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**Tumwater School District
School Board Meeting Minutes**
District Office
November 10, 2016

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

Staff Members Present: John Bash, Tami Collins, Chris Woods, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Mitch Thompson, Beth Scouler, Brian Hardcastle, Gayle Swartz, Roz Thompson, Tara Richerson, Mel Murray, Scott Cutler, Tim Voie, Katie Niemann, Kris Linder, Rhonda Crawford, Lori Tibbetts, Anne Lux

Members of the Public: Don Kruse, Joy Adams, Christy Upton

Students Present: Jayson Haury, Ally Remy

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

Agenda Discussion

- Superintendent John Bash stated that the only change to the agenda was the removal of the executive session.

Jay Wood shared that the Board interviewed candidates the afternoon of November 9th. They have not yet made a decision but are hoping to do so soon and be able to swear the new person in at the December 8th meeting. Jay took a moment to introduce the three candidates, who were in the audience to observe the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- **Janine Ward/Rita Luce Moved/Seconded (M.S.) to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

Student Reports

- Ally Remy – BHHS: Ally shared that fall sports are coming to an end and both swimming and cross country are competing in districts. Winter sports beginning November 14th. They are very proud of the fact that had their most successful blood drive ever. November 15th is the next choir concert. The Jazz Band will perform at a festival at the Washington Center on November 19th. November 16th is Perception Day. Food drive is ending. Welcome Wall is finished, which reads "Welcome" in 18 different languages. Of course, if someone new comes to the school and speaks another language they will keep adding to it. Screenagers airs on December 1st.
- Jayson Haury – THS: Jason shared that fall sports wrapping up for them too, of course, with volleyball, swim team and football all in the playoffs. Girls soccer was just eliminated on Tuesday. 12th Knight playing for another week. FAFSA workshop. Leadership team implemented Food Pantry with food items that you would pack in a school lunch with a few items that can be made at home.

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"Continuous Student Learning in a Caring, Engaging Environment"

Superintendent's Report

- Career and Technical Education Update: Brian Hardcastle presented this topic. He began by sharing that the district received a \$25,000 grant for aerospace. Scott Cutler presented some items that his students have worked on. He talked about job opportunities within the aerospace industry from, pilots to travel/tourism, and how the demand for people continues to grow. Shared info about the experience his son is having in college after taking these classes and how he has hands-on experience that other students don't seem to have. Brian talked a bit about course equivalency and the plans moving forward. He will be meeting with OSPI next week regarding apprenticeships for students. John shared how much work Brian is putting in to meeting with local community colleges.

- CCSS/Literacy Update: Roz Thompson presented this topic. She shared that the focus is on grades K-5 and the innovation, professional learning and coordination with secondary work. She talked about iReady, which is being used at PGS as well as Reading Buddies at EOE through United Way. November at PGS is "DiNovember" and students are working with models of dinosaurs and turning things into e-books, working with tech specialists and librarians. Suzanne Hall went to Denver to learn more about Smarter Balance. SpringBoard and My Perspectives are being used in grades 6-12 with 25 different ELA teachers piloting. Roz has connected with the Olympia School District as they are considering this curriculum as well. All teachers, Special Ed, Regular Ed and Honors/AP are participating. A final decision will be brought to the board in spring.

- Superintendent Remarks: John shared that there has been a lot of positive feedback regarding conference week with high levels of participate and flexible scheduling available for parents with non-traditional work hours/availability. The 6th Grade Transition meeting for parents is next week on November 15th at PGS. We are currently working on a FAQ page for the website. The request for school board development is being worked on, with possible facilitators being contacted. The most recent parent workshop, facilitated by Candyce Lund-Bollinger, had the highest attendance rates in the history of the workshops. This was likely due to the fact that childcare was provided. Attendance higher than ever. The Regional Legislator meeting will be on November 21 at the Hotel RL (Red Lion) at 8am. Tami Collins has been working AAA of Olympia on their Soap for Hope campaign, collecting hygiene items for homeless students and students in need. The presented at the Hotel RL, recording a 15 spot that will be televised in all the rooms at every Red Lion, nationwide. Slabs being poured at LRE. John met with a facilitator, who is not attached to Tumwater in any way to discuss the naming/renaming process. A team will be assembled to take the next step. Shared key dates for the district during November. December meeting with have a work session prior to the meeting. John and Mel will work to get an agenda together.

Other Business

- 1st Reading, New Policy 2145/Self-Harm Prevention: John outlined the reasons for the new policy and asked the Board to read it and ask any questions.
- 1st Reading, Revisions to Policy 3122-Excused and Unexcused Absences: Brian Hardcastle presented, in response to HB 2449. Excused absences are being counted as absences when data is being reviewed, meaning there is no difference in the data between an excused or an unexcused absence. John shared that even when a student is off campus, on a school sponsored activity, that student is counted as absent. This is why absence rates may appear to be quite high and unfortunately it is not something districts have control over.

Business/Financial Reports

- Capital Projects Report: Mel Murray outline the projects around the district.
- Financial Update/Fund Summary Report: Mitch Thompson presented this report.

Consent Agenda

- **Rita Luce/Janine Ward, M.S., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:**
- Employment: Daniel Guy, Substitute Custodian, B&G; Rob Davis, Substitute Custodian, B&G; Clarence Reed McCanse, SPED ParaPro, BMS.
- Adjusted Employment: Laurie Wiedenmeyer, Coordinator of Communication and Community Relations, DO; Erin Christopherson, Impact SPED ParaPro, LRE; Carmen Luce, Elementary PE/Health Teacher, PGS; Gail Stuart, Transportation Dispatcher, Transportation; Kally Ashby, Assistant Cook, 1 year only, PGS.
- Retirement: Catherine McElhiney, ParaPro, MTS, effective January 2, 2017
- Resignation: Paul Reed, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective October 31, 2016.
- Leaves: Nancy Price, Teacher, BLE, FMLA leave starting October 24, 2016 returning November 7, 2016, per doctor's statement; William Smith, Teacher, MTS, FMLA leave starting November 16, 2016 returning January 16, 2017, per doctor's statement; Dale Munn Sr., Custodian, BLE, FMLA leave starting October 25, 2016 returning November 7, 2016, pending doctor's statement; Kelly Merslich, Teacher, PGS, unpaid personal leave starting January 3, 2017 through the remainder of the 2016/17 school year; Kelly Merslich, Teacher, PGS, unpaid personal leave for the 2017/18 school year; Sharon Marty, ParaPro, BLE, medical leave starting September 26, 2016 returning October 24, 2016, per doctor's statement; Denise Kelso, Cook, BHHS, medical leave starting September 12, 2016 returning October 10, 2016, pending doctor's statement; Suzan Moulton, Teacher, PGS, FMLA leave starting November 30, 2016, per doctor's statement, with a return date pending doctor's statement; Carmen Luce, Teacher, PGS, personal leave from PE assignment to continue in 6th grade assignment for the balance of the 2016/2017 school year; Matthew Bellmer, Teacher, MTS, unpaid personal leave starting December 7, 2016 returning January 3, 2017; Laurie Harris, Teacher, TMS, unpaid personal leave starting February 22, 2017 returning March 6, 2017.
- Co-Curricular: Megan Wiedeman, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, THS; Norma Hansen, Assistant Cheer Coach, THS; Jonathan Paul, Head Fast-pitch Coach, BHHS; Donald Means, Head Bowling Coach, BHHS; Molly Saylor O'Rear, Elementary Stipend (share)-PBIS, MTS; Jacqueline Collett, Elementary Stipend (share)-PBIS, MTS; Erin Behrke, Elementary Stipend (share)-Talent Show, MTS; Virginia O'Leary, Elementary Stipend (share)-Talent Show, MTS; Pete Gedde, Elementary Stipend-Assembly Coordinator, BLE; Nancy Price, Elementary Stipend-Robotics/Webmaster, BLE; Julie Armstrong, Elementary Stipend-Yearbook, BLE; Kellie Swisshelm, Elementary Stipend-Clock Hours, BLE; Trinity Rossi, Elementary Stipend-Communications, BLE; Deborah

Dahlen, Elementary Stipend-Talent Show, BLE; Suzanne Grimm, Elementary Stipend-Social Coordinator, BLE; Mary Kay Magygyor, Elementary Stipend-Field Day, BLE; Tiffany Twiddy, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, BHHS.

- Clock Hours: Recommend approval of Books Study on Reading and Writing Strategies, session #60368, for 6 clock hours, taught by Roz Thompson on various dates throughout the 2016/2017 school year; Book Study: ASCA National Model Implementation Guide, session #60377, for 8 clock hours, taught by Tammie Jensen-Tabor and Emily Weber on various dates throughout the 2016/2017 school year; Math Improvement, session #60369, for 20 clock hours, taught by Penny Marksheffel various dates throughout the 2016/2017 school year; Trauma Informed Care for Educators for Health Services, session #60386, for 3 clock hours, taught by Kathleen Page on November 18, 2016; ELA Training on My Perspectives, session #60410, for 18 clock hours, taught by Holly O'Neill on November 9, November 16 and December 6, 2016; Date Change: Right Response Recertification, session #55378, for 7 clock hours, has been rescheduled for December 5, 2016 (originally approved for November 18, 2016 on August 11, 2016 board report).
- 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: General Fund voucher numbers 72210454-72210493 in the amount of \$357,658.70; Capital Projects Fund voucher numbers 72011256-72011256 in the amount of \$375,425.85; ASB Fund voucher numbers 72440334-72440356 in the amount of \$57,710.80; Private Purpose Trust in the amount of \$1041.96
- Contracts: Pel Industries, Inspire Physical Therapy, ProActive Physical Therapy, Puget Sound Entertainment, Music Plus, Mason General Hospital, Reginald Reid, School Data Solutions and other school districts, David Portugal, Jane Carr-Kosanovich, Cynthia Petersen, Divas Interpretation Services, ESD 113.
- Capital Projects Contracts: East Olympia Elementary Architectural and Engineering Services Contract, NMSC Preschool Classroom Project Construction Contract and Tumwater Middle School Residential Unit Demolition Construction Contract.
- Capital Projects Change Orders: Change Order #4 and #5 for BHHS Targeted Building Envelop Repairs, Change Order #1 for NMSC, Change Order #15 for Peter G. Schmidt Replacement Construction Contract, Change Order #1 for Bush Middle School Renovations and Additions Construction Contract, Change order #1 for Tumwater Middle School Renovations and Additions Construction
- Acceptance of \$500 Donation for Anonymous Donor to MTS: Anonymous donation of \$500 for Michael T. Simmons to help meet the needs of families that cannot pay for school lunches.

Board Member Comments

- Rita Luce: She enjoyed hearing the good things the candidates had to say about kids.
- Jay Wood: He reminded everyone that in December the Board will elect for the positions of President, Vice President and Legislative Representative.
- Janine Ward: She is very pleased with the great candidates for the vacant board position