



HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preparing all students for lifelong success

Hockinson School District Board of Directors

Regular School Board Meeting

February 26, 2024

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: HSD Community Center & Zoom
HSD Calendar has a link to join the Zoom meeting

MINUTES

I. Board Meeting/Call To Order

Board Chair Teresa VanNatta called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A. Establish Quorum

All Board members present

B. Land Acknowledgement

Gordon Smith read - *We acknowledge that Hockinson School District stands on the unceded territory of the Cowlitz (Stl'pulmsh) People, past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land and better allies to the Cowlitz people.*

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval Of The Agenda

Teresa VanNatta asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Patrick Carter made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Anne-Elissa Carter. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

III. Communications

A. Welcome Community Members

Teresa VanNatta welcomed all those attending in-person and via Zoom.

B. Excuse Any Absent Board Members

C. Reports

1. Board Share Out

Gordon Smith: attended the swim meet at district - HHS placed 2nd, 8 swimmers went to State.

Kat Stupka: attended the Mock Trial (best attorney, best witness)

Superintendent Marshall: chaperoned the HHS dance, students were very well behaved.

2. Superintendent, Steve Marshall

Educational Support Professionals Week: March 4-8, 2024: Previously known as Classified Appreciation Week, this annual event is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of education

support professionals in our public schools. While their area of service varies from custodial to secretarial to paraprofessional to much more, these employees perform critical job responsibilities that ensure school safety and support student learning and school operations. Each school will celebrate our educational support professionals at the building level and the HSD will also provide each team member with a slice of cake and small token of appreciation.

Thank you, HSD Counselors: HSD schools recognized their counselors during the Week of February 5 in recognition of National School Counseling Week. This annual event highlights the tremendous impact school counselors have on student wellness, academic success, and career preparedness. It's never too late to offer a big "Thank you" to the HSD's dedicated counselors Vickie Hermann, Nicole Starkey, Wayne Svilar, and Chantelle Henry.

HSD Wraps Up National CTE Month: Every February, educators celebrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) to raise awareness of the role that CTE has in preparing learners for college and career success. CTE Month is also a time to recognize and celebrate local CTE programs such as HHS' work-based learning, wood tech, and entrepreneurship programs and achievements like HHS senior Charlie Varney placing 1st in a recent regional Skills USA Competition: Job Interviewing. Way to go, CTE!

AmeriCorps Volunteers Join HSD: On Friday, Feb. 16 the network of support for our students grew by two caring adults. Dalton Rausch and Elin Bony attended a full-day HSD orientation before heading off to our schools where they will provide support with literacy and organizational skills both during and after school. This program is a win-win for our schools: It is cost-effective and it provides our students with additional academic support at the small group and one-on-one levels. It is also a win for young aspiring educators like Dalton and Elin because it enables them to make a difference in the lives of students and gain valuable field experience in a school setting. This program is administered through a partnership between the Washington Service Corps and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Upward Together Committee Preparing for Take-Off

The Upward Together Committee will support the upward progress of the Hockinson School District by aligning its focus and efforts with:

- The HSD's motto: "Preparing all students for lifelong success";
- The HSD Strategic Plan (Academics, School Climate & Facilities, and Communication & Community); and
- The "Four Bs" of student-centered improvement: Remove **barriers** to student participation, learning, and success; monitor and **broadcast** student voice; enhance student **belonging**; and show and support a **belief** in the unlimited potential of every student.

This committee, consisting of staff, students, and parents, will meet four times a year and look for opportunities to improve HSD schools and engage the larger Hockinson community. Space is limited. Interested? Please fill out this [form](#) by Friday, February 21, 2024.

Hockinson Helpers is Here! Excellent public schools don't just happen; they require a team effort. Hockinson Helpers is a place to find opportunities to pitch in for Hockinson's students. Hockinson Helpers helps to lift HSD students to new heights by linking community expertise to HSD needs in a collaborative and financially responsible way. You'll find volunteer opportunities, call-outs for equipment rental needs, donation requests, and more on our newly launched webpage [here](#).

Thank you, Hockinson community, for helping us create exciting educational experiences for our kids and maintain high quality school facilities for everyone.

HHES Teachers Receive Instructional Grants: Congratulations to Jennifer Siebert, Erica Bason, Brooke Hieter, Michelle Perry, Crecia Page and Laurel Waliezer. Last week, these six teachers were presented with mini-grants from the Southwest Washington School Retirees' Association! The mini-grants will be used to support special classroom projects that enhance student engagement and learning.

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Heads Up Class of 2024!: The Hockinson Public Schools Foundation will activate its online scholarship applications on Valentine's Day so families can apply for nearly \$50,000 in local scholarships. The application deadline is April 15, 2024.

Jazzercise Generosity: It's a Valentine's tradition: The Hockinson Jazzercise community has again made a donation to our district's Dave Olson Fund to support students in need. This year Sue Thompson's Jazzercise group donated \$615! This donation will go a long way in breaking down barriers (food, school supplies, fees) for our students so they can learn at high levels and fully participate in school and extracurricular activities.

Community Ed to Host 1st "Silver Social": HSD Community Ed has organized what it hopes to be a monthly opportunity for Hockinson's older residents to gather, socialize, and participate in engaging learning activities and presentations. They are called Silver Socials and the first one is slated for Tuesday, March 5 from 11 am - 1 pm. It will feature local historian Louise Tucker, author of *Battle Ground...In and Around and Battle Ground Lake Before it Became a State Park*. Please RSVP at (360) 448-6480 or katie.omalley-soot@hocksd.org

Winter Sport Athletes Represent HHS at State: Congratulations to HHS Senior Gymnast Celia Racanelli and

State Swimmers: Ben Maitland (100 free), Ryder Hough (500 free), 200 4x50 relay-Dilan Andersen, Jaden Atchley, Ryder Hough, and Ben Maitland and Even Bergstrom, Nate Nielsen, Adam Wendler, and Jack Smith and

State Wrestlers: Jake McKee, Liam McKee, and Austin Wallace

all of whom represented HHS at their respective state tournaments the past two weekends.

Celia's route to State was a little unconventional. HHS does not offer Gymnastics so it entered into a cooperative agreement with Prairie High School last year. Racanelli made the most of this opportunity: She was crowned the 2A/3A Gymnastics All-Around Champion at the district gymnastics meet. Read more about her accomplishment [here](#).

The first practices for HHS's Spring Sports - Baseball, Softball, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer, and Boys and Girls Track - were held today.

HHS Adds Newspaper Club: This update is hot off the presses. As of last Friday, HHS has a newspaper club. The club was initiated by freshman Abigail Stella. The club advisor is HHS English teacher (and graduate) Lauren Broer. It is exciting that, although HHS does not offer a journalism course, it is able to create an educational experience in news writing for interested students.

3. Student Reps

a) HHES: Harper Hovis & Isabella Edwards

Eloise Heath also attended. The girls reported that HHES would like to get new swings on the playground. They are going to start having the kids be soccer refs to reduce injuries. The Green Team has been picking up trash and creating videos of model behavior (sharing with students).

b) HMS: Natalia Drimm & Tavin Timperly

Colin Richardson gave the HMS report (Natalia & Tavin were unable to attend). HMS has been promoting kindness - a safe school environment. They had a carnation sale on Valentine's Day and also a Spirit week (Teacher/Student Swap day, Dynamic Duo) Upcoming Spring Fling on 4/12/24. The Leadership class has been making posters to spread awareness about events that are happening at HMS. Track starts in April. Student morale is good. Tavin's favorite class is US History; it's a fun class and he has a great teacher.

c) HHS: Meredith Higgins & Samara Shanks

No HHS report, both girls were unable to attend.

4. Citizen Advisory Committee Update

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Teresa VanNatta, Kat Stupka & Superintendent Marshall gave an update. The minutes from the last meeting are on the website.

5. Legislative Update

Patrick gave an update; he attended the "Day on the Hill" with Superintendent Marshall and Joshua Robertson. They met Representatives Kevin Waters & Paul Harris; also Senator Lynda Wilson. It was very informative and he feels our reps understand school issues.

D. Community Input On Agenda Or Comments

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

Kevin Hessel: Improvements & Facility concerns

IV. Approval Of The Consent Agenda

A. February 2024 Vouchers

1. General Fund Checks	100914-100939 voids/cancellations	\$80,652.94 \$118.40
2. General Fund Checks	100940-100940 voids/cancellations	\$6,172.00 \$6,172.00
3. ASB Checks	11762-11763	\$4,014.21
4. ASB Checks	11764-11764	\$367.48
5. General Fund ACH Checks	232400219-232400241	\$22,049.59
6. Capital Projects ACH Checks	232400242-232400242	\$3,344.00
7. ASB ACH Checks	232400243-232400245	\$179.20
8. General Fund Checks	100941-100941	\$12,558.70
9. General Fund ACH Checks	232400246-232400246	\$597.80
10. General Fund ACH Checks	232400262-232400262	\$351,961.09
11. Capital Projects ACH Checks	232400263-232400263	\$4,928.00
12. ASB ACH Checks	232400264-232400269	\$10,805.67
13. General Fund Checks	100956-101030	\$500,594.23
14. General Fund Checks	101031-101031	\$2,118.92
15. Capital Projects Checks	5079-5084	\$56,188.58

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16. ASB Checks	11765-11785	\$20,789.15
17. Comp Tax Wire Transfer	202300015-202300017	\$472.41
Corrected December 2023 Payroll	\$2,011,561.46	
January Payroll Actual Amount	\$1,962,749.89	
February Payroll Estimated Amount	\$2,100,000.00	

B. Budget

1. January 2024 Budget Status Report
2. February 2024 Enrollment Report

C. Approval of Previous Months Board Minutes

1. January 22, 2024
2. February 12, 2024

D. Boundary and Homeschool Reports**E. IQ Credit Visa Account**

1. Remove Hollie Harrison

F. Contract Approval

1. Special Programs, TLC Behavioral Consulting, RBT & RBT Supervision, 2/26/24 - 6/17/24

G. Personnel

1. Classified New Hires
 - a) Leslie Livingston Johnson, Eff. 2/12/24, Special Programs Paraeducator, Sped, 6hpd, MS
 - b) Jillian Worthington, Eff. 2/13/24, Special Programs Paraeducator, Sped, 6hpd, ES
 - c) Austin Silbernagel, Eff. 2/16/24, Temp - Security, 6hph, HS
2. Classified Change Position
 - a) Bailey Metz, General Duty Aide, 6.5hpd, Eff. 1/31/24 to Special Programs Paraeducator, Sped, 6hpd, ES
 - b) Jessica Peck, General Duty Aide, 4hpd, Eff. 1/31/24 to General Duty Aide, 6.5hpd, ES
 - c) Lauren Rhew, Sped Para, 6hpd (TBD) to General Duty Aide, 4hpd, ES
3. Retirement/Resignation/Transfer/Termination
 - a) Gracie Abraham, Resignation, Eff. 2/19/24, Special Programs Paraeducator, Spe, 6hpd, ES
 - b) Holly Harrison, Resignation, Eff. 2/20/24, Special Programs Paraeducator, Sped, 6hpd, MS
 - c) Jennifer Hanson, Resignation, Eff. 1/23/24, Special Programs Paraeducator, Sped, 6hpd, ES
4. New Extracurricular Assignments
 - a) Olivia Puzzo & Heather Stivers, 2nd Semester, Homework Club Advisors, MS 66/34

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- b) Berit Kretz, 2nd Semester, Math Olympiad, HS
 - c) Lauren Broer & Jennifer Brinkman, 2nd Semester, National Honor Society, HS 50/50
5. Extracurricular Resignations/Non-Renewal
- a) Berit Kretz, Resignation, 2/1/24, National Honor Society, HS
 - b) Heber Nelski, Resignation, 2/1/24, Math Olympiad Advisor, HS
 - c) Joey Harteloo, Resignation, Immediately, HS Volleyball, JV Coach

H. Out of District Travel

- 1. HHS, Boys & Girls Wrestling, 2/15/24 - 2/17/24, State, Tacoma Dome
Coach(s): Brandon Redeau & Tania Redeau
- 2. HHS, Boys Swim, 2/15/24 - 2/17/24, State, King City Aquatics. Coach:
Michelle Jacobs-Brown
- 3. HHS, WA State Thespian Festival at CWU, Ellensburg, WA. 3/14/24 -
3/17/24

V. Discussion Items

A. Budget Status Update

Aaron Villanueva gave a report.

B. Calendar at a Glance

The Board reviewed the calendar at a glance to make sure they were not missing anything.

C. Update Board Calendar

*Discussed changing the June 10th Work Session to a Regular Board Meeting/Budget Hearing, due to Superintendent Marshall being at a conference. The June 24th meeting will be canceled. The meeting on the 10th will be called a **Special Regular Board & Budget Hearing Meeting** due to the change.*

D. WSSDA Policies - 1st Reading

1. Policy 5280 - Separation from Employment - Encouraged

WSSDA had revised this policy to clarify the school board's role in the process of terminating staff. The board's role differs depending on the type of employee that's being terminated. With classified employees, the board plays one role, but with certificated employees, the board plays another.

Superintendent Marshall explained about this Policy change, he will have Julie Dobbins send the board some information on the changes and how they work.

2. Policy 5005 - Employment and Volunteers: Disclosures, Certification Requirements, Assurances and Approval - Essential

WSSDA reviewed and revised this policy based on SB 5123 - Use of Cannabis - Employment Discriminations. This new law prohibits employers from discriminating against hiring or retaining an employee based on a positive drug test for past cannabis use. SB 5123 prohibits employers from discriminating against a person in hiring based on the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace.

3. Policy 5271 - Reporting Improper Governmental Action (Whistleblower Protection) - Essential

WSSDA reviewed and updated this policy to ensure it aligns with Washington's Local Government Whistleblower Protection Act (Ch. 42.41 RCW - Every local government employee has the right to report to the appropriate person(s) information concerning an alleged improper governmental action) The revisions include re-categorizing this policy to accurately reflect that it is an Essential policy. Additionally, we've revised the definition of retaliatory action and added a prohibition against intimidation to reflect the statute more fully and accurately. The revisions also update contact information reflecting federal, state, and local entities that enforce potential improper governmental actions. Employees need

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to be encouraged to report concerns and then not fear retaliation from their coworkers or supervisors for reporting them. School districts cannot correct or investigate what they don't know about.

4. Policy 2090 - Program Evaluation - Encouraged

WSSDA revised this policy after receiving questions about its legal status and relevance. This policy mandates submitting implementation verification reports to OSPI. Revising this policy also involves the removal of outdated language linked to former OSPI programs and updating legal references. The core legal foundation behind this policy is RCW 28A.230.095. This statute emphasizes the necessity for school districts to ensure that students have the opportunity to learn essential academic requirements in social studies, the arts, and health and fitness.

VI. Action Items

A. Approval of Contract for Personal Services

- 1. Greg Gospe, March 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Superintendent Marshall explained that Greg Gospe would be helping with the land sale and be a liaison with Clark County, helping with the Facility Planning Committee. His past board experience will be helpful with this.

VII. Adjournment

A. Next School Board Meeting

- 1. Work Session, Monday, March 11, 2024

B. Items for Next Agenda

C. Docusign Documents

D. Close of Meeting

Teresa VanNatta adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Steve Marshall

3/25/2024

Superintendent, Steve Marshall *Date*

Teresa VanNatta

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Board Chair, Teresa VanNatta *Date*