



HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hockinson School District Board of Directors
Special Regular School Board Meeting
January 22, 2024
Greg Gospe Recognition: 5:30 - 6:00
Regular meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m
LOCATION: HSD Community Center & Zoom
“News & Events” Calendar for a link to join the Zoom meeting

MINUTES

I. 5:30 - 6:00 - Greg Gospe Recognition

Superintendent Marshall presented Greg with a plaque for his 20 years of service. Guests in attendance thanked Greg for his service and related different memories.

II. Board Meeting/Call To Order

A. Establish Quorum

Anne-Elissa Carter (Acting Chair), Kat Stupka, Patrick Carter and Gordon Smith in attendance.

B. Land Acknowledgement

Patrick Carter read: is vital to honor those who came before us and acknowledge the long history of what is now southwest Washington State. This area has been home to ancestors of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe for thousands of years. The land, with its rich resources, enabled the Cowlitz People to flourish, and they stewarded the land with their traditional culture. Today we must appreciate the persistence of the Cowlitz People and the important role they play in our region as together we steward the land for all our descendants.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval Of The Agenda

Superintendent Marshall explained the few Walk-in items, due to last week’s weather and crazy schedule a few items were late. Patrick Carter made a motion to approve the Agenda with the walk-in items and was seconded by Gordon Smith. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

WALK-IN ITEMS -

Section V. Consent Agenda:

Item D. Personnel 1. Classified New Hires

c.) Alexandra Hollar, Eff. 2/12/24-end of year, TEMP p-t Tech Support

F. Contract Approvals 2023-24

4. Administrative and Non-represented Contract Amendments

5. Capital Projects, Land Purchase Coordinator, Greg Gospe

Section VI. Discussion Item C: Adjustments made to the 23-24 School Year Calendar

IV. Communications

A. Welcome Community Members

Acting Chair, Anne-Elissa Carter welcomed all those in attendance.

B. Excuse Any Absent Board Members

Teresa VanNatta's absence was excused. Gordon Smith asked for a motion to approve and was seconded by Kat Stupka. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

C. HSD Recognition

1. School Board - Governor's Proclamation

Superintendent Marshall read the Governor's Proclamation to School Board Members.

2. Student "Thank You's"

High School Student, Dylan Stella, shared with the board what has been happening in his business class. The class has been selling slime; Dylan brought some to share with the Board. Dylan talked about how the HSD entrepreneur class starts from the ground up with creating a business. The class then splits into 3 groups, Manufacturing, Finance and Marketing. Dylan was the Vice-President of Marketing. All benefits from their sales go to St.Judes Children's Hospital. The Board asked a few questions. Dylan said the hardest part of starting a business was marketing the product.

Principal Tim Fox also shared that the students have to come up with the funds to start the business; and he donated as did various community members. He thanked the board for their support. Tim thanked the board for all their help and support and gave them each a HHS pin, with the new HHS logo..

D. Reports

1. Board Share Out:

Kat Stupka shared about going to opening night at the HHS to see the play, Almost Maine. The students did an awesome job, they missed practices due to the inclement weather we had last week and still pulled off a great performance. Patrick Carter also attended the play and enjoyed it very much. The Board also thanked Superintendent Marshall for the hard decision he had to make last Friday, HSD decided to just do a 2 hour late start when many schools in the County closed for the day. Superintendent Marshall shared how the decision was made and gave extra thanks to Dave Wilson, head of the maintenance department. Dave was out early every day checking on the schools; the parking lots and the heating systems. Gordon Smith also shared that swim meets were canceled a few times, during the weather too; and he saw first hand how the community supports HSD, when games & meets were being rescheduled and trying to get them in over the weekend. He gave a big thanks to all those who helped out. Anne-Elissa Carter also shared how much she appreciates our community, how we all come together when something needs to get done!

2. Superintendent, Steve Marshall

WIAA Classifications Set for 2024-28

The WIAA Executive Board finalized classification numbers for the 2024-28 cycle at its January 21 meeting. A detailed breakdown of each of the six WIAA classifications is available [HERE](#). It appears that Hockinson will remain at the 2A level and that the GHSL 2A League will consist of all current members except Fort Vancouver, which will be dropping to the 1A classification.

Classification	Enrollment Ranges	Number of Schools
4A	1201+	60
3A	900-1200	73
2A	450-899	63
1A	225-449	55

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2B	105-224	54
1B	1-104	105

While enrollment figures set the baseline for classification alignments, a school can affect its classification in several ways:

- Opt up in classification
- Appeal its determined classification
- Petition down a classification in football only

While any choice to opt-up will last the entirety of the four-year classification cycle, an appeal or petition down stands for two years, which is the next time schools will have the option to appeal their classification.

HHS Band Performs at Honolulu Memorial Sites on Pearl Harbor Day

Last month, HHS Band students traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii to perform at the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Pearl Harbor Day. We wrote [an article](#) on our district website recapping this experience, but are so proud of our HHS Band that we want to highlight it here as well:

In early December, nearly 100 student musicians from HHS traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii to perform as the only non-military band to take part in National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day events.

These performances provided a unique opportunity for students to engage with historical sites, contribute to the commemoration of significant events in American history and represent the Hockinson community on a national stage. In a special recognition of their performances, the students were presented with two American flags. The flags were previously flown above the USS Missouri and the USS Arizona Memorial.

"Our band students put their best effort forward with stellar performances," said Corey McEnry, Band Director at Hockinson High School. "I think that says a lot about how Hockinson kids value our nation's history, those who have served, as well as their own talents, time, and musical skills."

Support from the community, parents, and educators make unique educational opportunities like this one possible for Hockinson School District students.

Holiday By the Numbers Rundown

Also in December, I shared out another edition of HSD: By the Numbers. As I explained to staff and families, the intent of this format is to keep our school community current and provide a fresh look at your schools as well as few insights into what is going on inside of them.

Let's start off this edition of HSD: By the Numbers with a few holiday and service-oriented figures:

1,000+

Toys, clothes and other gifts donated to the HHS Giving Tree. This number approaches **2,000** when you account for the donations to the HMS and HHS Giving Trees. Read more about this year's student-led HHS Giving Tree [here](#).

6,281

Number of items donated to the annual HMS Canned Food Drive.

\$3,750

Total donations from Hockinson Jazzercise and an anonymous Hockinson patron to the Fire District 3 Toy

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and Food Drive and to sponsor Hockinson families in need this holiday season.

30

Total number of care bags assembled by Mrs. Heidi Morris's AP Human Geography students for community members in crisis or experiencing homelessness. This service project was spearheaded by HHS freshman Hunter Bledsoe.

For a community of just over 6,000 residents, these are incredible numbers! Hockinson, thank you for having such a huge heart for our students and your neighbors.

Here is a sampling of other numbers from around the HSD...

154

HHES students who participated in after-school clubs this fall. Heads up: Robotics and Solar Car Clubs begin after Winter Break.

388

Number of HHES students who have been recognized so far this year for consistently exhibiting positive behaviors in the classroom and on campus.

72

Students involved in the 5th Grade Band. 158 students in Grades 6-8 participate in the HMS Band.

12

After-school student clubs at HMS, ranging from ASL Club to Dungeons & Dragons Club.

54

Number of students who received HMS (Honorable, Motivated, and Safe) Awards in November.

67

HMS Girls Basketball and Boys and Girls Wrestling participants, who were celebrated at the school's sports awards ceremony on Dec. 12. Boys Basketball tryouts begin on Jan. 22 and 34 boys have already signed up!

134

Number of Advanced Placement exams slated to be completed by HHS students this year. This is up from past years: 2019 - 97 exams; 2020 - 119; 2021 - 61; 2022 - 55; 2023 - 95. For a \$98 test fee, AP tests enable students to earn college credits or waive required courses.

11

Number of AP classes available at HHS this year.

142

Number of the 176-student HHES Junior class who took the PSAT this year. All test fees were covered by HHS.

4

Upcoming performances of the student-directed HHS play *Almost Maine*. Mark your calendars - the show will run from Thursday, Jan. 18 to Saturday, Jan. 20.

340,645

Total square footage of the HSD's three schools, District Office, and Community Education buildings.

11

Number of custodians who are working over break to clean all of that square footage and tackle maintenance projects that are otherwise difficult to complete when school is in session. Similarly, our 2 Grounds employees and 1 seasonal substitute have their work cut out for them maintaining the district's 160+ acres.

24

New LED directional spotlights are being installed in the Hockinson MPR over the break, which will better illuminate *Almost Maine*, the HHS Spring Musical, and band concerts. Facility improvement projects like this, the creation of a new Career & College office at HHS, and all of the projects profiled in our series of Facility Fridays' posts are made possible by the 2022-26 levy. These levy dollars, aside from keeping our buildings

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safe and in good condition, also fund many of the extracurricular activities mentioned above as well as things such as school safety, health services, transportation, special education, and curriculum.

28%

Percentage of increase in student participation in our school breakfast program this year compared to last year. Lunch purchases are up 12%. Our Nutrition Services team (Chartwells), has worked hard to improve menu variety and quality, including new breakfast-to-order options at HHS (eg, omelets and breakfast bowls) and multiple daily entrees at HHES. Chartwells will be launching new breakfast items at HMS in January and are in the process of applying for a grant to revamp HHES breakfast offerings.

\$5,588

Revenue generated by this fall's Scholastic Book Fair that is earmarked for the purchase of new books for our school libraries.

\$40,000+

Amount of scholarship dollars that will be available to HHS seniors by the Hockinson Public Schools Foundation (HPSF) this spring. This total was increased last year by a memorial fund that was established to support students interested in preparing for STEM-related careers. This fund generates nearly \$40,000 in scholarships on a recurring, annual basis! Check the HPSF [website](#) for more information and circle **April 15, 2024** on your calendar; in addition to it being tax day, it will also be the submission deadline for these scholarships.

230

Total number of employees in the Hockinson School District. What a team!

6

Number of 6-month Americorps positions currently available in the HSD. Learn more about this opportunity below.

HHES Students to Show off Science Skills

HHES' 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders will be displaying their science projects in the school's annual Science Fair on Students can choose between conducting an experiment, building a scientific model, or creating an invention to showcase.

Participating students are tasked with creating a display board detailing the scientific method behind their project. Students have been hard at work preparing their projects for display and are looking forward to showcasing their scientific interests. This event is open to all HHES students and community members.

FBLA Gives Back to Community, Prepares for Competition Season

Future Business Leaders of America - or FBLA - is a national organization that provides leadership and career preparation opportunities to high school students. Here is an update from Ainsley Burckhard, HHS FBLA Chapter President, on what FBLA has been involved with this school year thus far:

Hockinson FBLA is a student-led business and career preparation club at HHS. This year, students have exceeded fundraising expectations by raising over \$10,000 for competition expenses. The 25 members and one advisor have given back to their community by volunteering at the HHES Halloween Trick-Or-Treat event and holding a Giving Tree Toy Drive, in which they collected over 500 items, exceeding their original goal of 300 items by 66%. Toys from were donated to Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

The club also held its first annual Hockinson Thrift Shop on January 12th at the doubleheader basketball games. For weeks, the club has been collecting donations of historic Hockinson gear from the community to sell at an affordable price. Funds will benefit upcoming travel expenses.

February 2 marks the students' first competition of the year. Groups and individuals will compete in business-related events such as advertising, data analysis, social media strategies and other events. The top competitive scorers will advance to the state-wide competition in Spokane this April. The group hopes to become part of the top 2% of national members to compete in Orlando, Florida in June for Nationals.

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FBLA leadership is confident that their determination and work ethic will prove successful for them in competition and beyond. Last year, FBLA shined at the regional competition and advanced to the state competition where they won the Gold Seal Chapter Award.

January is School Board Recognition Month!

January is an opportunity for the HSD community to express its appreciation for the five devoted school board members who serve Hockinson's students, staff, and schools. Teresa VanNatta (District 1), Patrick Carter (District 2), Anne-Elissa Carter (District 3), Kat Stupka (District 4), and Gordon Smith (District 5) each represent the district in Hockinson in which they reside. Their integrity, collaboration, and leadership is critical to the success and ongoing improvement of Hockinson's schools. Thank you, HSD School Board, for your dedication and commitment to our kids!

New Director and Student Reps Join HSD School Board

Besides being School Board Appreciation Month, January is also the one-month anniversary of three new additions to the Board: Kat Stupka, new District 4 Director, and Student Board Representatives Meredith Higgins and Samara Shanks, all of whom joined the Board in December.

Stupka was officially appointed to the School Board at the December 11 HSD Regular Board Meeting. She moved to Brush Prairie in 2022 and is eager to represent her district and lead in service to Hockinson's students, staff, and families. "I'm excited to be a part of Hockinson's continued focus on creating opportunities for our students to thrive in and out of the classroom," said Stupka. "It's so important to create environments that are welcoming and safe - with our kids and our schools. I'm grateful to be in a community that makes this one of its top commitments," Stupka added. Higgins and Shanks, both seniors, volunteered to learn more about the School Board and how decisions are made for the district and its schools. The HSD School Board is committed to encouraging student voice in schools and the Board decision-making process.

January CAC Recap

The HSD Citizens Advisory Committee met in the HHES Library on January 9. On the agenda were one update:

- HHES Parent Pick Up/Drop Off and Literacy Program (Presenter: Cary Delbridge, Grade 1 Teacher) and two presentations:
- HSD Budget At-a-Glance (Presenter: Aaron Villanueva, Business Services Director)
- Transitional Kindergarten's Impact on Student Learning (Presenters: Josh Robertson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Shawn Sears, TK Teacher)

Content from the budget and Transitional Kindergarten presentations can be viewed [here](#).

The primary purpose of the CAC is to serve as a liaison between the Hockinson community and the HSD School Board. As part of their involvement on the committee, CAC members get acquainted with HSD staff and programs and share feedback they receive from HSD families. The next CAC Meeting will take place on Mon, Feb. 5 at 6 pm at the HMS Library. Community members are welcome to observe these meetings via the Zoom links shared on the HSD website calendar.

Levy Spotlight: HHS Winter Play "Almost, Maine"

Our recent winter weather is an appropriate tune-up for the HHS student-led play "Almost, Maine." Students will perform the first of three performances at the HHS Auditorium on Fri, Jan. 19 at 7 pm. The play is composed of 9 love stories from all stages in a relationship: New love, old love, broken hearts, and hearts being mended.

This production is special because each scene is directed by a different student director. These directors played an active role in the audition panel and worked together to decide which actor would be best suited for which role. This process facilitated student cooperation and leadership as well as a sense of ownership for their casting and directorial choices.

The directors, cast, and crew are grateful for the community's support, in particular: HHS custodians for maintaining and preparing the theater space, Hockinson AAA Boosters for the group's fundraising efforts, and HHS theater parents, who have volunteered their time and resources to this production. Also, opportunities like this would not be possible without the HSD's educational program's levy, which provides financial support for arts, music, sports, and other student activities. We hope you are able to attend performances on Fri, Jan. 19 @ 7 pm, Jan. 21 @ 2 pm, and Thur, Jan. 25 @ 7 pm

HHS Awarded Grant & Another Exciting TBA Opportunity

Hockinson High School was recently selected for an OSPI Dual Credit Grant. This funding will support the school's college and career readiness initiatives by defraying PSAT costs, student and staff course fees, adaptive materials for

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students with special needs, and Advanced Placement Summer Institute tuition. The school will also benefit from a second, much larger college and career-focused grant that will be announced soon!

3. Student Reps

a) HHES: Deklan Kautz & Larkin Frohs:

Larkin Frohs shared (Deklan was unable to attend). Larkin is on the leadership team and had a few items to share from HHES. Larkin's report: playground equipment, parent drop off/pick up, improving composting compliance, SBA preparation, garden cart to provide produce to the community, and the exchange program with Japanese elementary. Larkin shared she is learning fractions in Math, and she loves being in 5th grade and having been able to participate in the hot air balloon launch and is looking forward to the Science Fair. The Board thanked Larkin for her report. Superintendent Marshall thanked her also, commenting how important it is to hear student voice.

b) HMS: Rhys Ruhl & Kayla Gai-Christofferson

Rhys & Kayla were both in attendance and shared a report from HMS. Rhys is President of ASB and Kayla is Vice-President. HMS Report: Happy School Board Appreciation, Boys Basketball, Knowledge Bowl, and Math Counts starting up. New club: Vex Robotics Club. Leadership is planning a February Spirit Week and a spring dance in April. Kayla also shared that students were glad to be back after the break we had due to the weather. The Board thanked the students for sharing.

Next Up: HEA Representatives thanked the School Board for their dedication to our schools and community. They acknowledged that the Board makes decisions that are in the best interest of all students, which is not an easy task. On behalf of HEA, Anna-Melissa Lyons. Brian Wisely and Christine Parker delivered care baskets to the Board members.

c) HHS: Meredith Higgins & Samara Shanks

Meredith & Samara were both unable to attend due to other commitments. Tim Fox gave a report from HHS. Attendance was great on Friday, students seemed to enjoy being back after the break due to the weather. There was lots of scheduling going on, he thanked Kirsten Heder, lead secretary at the high school for making sure HHS ran smoothly and all classes were covered on Friday. HHS was awarded a \$25,000 CTE Grant that has multiple benefits including AP and PSAT fees, AP Summer Institute, summer workplace learning supervision, new CTE course Stage Crafts; and elements of a healthy school culture (music, compromise, teamwork). Tim shared that Tracy Turner and Angelina Sarkinen have been doing an amazing job helping the students in CTE. On Thursday, business students will be visiting a local food cart to see first hand how a business works. Superintendent Marshall shared that he was at HHS on Friday and even Tim and Assistant Principal, Kathy Pacheco were teaching classes. It was a great example of teamwork.

4. Citizen Advisory Committee Update

Superintendent Marshall shared about the last meeting on January 9th. Minutes can be found on HSD's website.

5. Legislative Update

There will be more to share next month, Superintendent Marshall, Josh Robertson and Patrick Carter will be attending "Day on the Hill " next week.

E. Community Input On Agenda Or Comments

No one signed up to comment.

Public comment is welcome. So that the planned business of the Board may proceed in a timely manner, a total of 30 minutes maximum is allocated to public comment, with each speaker expected to limit their remarks to 2 minutes. Zoom software will be used to receive public comment. Please review Policy 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business & Quorum. The Board also reminds participants to treat each other with courtesy, honesty and respect. Listen willingly to each other, even when opinions differ. Share accurate information.

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Honor the District's policies to promote consistency and safety, respect each other's time by adhering to the time limit. Thank you.

V. Approval Of The Consent Agenda

Patrick Carter for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (with walk-ins) and was seconded by Gordon Smith. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A. January 2024 Vouchers

1. General Fund ACH Checks	232400175-232400185	\$425,543.62
2. General Fund ACH Checks	232400191-232400191	\$123.95
3. ASB ACH Checks	232400186-232400190	\$19,052.65
4. General Fund Checks	10078-100810	\$158,481.08
5. General Fund	Voids/Cancellations	\$600.00
6. Capital Projects Checks	5074-5075	\$11,992.27
7. ASB Checks	11728-11741	21,026.91
	Voids/Cancellations	\$1,618.08
8. Wire Transfer Payments	202300009-202300011	\$1,046.24
9. General Fund Checks	100824-100824	\$504.20
10. General Fund ACH Checks	232400193-232400210	\$8,318.32
11. ASB ACH Checks	232400211-232400211	\$724.73
12. General Fund Checks	100825-100847	\$33,188.07
	Voids/Cancellations	\$20,034.01
13. ASB Checks	11742-11746	\$3,069.49
14. General Fund ACH Checks	232400212-232400216	\$63,927.98
15. ASB ACH Checks	232400217-232400217	\$12.71
16. General Fund Checks	100848-100896	\$193,548.11
17. Capital Projects Checks	5076-5078	\$24,752.15
18. ASB Checks	11747-11761	\$38,130.53
19. Comp Tax Transfer	202300012-202300014	\$74.92
Actual December Payroll	\$2,009,037.23	
Estimated January Payroll	\$2,100,000.00	

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- B. Budget**
 - 1. December 2023 Budget Status Report
 - 2. January 2024 Enrollment Report
- C. Approval of Previous Months Board Minutes**
 - 1. December 11, 2023
 - 2. January 8, 2024
- D. Personnel**
 - 1. Classified New Hires
 - a) Lynnae Spafford, Eff. 1/4/24, Special Programs Para, 6hpd, ES
 - b) Sherry Hanes, Eff. 1/2/24-end of year, TEMP, Receptionist, DO
 - c) Alexandra Hollar, Eff. 2/12/24-end of year, TEMP p-t Tech Support
 - 2. Retirement/Resignations
 - a) Lisa Homola, Early Retirement/Eligible Separation, Eff. 1/2/24, Assistant Secretary, ES. Lisa has been on LOA and has officially resigned her position and is considered an eligible separation.
 - b) Troy Pacheco, Eff. 1/25/24. Special Programs Para, 6hpd, MS
 - c) Ashley Warren, Eff. 1/9/24, Special Programs Para, 6hpd, ES
 - 3. Classified Change Position
 - a) April Neff, Attendance, Eff. 1/2/24, Assistant Secretary, 8hpd, ES
 - b) Shelley Tochtrop, Sped Para, Eff. 1/2/24, Attendance Clerk, 7hpd, ES
- E. Out of District Travel**
 - 1. HHS Boys Soccer to Vashon Island, March 8-10 2024. Coach: Tony Ayala
- F. Contract Approvals 2023 - 2024**
 - 1. Special Programs, Soliant Health, Certified Behavior Tech, Kassi Risor
 - 2. Special Programs, Occupational Therapist, Tanyia Avery
 - 3. Special Programs, Soliant Health, COTA, Jennifer Wilson
 - 4. Administrative and Non-represented Contract Amendments
 - 5. Capital Projects, Land Purchase Coordinator, Greg Gospe

VI. Discussion Items

A. Budget Status Update

Aaron Villanueva gave a budget update.

B. Calendar at a Glance

The Board reviewed January/February calendar.

C. Adjustments to the 23-24 School Year Calendar

March 15 is our first make-up day and June 14 and 17 are the next two make-up days. Last day of School is early release (½ day) on Monday, June 17th.

VII. Action Items

The Board reviewed the policies, 2nd reading. Patrick Carter made a motion to approve both policy 2190 and 2004 and was seconded by Kat Stupka. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A. WSSDA Policy Updates - 2nd Reading

- 1. Policy 2190 - Highly Capable Program - Essential. WSSDA has revised this policy to correct misinformation about the requirements outlined in Senate Bill 5072 (2023). The revisions address the fact that the law does not require all students to be screened. Rather, as modified by SB 5072,

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school districts must universally screen only for two elementary grade levels. Additionally, the requirements for multiple objective criteria and multiple pathways remains both in statute and in regulation

- 2. Policy 2004 - Performance Improvement Goals - Encouraged. WSSDA revised this policy after receiving questions about its current legal status and relevance. State laws, specifically RCW 28A.655.100 and WAC 180-105-020, mandate that school districts establish and report annual district-wide and school-level performance improvement goals. The goals encompass student performance relative to those goals, plans to achieve them, and various other related aspects. The revision of this policy involved a shift in its name from "Accountability Goals" to "Performance Improvement Goals" to align with the legal requirements. Additionally this policy now consistently refers to "federal requirements" in line with the regulations cited above.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Next School Board Meeting
 - 1. February 12, 2024 - Work Session
- B. Items for Next Agenda
- C. Docusign Documents
- D. Close of Meeting

Anne-Elissa Carter adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Steve Marshall 3/11/2024
 Superintendent, Steve Marshall Date

Teresa Van Natta 3/1/2024
 Board Chair, Teresa VanNatta Date