

Regular School Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
2/26/2024

Present: Director Waller, Director Adams, Director Key, Director Fleurkens, Director Sainsbury, Student Representative McMullen, Tim Payne

1. Closed Executive Session 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Superintendent's yearly evaluation (RCW 42.30.110.g)
Personnel discussion (RCW 42.30.110.f)

2. Call to Order

Director Waller called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Director Waller started the meeting by expressing the Board's condolences to the family of Jett Johnson.

3. Flag Salute

Director Waller asked all present to stand for the flag salute.

4. Public Comments

There were no individuals signed in to speak to the Board.

5. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Director Adams made a motion to add: 6.a.iii.6 - Alan Key's resignation from the school board, effective 2/27/24 6.a.vii - February Payroll, \$3,069,731.84, check numbers 165044257-165044277, dated 2/29/24 to the agenda. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

6. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda

Director Key made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the changes. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

- i. **Approve Minutes from January 22, 2024**
- ii. **Hires**

1. Lizbet Gameros, 8 Hr EMS Secretary
2. Dylan Stakelin, EHS Assistant Baseball Coach
3. Jeremy Martinez, EHS Assistant Baseball Coach
4. Sara Tupling, Temporary 6.5 Hr Assistant Para at ECEAP
5. Erin Allen, EHS Assistant Fastpitch Coach
6. William Flynn, EMS Assistant Wrestling Coach
7. Courtney Burck, EHS Boys Tennis Coach
8. Ashley Marchant, Rt #19 Bus Driver

iii. Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements

1. Kelli Garman, Bus Driver effective 1/30/24, accepted 1/19/24
2. Denver Morford, EMS Para effective 1/24/24, accepted 1/25/24
3. Annette Van Dyke, Parkway Teacher effective 8/15/24, accepted 1/26/24
4. Scott Sandberg, Track Meet Coordinator, effective 2/7/24, accepted 2/8/24
5. Amber Harmon, 6.5 Hr Temporary Sped Para at Columbia Ridge, Effective 2/23/24, accepted 2/9/24
6. Alan Key, School Board Member, effective 2/27/24

iv. Leave of Absence

1. Kayla Tucker, EMS Para for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year, will return in the fall
2. Jennifer Fitzgerald, EMS Para for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year beginning 2/12/24, will return in the fall

v. Donations

1. Silver Nickel Logging, rough cut lumber (maple, oak, and pine) for the EHS Industrial Arts classes. Approximate value of \$10,000.
2. Tigers Boosters paid \$2,000 towards the new tradition boards in the main high school gym. This is half of the total cost to replace these boards.
3. Tiger Boosters, Guardian Fence and General Donors, \$55,455 to be used towards soccer and baseball fencing.

vi. Second Reading of Policies

vii. Payroll & Accounts Payable

b. Approve 2024/25 and 2025/26 School Calendars

Director Fleurkens made a motion to approve Option C for the 24/25 and 25/26 school calendars based on the calendar committee's recommendation. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. Approve Interim Superintendent Contract

A motion to approve the interim superintendent contract was made by Director Adams. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

d. Approve Bid for New Storage Building

Adam Roduner, Maintenance Director, is recommending that the District accept the quote from Exco LLC for the construction of the new pole building. Their bid stood out as a comprehensive and competitive bid with a clear understanding of the storage facilities requirements. The bid was \$223,450 plus tax and also provided a reasonable construction timeline. Funding for this project was included in the Capital Levy that was approved by the voters in November of 2022. Director Key made a motion to approve the bid from Exco LLC for the construction of the new storage building. Director Sainsbury seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

e. Approve \$100,000 ADA Grant

Jamie Bessette, Special Education Director, is seeking approval to accept the \$100,000 ADA Grant that the District was awarded recently. The proposed project addresses equal access disparities at our school by integrating an ADA accessible playground at the school that houses our Life Skills program. The initiative responds to our commitment to inclusivity, focusing on students with diverse abilities, especially those with significant disabilities. At its core, the project involves installing ADA accessible playground equipment already procured but stalled due to unforeseen financial constraints. We are actively seeking a grant that aligns with Americans with Disabilities Act principles and the state's focus on UDL, these are the intended positive Impacts and outcomes: Inclusive Recreational Opportunities: The ADA accessible playground will serve as a hub for inclusive recreational activities, fostering positive social interaction among students with varying abilities, including those with physical mobility limitations. Enhanced Life Skills Development: An integral part of the Life Skills program, the accessible playground significantly contributes to developing essential life skills, nurturing independence, social skills, and overall well-being among students. Improved Educational Environment: The project augments the overall learning experience for students with disabilities by creating a more accessible and supportive educational environment, aligning with our commitment to equal access. Community Engagement: Beyond addressing internal needs, the ADA accessible playground reflects our school's dedication to community values, creating a tangible and inclusive space in line with shared community values of equity, diversity, and inclusivity. Securing funding for the installation of the ADA accessible playground is crucial for the success of this transformative project. It embodies our commitment to establishing an inclusive and supportive learning environment and ensuring every student has the opportunity

to thrive. Director Key made a motion to approve accepting the \$100,000 ADA Grant. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

f. Approve Resolution 2023-2024-4 in Opposition to ESB 5462 and HB 2331

Director Key made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-2024-4 in Opposition to ESD 5462 and HB 2331. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

7. Non-Action Items

a. Revisit Grant Elementary Camera Project

There were a few questions from the Board regarding the cameras that were approved for purchase at the January meeting.

1. There was only one vendor contacted, why? The vendor used is on our small works roster and the equipment purchased matches what we currently are using.
2. Question about audio recording. Request for policy on when/where recording and notification to people who are being recorded. What happens to the data, where is it stored.

b. Budget Report

Allison Razey, Finance Director, reviewed the budget report with the Board.

c. Legislative Update

1. Recap of the legislative tour in Olympia
2. Update on status os session. HB 1479 Requirement for zero emission buses and SHB 1044 Special Education Funding Proposal

d. Superintendent Report

1. State Superintendent group update
2. 2025 Priorities with WSSDA and WASA: a) Fully fund Sped, b) fully fund transportation, c) MSOCS underfunded and we would like local control
3. Re-Imagining Team Meeting
4. PBIS as K-12 approach
5. Great things are happening in Ephrata

e. First Reading Policy/Procedures

2022/2022P/2022F - Electronic Resources
2121/2121P - Substance Abuse
2410P - High School Graduation Requirements
2413/2413P - Equivalency Credit Opportunities
2415/2415P - Performance-Based Pathway for High School Graduation
5005 - Employment Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assurances and Approval
5271P - Reporting Improper Governmental Action
6515P - Firearms
6550 - Capitalization Threshold for Leases and Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

8. **Adjournment**

Director Waller adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Anita Waller, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board