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

V. Adjournment

VanNatta announced that the Work Session concluded at 9:06 pm.

Steve Marshall 1/29/2024
Steve Marshall, Superintendent Date

anne-elissa.carter 1/23/2024
Anne-Elissa Carter -Vice Chair Date