MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was held electronically via Zoom.

In attendance: Directors, Browne, Estrellado, Dolle, and Swenson

Also present: Superintendent Rob Roettger,
Assistant Superintendent Tom Arlt, and
Finance Director Jamie Weingart

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-president Swenson.

ROLL CALL AND WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Director Estrellado made a motion to excuse the absence of President Nicol. Director Dolle seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Vice-president Swenson expressed the Board’s appreciation to hold the meeting electronically in order to comply with the Governor’s orders and keep all attendees safe.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice-president Swenson.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There was no additional correspondence or additional items.

PACE Character Trait of the Month – Courage: Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges.

PARTICIPATION BY PUBLIC

There was no participation by the public.
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Director Browne moved that the minutes of the regular Board meeting of May 13, 2020 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Estrellado and passed unanimously.

GENERAL CONSENT

Under the general consent agenda, the following items were approved on a motion by Director Dolle, seconded by Director Browne, and passed unanimously.

A. Personnel - Resolution No. 23-19-20, covering the Personnel Status Report for the month of May 2020, including Leaves and Resignations, and Out-of-Endorsements

B. Auditing of Bills and Signing of Vouchers
   Payroll AP vouchers No. 236466 through No. 236466 ........................................... $76.50
   Capital Projects Fund vouchers No. 236467 through No. 236471 ........... $32,607.93
   General Fund vouchers No. 236472 through No. 236528 ..................... $215,361.15
   General Fund vouchers No. 236529 through No. 236530 ....................... $1,936.87
   ASB Fund vouchers No. 236531 through No. 236540 ............................... $10,681.32
   Accounts Payable ACH ................................................................. $5,195.88
   Accounts Payable Bank Wire .......................................................... $82,551.74
   Accounts Payable ACH ................................................................. $4,690.26
   Voided warrant(s) ................................................................. $785.00

REPORTS

A. Financial Report

Finance Director Jamie Weingart shared that it is possible the COVID relief moneys could be delayed until next school year therefore she is not including any of those funds in this year’s projections. Preliminary allocations of $600,000 are in the process of being reassessed.

Ms. Weingart shared that she normally receives a weekly tax collection update from the county auditor, however, there has been no update for May yet. As of the latest update 46.53% had been collected while last year at the same time 52.9% had been collected.
B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Rob Roettger once again started by sharing the district mission statement. He stated that the "why" we do what we do has not changed. Only the "how" we do what we do has changed.

Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning Kim Lefler shared that two Thoughtexchange surveys were launched. One survey is for parents and guardians and the other for staff members. These surveys will remain open through June 5, 2020. The survey is inquiring about what is working well with the continuous learning plan and where there may need to be improvements.

Annie Wolfley, Director of Teaching and Learning shared about a CHS Student Focus Group that is being created. The plan is to have three different breakout groups: 9th grade, 10th grade, and 11th & 12th grade together with approximately 10 students in each group. Next steps would be to gather a middle school student group and then start holding parent groups broken into elementary, middle and high school groups.

Mr. Roettger mentioned that student advisors Jt Gasper and Kaiden Robbins are seniors and graduate this year. This meeting was their last board meeting of the year. The superintendent thanked them for their dedication and voice. Beckett Schoenleber will be returning next school year and interviews for incoming student advisors will be held on a future date within the next week.

Superintendent Roettger provided an update from the Re-opening of Washington Schools workgroup. There is a meeting on May 28 for a good portion of the day and again on June 2. Final guidance is projected to come out on or around June 12. The District is working on the Continuous Learning 2.0 plan just as a precaution in case schools are told they must start the new school year with distance learning. The superintendent shared his feeling that it is important students are in schools and on campuses. While the district will be prepared for distance learning, that is not the preference.

Next, the Cheney High School graduation plan was shared to include having senior names painted on the football field, individual banners for each graduating student, and individual ceremonies from June 1 – June 4. A drive-through celebration is being planned for June 5 with the final graduation ceremony comprised of all previous events being aired on June 12, 2020. Social distancing will be planned and monitored throughout each of the events.
C. District Continuous Learning Plan

ALE Principal Catheleen Scott shared the hard work the teachers from Three Springs High School and Home Works! have been doing. She is proud of the way teachers and students have embraced the current situation. The guiding principles of “minimize the change”, “narrow the focus”, and “remember relationships and connections” have been the focus at both schools. For Home Works! students, it was extremely important to keep learning the way it was normally being done. Parents are already the primary teachers and the Home Works! teachers provide the opportunity for community connection. Keeping families engaged and connected by having students show the work they are doing and to ensure they are making academic progress is part of the work being done. At a minimum there is a check-in with families once per month. Mrs. Scott shared a Home Works! google classroom with the group. They held a virtual talent show a couple of weeks ago which the students really enjoyed.

Three Springs High School has the same guiding principles as Home Works!. All students are engaging online at this time. Teachers have kept the same schedule for students as before the closure including their mentoring class. Class content did get narrowed down in a purposeful way. All students have the technology needed to complete their course work and stay in contact with teachers. Students are also expected to continue self-direction. One of the things Mrs. Scott is most proud of is the relationships and connections the teachers have with their students. Students know they are working for a grade and have been engaged in their learning.

Mrs. Scott shared that there are 17 graduates from Three Springs High School this year. The graduating students have come to pick up their caps and gowns and get their photo taken. Graduation will be held on June 13 at 2:00 p.m. as a drive-through event at Three Springs High School. The pre-recorded ceremony will play on the radio during the graduation time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to adopt Resolution No. 24-19-20, Delegating Authority to WIAA

Superintendent Roettger shared this is an annual resolution for WIAA for the next school year. He shared that we are hopeful to have athletics next fall and need to be prepared.
Director Browne made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-19-20 as presented. Director Estrellado seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Consideration to change the board work session from June 10 to June 18.

Finance Director Jamie Weingart shared that the original reason for moving the date was that it conflicted with the TSHS graduation. Although it no longer conflicts, moving the date will allow for additional time to get budget information from the state in order to plan more accurately.

Director Dolle made a motion to change the date to June 18 at 5:30 p.m. as presented. Director Browne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Director Estrellado took a moment to thank the student advisors and shared how important their role is. She enjoyed the time they spent together in Olympia on their legislative trip. She gave a shout out to JT Gasper for being one of 6 valedictorians at Cheney High School this year. Ms. Estrellado also shared how much she appreciated Kaiden Robbins serving for two years on the board and how excited she is to have Beckett Schoenleber back next year.

Director Swenson echoed Director Estrellado’s sentiments regarding the student advisors.

ITEMS FROM THE STUDENT ADVISORS

Student Advisor JT Gasper shared that it has been a great opportunity to serve in his role as student advisor and sharing information from the student perspective. He is looking forward to helping facilitate the focus group discussions coming up. At this point all students in all grades are starting to wrap up their classes for the year. Also, virtual FBLA awards are scheduled for Friday, May 29th.

Student Advisor Beckett Schoenleber shared that students are missing sports. That day would have been state golf and the following day state track. He then shared that AP testing has concluded. Mr. Schoenleber said that the class of 2021 has already begun meeting and preparing for graduation next year. On another note, there is a substance abuse youth forum starting where students will be learning about substance abuse and sharing the information in their own school. He thanked the Board for such a great experience this year.
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Director Dolle and seconded by Director Estrellado to adjourn the School Board meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Mitch Swenson, Board Vice-President

Robert W. Roettger, Board Secretary/Supt.