



HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WORK SESSION

MARCH 11, 2024

6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM ONLY

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: [HSD Calendar](#) HAS A LINK TO JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING

MINUTES

I. I. Call to Order

6:05 pm

A. Establish a Quorum

Gordon Smith, Kat Stupka, Ann-Elissa Carter all present in person. Patrick Carter present via Zoom.

Before addressing items on the agenda, Superintendent Steve Marshall shared an update with the School Board on the following topics:

Local school district budget reductions; A message on attendance that was sent to HSD staff; Recent events in schools: HHS and HMS band concerts, HHS Spring Sports participation, Educational Support Professionals Week; 3/4 CAC Meeting; Upcoming 3/13 Facility Planning Committee; Upcoming Columbian article; and Upcoming Events: 3/20 Community School Tour; 3/21 Regional WSSDA Meeting; 3/28 WSSDA Training at ESD 112.

II. Board Self-Evaluation

Discussion topics: Starting at 6:21 pm, the School Board discussed the importance of revisiting and revising written communication protocols twice a year: July and January. Board Chair Teresa VanNatta suggested that the Board take a look at items that were dark (low) and not spend time on items that were green (high). Ann-Elissa Carter agreed, adding that "Never" responses get priority, then "I don't know." items. VanNatta proposed that one low item be added to upcoming work session agendas to process and explore further. She added that it would be wise to articulate goals for improvement and metrics for measurement at future retreats that could be revisited later in the year.

VanNatta, who referenced the 2/28 Facility Planning Committee meeting, added that community involvement is always critical, but especially critical with levy or bond messages. The Board agreed that they had mixed feelings about the thoroughness and accuracy of the results analysis. VanNatta will contact WSSDA to inquire about the price of analysis. Patrick Carter spoke to "progress monitoring" being put to the test and offered his perspective to new members to the Board.

Steven Marshall, Superintendent

Marshall indicated that he would add "Protocol Review" to the January Work Session calendar at a glance document.

III. 2024-25 School Year Calendar Preview

At 6:58, Marshall directed the Board to the 4 versions of the proposed 2024-25 School Calendar and reviewed the process used in considering, voting/ratifying, and approving a calendar. He informed the Board that a staff-recommended calendar would most likely appear on the March 25, 2024 regular meeting agenda.

IV. HSD Communications Survey

At 7:13, Marshall presented the Board with results from the April 2023 HSD Communications Survey. He then asked Board members if they had any input on items to include in the 2024 survey. It was agreed that many items would remain on the survey for year-to-year comparison. Teresa VanNatta suggested that the Board consider asking questions to assess our community's awareness of current issues facing the district with respect to facilities and finances. Patrick Carter and Gordon Smith shifted the facilities conversation to include an assessment of our students' educational experience, e.g. Why does it matter to our students? The HSD wants clean and safe buildings in which our students can learn.

Some suggested questions included: "Are you aware of the HSD's current facilities' needs?" "Do I understand why facilities need to be improved?" Or "I need more information on facilities and facility improvements?" "Would you be interested in participating in a tour to learn about our facilities?" Ann-Elissa Carter and Kat Stupka discussed whether or not the questions should be worded affirmatively/negatively, which would generate a low score or a high score that indicated need. Gordon Smith raised the concept of facility adequacy and dependability: Asking the community if they felt our facilities were adequate and available to meet their and our students' needs.

Marshall indicated that he would share the Board's suggestions at the ESD 112 communications planning meeting on Tuesday, March 12.

V. HSD Community Tour

At 7:30, Marshall asked for a Board representative to participate in the tour and interface with the community. Kat Stupka volunteered.

VI. Facility Planning Committee Update

Beginning at 7:32, Marshall shared materials from the Feb. 28 Facilities Planning Committee. The Board discussed the committee's identified facility priorities and the merits/disadvantages of grants, a levy or a bond in addressing those needs. Marshall invited the Board to attend the 3/13 Facility Planning Committee. VanNatta indicated interest and said she would confirm.

VII. Adjournment

Work Session was adjourned by Teresa Van Natta at 8:08 pm

<u>Steve Marshall</u>	3/25/2024	<u>Teresa Van Natta</u>	3/25/2024
Superintendent, Steve Marshall	Date	Board Chair, Teresa VanNatta	Date