

**Tumwater School District
School Board Meeting Minutes**

Tumwater Hill Elementary School
3120 Ridgeview Court SW
Tumwater, WA 98512
April 26, 2018

Board Members Present: Jay Wood, Janine Ward, Rita Luce, Kim Reykdal

Board Members Excused: Melissa Beard

Staff Members Present: Chris Woods, Tami Collins, Laurie Wiedenmeyer, Mel Murray, Beth Scouller, Mitch Thompson, Mandy Jessee, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Dan Reich, Tina Schmidt, Justin McKaughan, Tara Richerson, Jack Arend

President Jay Wood called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Discussion/Approval

- Agenda Changes: Chris Woods stated that Special Recognition of a Tumwater Hill Elementary teacher and an ELA Update were added to the agenda. **Kim Reykdal/Rita Luce, M/S to approve the agenda, with changes noted. The motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

- **Rita Luce/Janine Ward M/S to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

Business/Financial

- 2017/2018 Budget Update: Mitch Thompson presented. Capital Projects is doing a great job but he talked about the PR that needs to happen with regard to our next bond and gave an example of a district that ran a bond that failed by a very small percentage and is failing by an even larger percent as they re-run.
- 18/19 Budget Planning Update: Mitch Thompson presented. The budget survey has been launched and it will be going out in Friday emails. It is on the website so it is accessible right now though. All districts are facing significant state funding changes. Unfortunately, Tumwater will not receive as much state funding for staff salaries compared to Olympia and North Thurston despite our lobbying efforts with local legislators. One of the changes required of districts is to provide a four-year budget plan, we are currently working on. As the Board has directed, we will take into account increases in operating expenses (utilities, fuel, insurance, technology, etc), honoring contractual agreements and continuing to prioritize strategic plan expenditures. Mr. Thompson provided projected budget data to the Board and answered subsequent questions.
- Capital Projects Report: Mel Murray presented. He and Mitch have been working together on budget and we will need to go out for a bond in order to get a new elementary built, which, based on current population and growth, we will need. He gave an update on the finishing

- touches on projects around the district as well as those that are still in process and just getting started.

Special Recognition

- Heather Stoker: Mandy Jessee introduced Heather Stoker, thanking her for all the work she does with students and continuing to include the community. She added that in addition to the students playing marimba, there is also a staff marimba band.

Site Report

- Tumwater Hill Elementary: Mandy Jessee presented on this topic. Shared the themes throughout the year for PBIS and the fact that discipline referrals have decreased significantly. They are working to make sure students are on time every day and a sign out front letting families know that if they are seeing the sign they are tardy and need to come to the office. This allows Mandy and office staff a chance to have conversations with parents to see if there are challenges that they can help them with to make punctuality a priority. She shared some information about intervention programs and positive reinforcement. They are making plans for how they will function during construction and trying to keep as little disruption for teachers as possible with regard to having to move their classrooms.

Public Comment

- Public Comment- Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: Tami Collins stated there is no one signed up to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

- **Janine Ward/Kim Reykdal M.S., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:**
 - Employment: Laurence O'Neal, Bus Driver Trainee, Substitute; Chris Hudson, 18-19 Math Teacher, THS.
 - Adjusted: Tashona Bailey, SpEd Teacher, BLE, .5, 1 year only, for remaining 2017/2018; Tashona Bailey SpEd Teacher BLE, 1.0 Continuing 2018/2019; Mary Sorger, SpEd Teacher, EOE, Continuing 2018/2019; Mike Anchors, SpEd Teacher THS, Continuing 2018-2019.
 - Resignation: Lori Yost, ParaPro, LRE, effective September 1, 2018; Amy Jones, ParaPro, PGS, effective April 20, 2018; Wyndi Westhoff, Teacher, MTS, effective end of 2017/2018 school year; Lois Walterscheidt, ParaPro, LRE, Effective at the end of the 2017\2018 school year; Jane Runge, Teacher, THS, Effective at the end of the 2017\2018 school year.
 - Leaves: Molly Sayler O'Rear, Teacher, MTS, FMLA starting approximately June 10, 2018 through the end of the 2017/2018 school year; Molly Sayler O'Rear, Teacher, MTS, Unpaid leave for .4 of 1.0 assignment for 2018-19 school year; Thomas Beattie, Counselor, BHHS, FMLA starting April 9, 2018 returning May 18, 2018; Marchand Connolly, Teacher, MTS, FMLA starting April 11, 2018 returning April 26, 2018; Suzan Rixe, Teacher, LRE, FMLA starting April 25, 2018 returning June 6, 2018; Susan Steinman, Teacher, TWEC, FMLA starting April 19, 2018 returning approximately May 3, 2018 pending doctor's note; Tim Norris, Bus Driver, Transportation, medical leave starting March 12, 2018 returning March 27, 2018; Sally Bergquist, Teacher, EOE, medical and bereavement leaving starting March 14, 2018, returning April 16, 2018; Jennifer DeHaan, Psychologist, MTS/THE/TW, unpaid personal leave from .2 or 1.0 assignment for the 2018-19 school year; Holly Coty, Teacher, PGS, FMLA starting April 9, 2018 returning May 6, 2018.
 - Correction: Rescind Carole Layton's .2 personal leave request for 2018/2019 school year (previously approved on April 12, 2018 board report)

- Other: Recommend approval of Interactive White Board, session #72091, for 3 clock hours, taught by Brue Milliman on April 18, April 25, and May 2, 2018; Aligning High School Common Assessments with Standards, session #72174, for 4 clock hours, taught by David Parascand on May 3 and May 8, 2018; BHHS Film Club, session #72181, for 3 clock hours, taught by Kristi Martin on May 15, 2018.
- Payroll and Voucher Totals: The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment as follows: Payroll vouchers 72804727-72804763 in the amount of \$3,615,858.72; General Fund voucher numbers 72213173-72213202 in the amount of \$556,778.18; Capital Projects Fund voucher numbers 72011818-72011820 in the amount of \$1,024,021.78; ASB Fund voucher numbers 72441117-72441119 in the amount of \$15,044.16; Transportation-Vehicle Fund voucher numbers 0-0 in the amount of \$0.00 and Private Purpose Trust Fund voucher numbers 0-0 in the amount of \$8.52.
- Contracts Approval: Cain Atwell & Associates, Project Lead The Way, Mitch Thompson, Andy Phan, Air Force Association, Social Sentinel, Crisis Reality Training.
- Grant Approval: WA Traffic Safety Commission
- Capital Projects Contracts Approval: Authorization to bid on Tumwater High School Improvements in 2018.
- Capital Projects Energy Grant Application: New Market Skills Center Energy Management Upgrade and Peter G. Schmidt Elementary Solar Project.
- Capital Projects Change Orders: #8 for EOE Modernization
- 2018/19 Fee Schedule (Student & Food Services): Mitch spoke a bit about the class fees.
- Facility Use Fees

Other Business

- 18/19 Board Meeting Schedule: Chris Woods presented this item. The Board will review the dates and let John Bash know if they have any concerns about the schedule.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Tech/TOSA Report: Dan Reich presented on this topic. He shared details about all the updating going on around the district such as phones, Chromecarts, projectors, security cameras and intercoms. Justin talked about the 1:1 pilot at BMS and BHHS, where students will have Chromebooks checked out to them. He, Tina and Dan visited a couple districts in the area to see how they are working with programs like this. They will be charging \$25 to students who are not free/reduced but principals will have the ability to work with families if issues arise. Students will be able to take the devices home and it will help kids to build responsibility. Tina talked about professional development. About 60% of staff that responded said that they have attended technology training with the goal being 100%. Time, conflicts and not being paid are the struggles that were identified as reasons that people are not attending training. They have started on-line training and there has been a lot of interest so far. All Technology Specialists have been trained on Project Lead The Way, which is not something that most districts are doing. She reviewed the student goals for 2017-2018, including technology integration, digital citizenship, new CTE class opportunities and more. Dan wrapped up with the continuing conversations and projects over the next year.
- ELA Update: Christa Williamson presented on this topic. She shared that there are some changes coming up and she wanted to make sure everyone knew what they are and the reasons behind them. Because the district has decided to give all students a rigorous ELA experience in grades 6-12, there will not be Honors ELA courses at 6th and 7th grades. ELA

skills will be strengthened before they have an opportunity to opt into an Honors pathway in 8th grade. Keeping students of these ages together also has a significant amount of social/emotional learning benefits. She shared ELA Smarter Balanced results, with the average Tumwater scores being above the State average scores. She provide a FAQs sheet.

- Assistant Superintendent's Remarks: Chris Woods presented on this topic. Today is the Cultural Awareness Committee's presentation in the classrooms to students at BMS. It will be available on their website along with the questions that students will be asked. This afternoon is the 24-credit diploma meeting and they will be taking a focused look at the current model.

Board Member Comments

- Jay Wood: He went to a very interesting Chamber of Commerce presentation that dealt with improving your office space. The number one issue is clutter!
- Rita Luce: She attended the ESD Equity meeting and felt that the conversations were so rich and she appreciated talking with people from all different areas.
- Kim Reykdal: She was also at the equity meeting. She found the activity that showed that most people felt they were in the middle between acceptance and denial very interesting. Conversations proved that we need to be very intentional in informing our community as we move through this process. She also said thank you to Mandy for the marimba performance.
- Janine Ward: It has been a very busy couple weeks. She thanks Mandy for the wonderful performance as well.

With no further business coming before the Board, the regular meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Recorded by:
Tami L. Collins

Signed this 10th day of May, 2018.

Board Member

Board Secretary