

Tumwater School District School Board Meeting Minutes

District Office
June 15, 2017

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

Staff Members Present: John Bash, Tami Collins, Lisa Alonzo, Chris Woods, Mel Murray, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Tim Voie, Mitch Thompson, Kim Lund, Laurie Wiedenmeyer, Emily Weber, Lori Tibbetts

President Jay Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Discussion/Approval

- Agenda Changes: John Bash outlined the changes/additions in the agenda and the accompanying documentation. **Janine Ward/Kim Reykdal, Moved/Seconded (M.S.) to approve the agenda with noted changes/additions. The motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of May 25, 2017: The minutes from the meeting held on May 25, 2017 were presented. With no changes offered, **Rita Luce/Melissa Beard, M.S. to approve the minutes from May 25, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

Business/Financial Reports

- 2016/2017 Budget Update: Mitch Thompson presented. Enrollment trends are steady. SpEd enrollment increased towards the end of the year and TBIP went down a bit. Fund balance is from May, which is always less.
- 2017/2018 Budget Development: Mitch Thompson and John Bash presented. John thanked Mitch and Tina Schmidt with all their help on the budget survey, although we were down in participation rates. The difference this year is that we were running many other surveys at the same time (different topics). About 200 people responded and he shared the results. Bargaining is underway with several groups. DLT is analyzing enrollment, staffing and special program budgets. The 2nd special session ends on June 21st with the current state budget expiring on June 30th. Governor Inslee has told legislators that there will be no extension. Disagreements remain on how to go about funding and whether or not there will be strings attached that dictate how/where the money is spent. John outlined the challenges in the Transportation Department and the fact that when he called this morning, the first time no one answered and the second time a mechanic answered because all staff, including the Director, were driving routes.
- Capital Projects/Bond Report: Mel Murray presented. The 30-year clock on PGS starts as soon as the Board approves the Resolution. A sidewalk is being built in the PGS area. Fire crews are taking tours of LRE, the interior and exterior painting is being done, and the

cabinets going in. TMS progress includes framing for science rooms, cabinets are being installed in the new band room, and the sand and top soil are on the football field. It will be ready for use in a year. The EOE temporary fence is up as well as temporary power. THE budgetary cost will be available at the end of June so we can look at wish lists. Pressure washing will take place at MTS. BLE road construction starts next week. Old turf at stadium is gone with new field ready end of July. Moves are starting next week.

Public Comment

- Public Comment- Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: Tami Collins stated Henry Valz signed up to speak regarding middle school athletics. Several other parents, including Jedd Rivera, to speak regarding the schedule change at Tumwater Hill Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year.

Henry Valz is the BHHS Swim/Dive coach. The Swim Team had the second highest team GPA in the State. The team broke many records and a swimmer was sent on scholarship to college. Sixteen girls made it to State and they have one of the most diverse teams in the State. The team has grown from 3 members to 21 in last several years. They were able to incorporate middle school students into practicing with the high school team. They are a great addition and bring a great energy. Sometimes transportation needs had to be adjusted to help with other needs around the district. Coach Valz was told on September 2nd that a policy/procedure would be brought before the Board after research during the 2016/2017 school year. He was recently told the middle school students would not be allowed to continue to practice with the high school students during the 2017/2018 school year. He asked for the Board and Administration to reconsider. Jay Wood thanked Henry.

Jay Wood outlined the rules for addressing the Board, stating that the first person speaking on a certain topic has 5 minutes while every person after has 2 minutes. Five parents signed up to speak to the Board regarding the schedule change for the 2017/2018 school year. Jedd Rivera spoke first on this topic. He says he has collected 77 signatures on a petition. He read a few statements provided to him by parents who could not attend. He said he has many more but had not received permission from those people to share them. LeAnne Pracha, the PTA President, says that she was not informed about this schedule change in any official way but from a friend of a friend. She does not understand why other schools do not have schedule changes. The late release time does not allow for students to participate in after school activities. Lisa Marie spoke about the loss of 20 minutes for family time, homework, reading, after school activities and even some downtime. Alfonso asks only for transparency. The community was not aware of these changes, he appreciates John Bash and the information that John has shared with him. Mindy understands that 20 minutes might not seem like a big deal during budgeting but when added on to the school that starts the latest already is a big deal. 20 minutes of school adds 20 minutes on to their already long day. She agrees with what Alfonso said about the transparency being a concern as she found out through a Facebook post, not from communication provided by the school. She also has concerns about the amount of time that is going to be added on to the routes because it means more time for kids being on the bus.

John Bash responded to the parents who spoke to this scheduling topic. He outlined some of the things that went into making the decision, including the impact of moving the 6th graders to the middle schools. Transportation did considerable research and problem-solving in an attempt to keep the change as minimal as possible and changing start times at both THE and MTS were the only way they could see making things happen. He outlined in detail the costs, the reason for not requesting parent input as well as the plans for the future. Jay thanked the parents for their time and for voicing their concerns and shared that Superintendent Bash would be available if there were further questions. One of the women spoke, saying she appreciated Superintendent Bash for providing information, saying that it was great to know what went into the decision-making process and that the District was continuing to look at options. While none of the other parents spoke any further, they all nodded in agreement with her statement.

Consent Agenda

- **Janine Ward/Kim Reykdal, M.S., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:**
 - Employment: Nicholas Mailhot, 17-18 Math Teacher, BHHS; Meghan Palmer, 17-18 2nd Grade Teacher, PGS; Sherri Florek, 17-18 Kindergarten Teacher, .5 continuing/.5 one year only, EOE; Katie Bostwick, 17-18 Kindergarten Teacher, THE; Emma-Kate Shaake, 17-18 ELA Teacher, THS; Jessica Austin, 17-18 TOPA Office Assistant (OP7), TMS.
 - Adjusted Employment: Melissa Whitson, 17-18 LAP Teacher, PGS; Kathleen Oldfield, 17-18 from 1 yr only to continuing, HE; Beth Mahugh, 17-18 4th Grade Hi Cap, MTS; Theresa Leupold, Substitute Cook, effective September 1, 2017; Cynthia Christie, Swing Shift Custodian, TMS; Bay Morl, Lead Custodian, BMS; Bob Nichols, 17-18 Campus Supervisor, TMS; Viviane Sawhill, 17-18 Assistant Cook, THS; Lori Minear, 17-18 Cook, BMS; Elliot Hedin, Principal, MTS, effective July 1, 2017; Kimberly Freeby, 17-18 ParaPro, PGS; Mahona Sampson, Summer Cook, PGS/THS; Janet Scougale, 17-18 SPED ParaPro, 1 year only, BHHS.
 - Resignations: Benjamin Thompson, Teacher, TMS, effective May 26, 2017; Susan Miller, Impact ParaPro, MTS, effective April 1, 2017; Jule Stout, Counselor, TMS/BMS, effective August 31, 2017; Ti'eri Lino ParaPro, THS, effective June 30, 2017; Jacqueline Zvirzdys Wood, ParaPro, BHHS, effective June 8, 2017; Shannon Leatherwood, Principal, MTS, effective June 30, 2017; Pamela Bruno, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective June 9, 2017.
 - Co-Curricular: Mary Pilon, Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach, BHHS
 - Leaves: Kristi Bunda, Teacher, PGS, personal leave starting June 19, 2017 through the end of the 2016/2017 school year; David Heywood, Teacher, BHHS, FMLA starting May 1, 2017 with an unknown return date pending doctor's release; Steven Brooks, Teacher, BLE, FMLA leave starting May 30, 2017 with an unknown return date, pending doctor's statement; Janae Thorson, Teacher, MTS, medical leave starting June 5, 2017 returning June 19, 2017, per doctor's statement; Janae Thorson, Teacher, MTS, unpaid personal leave for June 1-12, 2017 returning after medical leave (see medical leave above); Laura Roberts, Teacher, EOE, FMLA leave starting May 30, 2017, will work Fridays only

through the end of the 2016/2017 school year, per doctor's statement; Brian Maes, Bus Driver, Transportation, unpaid personal leave starting May 18, 2017 returning June 5, 2017; Emily Behnken, Speech Language Pathologist, SS, unpaid personal leave for the 2017/2018 school year; Kaila Weiks, ParaPro, BHHS, unpaid personal leave starting May 2, 2017 returning May 11, 2017; Kyle Grunenfelder, Assistant Principal, MTS, unpaid medical leave starting July 1, 2017 returning July 1, 2018, pending doctor's statement.

- Other Recommendations: To issue contracts for the 2017/2018 school year; all summer school contracts for the 2016/2017 school year; National Board stipends for 2016/2017
- Clock Hours: The Immigrant Experience: A Reading Seminar, session #46349, for 6 clock hours, taught by Thomas Taylor on various dates in May and June 2017; Right Response Advanced ReCertification, session #46380, for 7 clock hours, taught by Patti Guthrie on June 26, 2017; Technology Integration Strategies, session #46500, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan and Tina Schmidt on August 23, 2017; Digital Citizenship and Technology Legal Compliance, session #46501, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan and Tina Schmidt on August 23, 2017; First Aid/CPR, session #46599, for 4 clock hours, taught by George Schoettle on June 22, 2017.
- 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 voucher numbers 0-0 in the amount of \$695,574.07; General Fund voucher numbers 72211695-72211809 in the amount of \$786,514.02; Capital Projects Fund voucher numbers 72011486-72011487 in the amount of \$146,076.70; ASB Fund voucher numbers 72440739-72440791 in the amount of \$67,928.16 and Private Purpose Trust Fund voucher numbers 72700498-72700498 in the amount of \$885.53.
- Contracts: New Market Skills Center/Pierce County Careers Connections Consortium, New Market Skills Center/Adam Shell Industries, New Market Skills Center/Stender Construction, New Market Skills Center/Black Mesa and Education, New Market Skills Center/The Buben Corporation, New Market Skills Center/HAAS Enterprises, New market Skills Center/Washington State Employee's Credit Union (WSECU), TSD/Washington State School for the Blind, TSD/CompHealth, TSD/Nutrislice.
- Capital Projects Change Orders/Amendments Approval: #15 for Bush Middle School Renovations & Additions, #12 for Tumwater Middle School Renovations & Additions, #11 for Littlerock Elementary School Replacement, Amendment #1 for A.G. West Black Hills High School and Black Lake Elementary, Amendment #7 for Littlerock Elementary School Replacement.
- Capital Projects Facilities Plan-Impact Fee Analysis
- Capital Projects EOE Easement for PSE
- Surplus-Littlerock Elementary Project
- Donation Acceptance: \$10,000 from United Health Care Professionals donated to the Tumwater High School Football program.

Action Items

- 2017/2018 Athletic Fees: Chris Woods presented this item. **Rita Luce/Melissa Beard, M.S. to accept the 2017/2018 Athletic Fees. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Resolution 16-16-17, WIAA: Chris Woods this item. **Melissa Beard/Janine Ward, M.S. to accept Resolution 16-16-17, WIAA as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Interagency Agreement with Thurston County Corrections: Tammie Jensen-Tabor presented this item. Tammie outlined the specifics regarding the need for this agreement, which serves students who have been charged as an adult and must serve time in jail but have a right to continue to be educated. **Kim Reykdal/Melissa Beard, M.S. to accept the Interagency Agreement with Thurston County Corrections as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Resolution 15-16-17, PGS Contract Acceptance: Mel Murray presented this item. **Janine Ward/Melissa Beard, M.S. to accept the Interagency Agreement with Thurston County Corrections as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

Other Business

- 1st Reading, Policy 6700 Nutrition Services: Mitch Thompson presented this item. There is a community member who has started a Go Fund Me account to try to cover the negative balance associated with school lunch accounts. Free and Reduced is down this year, most of the negative lunch balances are not from free and reduced students.

Superintendent's Report

- John welcomed Lisa Alonzo, who is training tonight so she can cover for Tami at the July 13th meeting when she is on vacation. He congratulated Elliott Hedin for being selected as the Principal at MTS. He thanked Shannon for all the time she has already given in an attempt to help him get ready for his new role in the district.
- Capital Region ESD #113: Cal Brodie presented this topic. He shared information regarding all the services the ESD provides. John thanked Cal for taking his time to present to the district and for all the services the ESD provides.
- Strategic/District Improvement Plan Review: John Bash presented this topic. Some of what is included on the documentation includes Board input based on previous presentations on these items. He pointed out some items that the Board may not have seen before, including some topics that will be address at the Administrative Retreat this summer with district leaders.
- Legislative Update: John Bash presented this topic.
- Superintendent's Remarks: John Bash presented this topic. He shared a bit about the great event at East Olympia Elementary, celebrating their 100th birthday! He talked about Elliott moving to MTS, the vacant Assistant Principal position at MTS due to Kyle Grunenfelder being out for the 17-18 school year as well as the vacancy Elliott leaves at EOE. John thanked Melissa for her participation with Tumwater Kiwanis. He closed by outlining a few event dates for the remainder of the school year.

Board Member Comments

- Kim Reykdal: She thanked the audience for staying the whole meeting! It is nice to have community members present. By the end of graduation season, her feet were sore but her heart was full and she loves the connection with the kids and being a part of it all!
- Rita Luce: Her favorite part of graduation is when the students are waiting for their names to be called and the looks on their faces! And the shoes!
- Janine Ward: Been a busy week. She enjoyed the event at East Olympia Elementary.
- Melissa Beard: She found the Secondary Options graduation very special. She is so thankful that Secondary Options is a part of the district and how it gives kids the chance to tell adults that the “regular” way isn’t working for them and there are options for them!
- Jay Wood: He attended the CBE meeting and the fundraising golf event this weekend. He also enjoyed the East Olympia event. Bob Barclift is going to be a speaker at the assembly at EOE on Friday. He was able to take a tour at the new Toyota and to test out their coffee! He thanked the teachers for all their work throughout the year.

The regular meeting recessed at 8:39pm for a short break. It was announced that there was an executive session that was planned to last approximately 30 minutes. The executive session began at 8:43pm and ended at 9:09pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:09pm and with no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Recorded by:
Tami L. Collins

Signed this 13th day of July, 2017.

Board Member

Board Secretary