MINUTES

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at Snowdon Elementary School, 6323 S. Holly Rd., Cheney.

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

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Nicol.

ROLL CALL AND WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Director Dolle made a motion to excuse the absence of Director Estrellado. Director Browne seconded the motion and it was passed. President Nicol expressed the Board’s appreciation for the guests’ attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Nicol.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

Superintendent Roettger introduced Principal Carla Hudson from Betz Elementary and Principal Troy Heuett from Cheney High School. They then honored newly national board certified teachers Charlene Cox, Leah Silvieux, Allen Skoog, and Tanner Tyson and renewed national board certified teachers Adam Smith and Susan Yenney. Ms. Yenney was not in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There was no additional correspondence or additional items.

PACE Character Trait of the Month – Honesty: Sincerity and reverence or love for the truth.
PARTICIPATION BY PUBLIC

There was no participation by the public.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL

Director Dolle moved that the minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 22, 2020 and Board work session of January 30, 2020 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Swenson and passed unanimously with the abstention of Director Browne.

GENERAL CONSENT

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

A. Personnel - Resolution No. 13-19-20, covering the Personnel Status Report for the month of February 2020, including Leaves and Resignations, and Out-of-Endorsements

B. Auditing of Bills and Signing of Vouchers
   Payroll AP vouchers No. 235708 through No. 235709.......................... $1,837.16
   Payroll AP vouchers No. 235710 through No. 235725...................... $922,579.23
   Capital Projects Fund vouchers No. 235726 through No. 235732....... $95,193.08
   General Fund vouchers No. 235733 through No. 235804............... $326,437.90
   ASB Fund vouchers No. 235805 through No. 235821...................... $9,197.60
   Accounts Payable ACH.......................................................... $4,518.84
   Accounts Payable ACH.......................................................... $4,050.00
   Voided warrant(s).................................................................. $4,920.00
   Voided warrant(s)................................................................. $250.00
   Electronic Direct Deposit....................................................... $3,997,220.41

C. Instructional Materials

REPORTS

A. Snowdon Elementary School “Good News” – Connections for School Success

Counselor Ms. Snider introduced one the students she mentors. After Ms. Snider explained the check-in system that they have with each other, the student shared that his goal each day is to earn a triple-ding day by being safe with his body. He accomplishes this by keeping his hands to himself which in turn allows him to make more friends.
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Teacher Ms. Mulcahy introduced one of the students she mentors. Ms. Mulcahy explained that her student is very honest with her which allows her to help with calming down, taking breaks and transitioning with peers. The student is able to earn up to four smiley faces per day and works towards earning enough to eat lunch with her mentor. During their next lunch together they plan to talk about unicorns.

Principal Fraser introduced one of the students she mentors saying they are a team. Ms. Fraser works with this student in order for her to get to school on time. The student’s attendance has been great for a whole month. This milestone has allowed them to create new goals which she is on her way to achieving.

B. Legislative Update

Director Dolle shared that our student advisors did a wonderful job of representing the District and communicating the District’s interests while in Olympia attending the Annual Legislative Conference and Day on the Hill.

Director Browne said he has learned over the years that the legislators truly listen to the student advisors.

Director Swenson agreed with what had already been shared. The student advisors did such a great job of getting the points across when speaking with the legislators.

President Nicol said she was impressed how the student advisors kept their composure while presenting the interests to the legislators. She also shared how proud she is to have Superintendent Roettger as the leader of our District. His fearless approach was evident as the legislators all know him by name and they listen to him. President Nicol shared that Mr. Arlt keeps his composure and Ms. Weingart is always able to share so much knowledge.

Director Dolle shared initial results on HB 2184, 1660, and 6117.

C. Enrollment and Financial Report

Finance Director Jamie Weingart shared that the District continues to grow. The district is currently up over 73 students from the beginning of the school year. An enrollment by grade level was shared. The District will be working with Davis Demographics again on enrollment projections and should receive some preliminary results in March 2020. An initial comparison of the enrollment numbers versus the projections made for this school year was shared.
Ms. Weingart shared information about the Prototypical School Model, and shared how many students are needed in order to receive funding for a full time school counselor, nurse, social worker, psychologist, etc.

D. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Rob Roettger started with having everyone recite the District mission statement.

Celebrations that were shared are a large volunteer turnout at the Bites 2 Go build; and, many of the wrestlers made regionals and the top four will go to state. He also shared that nine students from CMS, eight students from WMS, and 45 students from CHS qualified for the State FBLA competition.

Mr. Roettger provided a legislative update by sharing which legislators the group visited with during the Day on the Hill in Olympia. One item that was addressed was the Prototypical School Funding model. The Superintendent expressed his gratitude for the Board of Directors as they are always willing to give of their weekends and vacation time to attend the Legislative Conference and Day on the Hill to represent our students and staff. He also shared that he is so very proud of how the student advisors were able to speak to and articulate the issues at hand.

Superintendent Roettger shared the agenda for the February 14 Professional Learning Day. Staff were able to select different workshops that will meet their needs and then will spend their afternoons in their PLC teams back at their own school buildings.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second reading and consideration to adopt revised School Board Policy No. 3241, Student Discipline

Assistant Superintendent Tom Arlt shared that there are no changes from the first reading. He recommended adopting the policy as presented.

Director Browne made a motion to accept the revisions to School Board Policy No. 3241 as presented. Director Dolle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Second reading and consideration to adopt revised School Board Policy No. 3115, Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
Assistant Superintendent Tom Arlt shared that there are no changes from the first reading. He recommended adopting the policy as presented.

Director Dolle made a motion to accept the revisions to School Board Policy No. 3115 as presented. Director Swenson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. First reading and consideration to adopt new School Board Policy No. 3225, School-Based Threat Assessment

Assistant Superintendent Tom Arlt shared that this policy is considered an essential policy by WSSDA and will be included in this year’s CPR audit review. An essential point is that students may not necessarily be suspended from school while the District is reviewing their action or conducting an investigation. Also, the policy describes the function of the assessment process.

Ms. Lefler added that the District navigates through most of our threat assessments at the beginning of the school year.

No action was taken.

**ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Director Dolle thanked Team Cheney for their Bites 2 Go service. Together, along with many other community volunteers, over 14,000 bags were built to benefit students in Spokane County. She also shared that the next Talk 2 Healthy Choices meeting will be the first Tuesday of March in Ms. Lefler’s office.

Director Swenson thanked Director Dolle for coordinating the Bites 2 Go event for the District. After the event, he attended the wrestling matches at University High in Spokane Valley where the Cheney wrestlers did great.

Director Browne is proud and thankful to serve on this Board for students.

**ITEMS FROM THE STUDENT ADVISORS**

Student Advisor Kaiden Robbins shared that on that day a diversity assembly was held at the high school. The Unified basketball teams played each other with the upper and
lower classes cheering for the opposite teams. The assembly wrapped up with a presentation from the Native American group. She witnessed great school spirit during Board Minutes
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the assembly. The next assembly scheduled is to highlight the honor roll students. Also, the winter dance is coming up with the 80's Sadies theme.

Student Advisor JT Gasper shared school administrators came together in Olympia and it was great to see what happens behind the scenes – the part that students don't usually get to see. He also shared that CMS recently had a movie night to celebrate students with no tardies for a month. One upcoming event at CMS is Leadership Day on February 19 with Mr. Scott Backovich.

Student Advisor Beckett Schoenleber shared that wrestlers are district champions. Basketball is starting their post season. Swimmers had many state qualifiers. Cheer did well and earned 4th place at state. Also, during ASB that day, students came to advocate for paid parking lots. Ms. Weingart was able to explain how the funds would actually be used and that the funds would not directly benefit ASB. Superintendent Roettger shared his concern around equity if there was a fee for parking at the high school. Mr. Schoenleber then shared that ASB is working on submitting a $15,000 grant application. He then shared the draft mission statement for CHS ASB and some of their accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Director Dolle and seconded by Director Swenson to adjourn the School Board meeting at 5:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Stacy Nicol, Board President

Robert W. Roettger, Board Secretary/Supt.