

Tumwater School District School Board Meeting Minutes

District Office
April 13, 2017

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

Staff Members Present: John Bash, Tami Collins, Chris Woods, Laurie Wiedenmeyer, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Mitch Thompson, Tammy Schultz

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

Agenda Discussion/Approval

- Agenda Changes: John Bash stated that there were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

- **Rita Luce/Kim Reykdal, Moved/Seconded (M.S.) to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2017 Regular Meeting, the March 28, 2017 Board/Tumwater City Council Work Session and the March 30, 2017 Board Workshop as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment

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

Special Recognition

- Entertainment Explosion: Laurie Wiedenmeyer introduced members of Entertainment Explosion and presented them with cups as a token of our gratitude. Melissa Beard presented a certificate; thanking them for all they have done over the years for students and families in Tumwater. Scott Schoengarth and Jim Parker talked a bit about what was behind A Really Big Shoe and the fact that they have given away \$276,000 over 11 years. They thanked Pete Kmet for giving their organization the “free nights” at the WA Center for the Performing Arts that the City has available to them each year. Not having to pay the usage fee allowed them to give out an additional \$1200! Next year they are “upgrading” the entertainment. The singers will be performing in the lobby but The Brothers Four will be the headliners. They want to keep the interest up because the cause is not going away and they are concerned that the same show year after year might keep people from attending. The check being presented to Tumwater this year is for \$2900!

Student Reports

- Ally Remy-BHHS: Tennis and baseball are both playing tomorrow while soccer plays on the 25th and 26th and Jazz Band has a performance soon. SBA testing takes place all next

week and AP testing the first two weeks of May. April 21st Swing Dance, tickets are \$10. There is an upcoming trip to Seattle for Nifty Film Festival. Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May. Spring Comedies several days in May (student written and directed). The Booster Bash fundraising event is being held at ESD 113 on May 6th. May 13th is Prom which will be at the Red Barn in Chehalis.

Action Items

- Resolution 09-16-17, Affirming the Provision of Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive Schools for All Students: John Bash talked about the Family Inclusion night at EOE where this resolution has been translated into Spanish and be part of the program. Laurie Wiedenmeyer shared that the parent, Miquel, who is helping with translations, was very thankful for the Board taking this action and became emotional as he was working with her on this. **Janine Ward/Melissa Beard, M.S. to approve Resolution 09-16-17, Affirming the Provision of Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive Schools for All Students. The motion passed unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

- **Kim Reykdal/Janine Ward, M.S., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:**
 - Employment: Jonathan Halvorson, Assistant Principal, PGS, effective July 1, 2017; Sonja McCully, Impact ParaPro, BLE; Carisa Shaw, SPED ParaPro, 1 year only, BLE; Rochelle Rinn, 17-18 SPED Teacher (.5 Life Skills/.5 Recourses), BMS; J.R. Oakes, 17-18 Science Teacher, THS.
 - Adjusted Employment: Cindy Clark, Summer Temporary Learning Assistant, NMSC; Peggy Jayarama, 17-18 SPED ParaPro, MTS; Patrick Taggesell, 17-18 English/LA Teacher, BHHS; Joanna Brodziak, 17-18 SPED Life Skills Teacher, BMS (was Para); Kristin James, 17-18 4th Grade Teacher, EOE; Vanessa Walter, 17-18 6th Grade Science, TMS; Joe Jordan, Skilled Maintenance, B&G.
 - Retirement: Lnda George, ParaPro, PGS, effective at the end of the 2016/2017 school year.
 - Resignations: Joanna Brodziak, ParaPro, BMS, effective at the end of the 2016/2017 school year; Janet Rowlan, Teacher, EOE, effective at the end of the 2016/2017 school year.
 - Leaves: Jerry Fulton, Skilled Maintenance, B&G, FMLA leave starting April 4, 2017 with return date pending doctor's statement; Whitney Burton, Teacher, PGS, unpaid personal leave starting April 10, 2017 returning April 12, 2017; Tami Corbin, Teacher, ECLC, unpaid personal leave for the 2017/2018 school year; Rachel Landowski, Teacher, THS, FMLA leave starting October 9, 2017 for 12 weeks returning intermittently through January 29, 2018, pending doctor's note.
 - Clock Hours: Book Studey-Making Number Talks Matter, session #60797, for 2 clock hours, taught by Heidi Center on April 17, April 24 and May 1, 2017; Inquiry by Design: Faces of the Essay, session #60819, for 6.5 clock hours, taught by Yvette Nishikawa on April 26, 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 72804297-72804334 in the amount of \$3,979,061.47; General Fund voucher numbers 72211266-72211394 in the amount of \$1,747,445.54; Capital Projects Fund voucher numbers 72011389-72011412 in the amount of \$5,647,029.43; ASB Fund voucher numbers 72440626-72440651 in the amount of 30,654.38 and Private Purpose Trust Fund voucher numbers 72700489-72700489 in the amount of \$67.43.
- Contracts: Approval of contracts with Saint Martin's College Worthington Center; The City of Lacey Police Department and The City of Lacey & The North Thurston School District.
- Capital Projects Change Orders: #8 and #9 for Tumwater Middle School Renovations & Additions; #10 and #11 for Bush Middle School Renovations & Additions and #9 for Littlerock Elementary Replacement.
- Capital Projects Acceptance of Contract as Complete: New Market Skills Center LAN Cabling Replacement.
- Extended Field Trip Request: New Market Skills Center to attend the SkillsUSA State Competition in Yakima, 4/27/17-4/29/17

Superintendent's Report

- Naming Committee Preliminary Report: John Bash introduced Doug Mah. Doug shared how challenging the process was but felt that it was due to the quality of our district and the people that make up the district. They have history, are involved and well-informed. He made sure the Board understood that there were no negotiations towards a solution by this committee, only discussions allowing them to offer suggestions based on things they could support. The main idea that the committee was able to strongly support was retaining dual home team/school designation in the bleachers. Renaming the field "Sid Otton Field" received strong support as did wanting to ensure that the "Home" designation can be BHHS or THS on the scoreboard and not selling the naming rights. There is moderate support for each team to have their own team room at the stadium. The committee chose to be "silent" on a few operational items such as when and how to display the stadium name, when and how to publicize any renaming facilities and how to socialize or gain wide public acceptance of any new name. The committee agreed that what is placed on the back of the stadium is the most challenging decision and issue to achieve consensus. Doug mentioned that there are a lot of things that a Board policy cannot overcome such as the 36 years between the opening of THS and the opening of BHHS, Coach Otton's record and the stadium being so visible to the public as they drive down I5. Finances being allocated were touched on but not discussed in detail as there is no plan in the near future that would allow for adding comparable accommodations at BHHS. The next step will be to produce a final report to present to the Board. John shared that there is likely nothing that is going to make everyone happy but there are many things there was strong support for that would help the District move forward. Ally Remy shared that she felt that the improvement to BHHS fields would probably be the most meaningful to students. The Board thanked Doug for his time and

efforts towards this very complex and challenging issue. They asked him to bring back costs associated with the different options to help them make a decision.

- Superintendent's Remarks: John Bash shared some details about the Tumwater Education Foundation (TEF) Breakfast Fundraiser scheduled for April 26th at New Market Skills Center from 7:00am-8:30am. The money donated will go towards the Principal's Checkbook Fund, which will allow each principal to have some funding available to them to be able to use to help students and families in need. Laurie Wiedenmeyer shared that TEF is very excited about this new fundraiser!

The chronically absent data was just released, although it is a year old and doesn't reflect the work that is currently being done with regard to this issue. He outlined the State definitions.

He shared a couple upcoming FRESH events with a plant sale at the THS Greenhouse May 8th-13th and an open house on May 23rd with tours and samples.

He and Chris Woods are doing a "Spring Roadshow" to talk about budget, strategic planning and a legislative update with staff at all schools. They are talking about how we will measure progress/improvement by looking at what a couple other districts are currently using.

East Olympia Elementary has been recognized for their achievement in Mathematics and will be honored on May 3rd in Auburn.

Judy Fondaw is going to be recognized at an upcoming board meeting for her fantastic work at Peter G. Schmidt.

Dance Team from THS placed 4th at Nationals and 1st in State and THS Volleyball are State champions and will be honored at an upcoming Mariner's game.

Board Member Comments

- Jay Wood: Some information regarding board members running for re-election was placed into notebooks. He commented on the fact that when you fill your water bottle at TMS, it is recorded!
- Janine Ward: She has been working 6 days a week and counting down to the end of tax season.
- Melissa Beard: She followed her daughter into the new 8th grade pod at TMS. The kids were smiling and literally skipping on the Monday morning after spring break because they were so happy about their new pod!

- Kim Reykdal: She thanked Chris for the 24 Credit community night earlier this week. He and Brian Hardcastle gave a comprehensive presentation, including STEM and CTE. She enjoyed the Thurston Talk article on Jon Wilcox.

The meeting recessed at 8:23 p.m. for a short break. President Wood announced that after break the meeting would reconvene into executive session, to last approximately 30 minutes. The meeting reconvened into executive session at 8:31 p.m., pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss Collective Bargaining and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss Personnel Performance, with a 15 minute extension announced at 9:01 p.m. Executive session ended at 9:15 p.m. With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Recorded by:
Tami L. Collins

Signed this 27th day of April, 2017.

Board Member

Board Secretary