

Tumwater School District
School Board Meeting Minutes
Michael T. Simmons Elementary
October 22, 2015

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

Staff Members Present: John Bash, Laurie Wiedenmeyer, Teresa Jordan, Mel Murray, Chris Woods, Kim Howard, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Shannon Leatherwood, Tara Richerson, Kyle Grunenfelder, Jacqueline Collett, Mitch Thompson, Beth Scouller, Tim Graham

Students Present: Lacey Baurez, Sam Silva, Isaiah Grunenfelder, and Charlotte Niemann

Members of the Public Present: Paul Brewster, Jessica Gould, Jon Gores, David Thompson, Joy Adams, Meg Roethke

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

Public Comment

- Joy Adams, parent of THS student, was present to speak about the District possibly adding a boys' swim team in the future. She shared that there are many students interested if a team were to be added. Joy encouraged the Board to consider this for the students.

Proclamation – International Walk to School Month

- Kim Howard introduced Paul Brewster from Thurston Regional Planning Council and Jessica Gould from Intercity Transit. She spoke about Tumwater School District's partnership with these local agencies for our Walk to School programs at Michael T. Simmons, Peter G. Schmidt, and added this year is Tumwater Hill Elementary. John Bash read the proclamation.

Approval of Minutes

- **Rita Luce/Janine Ward, Moved/Seconded (M.S.), to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2015 regular meeting and the October 16, 2015 special meeting (workshop) as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

Special Recognition

- Teresa Jordan: Shannon introduced Teresa, who is a Paraprofessional at Michael T. Simmons Elementary. Outside of her job, she volunteers with our clothing bank, provides respite care for kids with special needs, and advocates for students in need. Without hesitation, anytime she sees a student that needs something - she advocates for that student. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Kim Reykdal presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

Site Report – Michael T. Simmons Elementary

- Principal Shannon Leatherwood and Tammie Jensen-Tabor made this presentation. Tammie shared that October is Disability History Month. Shannon shared a touching story about why she chose education as her career. Technology teacher Jacqueline Collett was introduced and shared that the Board is going to see a demonstration of what technology looks like in the classroom and for students with disabilities. Sixth grade Leadership students Sam Silva, Lacey Baurez, Isaiah Grunenfelder, and Charlotte Niemann were present to assist Mrs. Collett. Chromebooks were distributed to Board members, and a Nearpod demonstration was given with the students serving as tech support. Jacqueline explained that the Disability History Month Nearpod was given to the students at MTS. It was an interactive demonstration in which Board members participated via their Chromebook and Mrs. Collett was able to see all of the responses. They then showed a news show “By Kids for Kids” that each classroom in the school views on Fridays. Assistant Principal Kyle Grunenfelder shared that the school year is off to a great start and the MTS family is a great place for students, families and staff to be.

Superintendent’s Report

- Maintenance & Operations Replacement Levy Update: John presented the staff recommendation for a four year replacement maintenance and operations levy - current levy expires in 2016. John reviewed the history of levies passed in Tumwater, projected inflation rates, state funding increases and what those increases are actually costing the district. What does the levy pay for: teachers, smaller class sizes, paraeducators, special education, advanced placement/highly capable, athletics, music programs, the arts, career and technical education, instructional materials, staff development, transportation, building maintenance & utilities, and equipment repairs. The Tumwater School District teacher/student ratio data was displayed. He explained that our goals are to maintain current levy-funded programs for students as much as possible, ensure ample revenue to account for inflation/employee costs/operational costs, work to honor the \$5.94 per \$1,000 maximum projected during the bond election, protect Tumwater School District from uncertain changes to state levy system, and plan for projected district budget impacts 2016-2020. The recommendation is for a four year levy with a 4% increase over the four years, which is the same trend we have been following for the last several elections. A resolution for Board consideration will be brought to the November meeting.
- CTE Program Update: Tara Richerson reported that this year they are taking a very close look at capacity of programs in our schools and how do we match what our community is asking/looking for and what our students are requesting? Student enrollment in CTE programs is leveling off – about 301 in middle and high schools. Agriculture frameworks are due for approval this year. They are working towards adding GRuB, which would need to have the frameworks approved this year. They are also considering engineering courses – which is a requirement of Project Lead the Way. Equivalency credits – Tumwater has nine courses, New Market has five and seven for tech prep. Recent and upcoming events include the South Sound Advisory kickoff meeting, New Market’s visioning meeting next week, and Thurston County Chamber Leadership Thurston County event.
- Superintendent’s Remarks: Chris Woods and John presented to Tumwater Rotary yesterday. Chuck Liska has organized a tailgate party before the Pioneer Bowl on Friday. GRIDD – with the two year waiver for the core 24 requirements, John is looking to possibly shift the focus of GRIDD to some of the questions Tara has raised regarding CTE and with Core 24 in mind. New Marketing visioning is coming up – it’s not too late if board members

would like to participate on the 29th. There was a very successful Community Roundtable this week. They are considering having safety as the topic for the next Roundtable (Rita wants to see what we are doing different at PGS and LRE remodels) and we may use some of the Roundtable dates to talk about the 6th grade to middle school transition plan.

Consent Agenda

- **Kim Reykdal/Bob Barclift, M.S., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.** Tim Graham highlighted a donation of new weight equipment to the THS weight room and introduced Booster Club officer Jared Burbidge. **The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:**

- Adjusted Employment: Thatcher Wood, .2 Math Teacher, BMS; Shannon Miller, .5 Title Teacher, LRE; Shaune Putas, Bus Driver, Transportation; Briana Allison, Impact Bus Para, Transportation
- Separated from Employment: James Messer, Substitute Custodian, B&G, effective October 9, 2015
- Leaves: Gloria Wilson, Secretary, BHHS, unpaid personal leave starting December 4, 2015 returning December 16, 2015; Jennifer Monson, Parapro, PGS Preschool, family illness leave starting October 9, 2015 returning October 21, 2015, pending doctor's statement; Adrienne Johnson, Teacher, THE, unpaid personal leave starting November 5, 2015 returning November 12, 2015; Crystal Taylor, Bus Driver, Transportation, medical leave starting September 17, 2015 returning October 1, 2015, pending doctor's statement; Brenda Barron-Christiansen, Bus Parapro, Transportation, medical leave starting September 3, 2015 through the end of the 2015/16 school year, pending doctor's statement
- Co-Curricular: Whitney Hehemann, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, BMS
- Clubs: Approval of new ASB Club Model United Nations at BHHS – Advisor Dean Sawhill; approval of new ASB Club Choir Club at BHHS – Advisor Kathleen Alviar
- Clock Hours: Approval of Mathematical Best Practice: K-6 (5th Grade), session #54198, for 7 clock hours, taught by Terri Anderson on November 23, 2015; approval of Mathematical Best Practice: K-6 (4th Grade), session #54199, for 7 clock hours, taught by Terri Anderson on November 24, 2015; approval of Mathematical Best Practice: K-6 (3rd Grade), session #54200, for 7 clock hours, taught by Terri Anderson on December 7, 2015; approval of Mathematical Best Practice: K-6 (2nd Grade), session #54201, for 7 clock hours, taught by Terri Anderson on December 9, 2015; approval of Mathematical Best Practice: K-6 (1st Grade), session #54202, for 7 clock hours, taught by Terri Anderson on December 10, 2015; approval of Mathematical Best Practice: K-6 (Kindergarten), session #54204, for 7 clock hours, taught by Terri Anderson on December 11, 2015; approval of #4 Google Chrome Webstore and Add-ons, session #54220, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on December 8, 2015; approval of #4 Google Chrome Webstore and Add-ons, session #54221, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on December 9, 2015; approval of #5 Data Analyze with Google Apps: Sheets and Forms, session #54223, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on January 13, 2015; approval of #5 Data Analyze with Google Apps: Sheets and Forms, session #5224, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on January 19, 2016; approval of Elementary NGSS Overview and Implementation, session #54236, for 8 clock hours, taught by Terri Anderson on various dates throughout the 2015/16 school year; approval of Love and Logic – Nine Essential Skills, session #54238, for 8 clock hours, taught by Glenn Spinnie on various dates throughout the 2015/16 school year; approval of Engage NY Math implementation Support, session #54234, for 6 clock hours, taught by Katelyn Walsh on October 26, 2015, December 2, 2015 and February 23, 2016; approval of Student Learning Coordinating Council Meetings, session #54248,

for 15 clock hours, taught by Chris Woods and Roz Thompson on various dates throughout the 2015/16 school year; approval of Building Climate and Culture, session #54249, for 6.25 clock hours, taught by Susan Schmidt on various dates throughout the 2015/16 school year; approval of Chrome Cart Leader Training #2, session #54253, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on December 1, 2015 and January 12, 2016; approval of #6 Classroom Learning Management Systems, session #54268, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on February 17, 2016; approval of #6 Classroom Learning Management Systems, session #54269, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on February 23, 2016; approval of #7 Creativity Tools in Google, session #54270, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on March 23, 2016; approval of #7 Creativity Tools in Google, session #54271, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on March 22, 2016; approval of #8 How to Use Google Sites, session #54272, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on April 20, 2016; approval of #8 How to Use Google Sites, session #54273, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on April 26, 2016; approval of #9 Using Google Calendar and Gmail, session #54274, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on May 11, 2016; approval of #9 Using Google Calendar and Gmail, session #54275, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on May 17, 2016; approval of CPR for Paraprofessionals, session #54294, for 3 clock hours, taught by George Schoettle on November 2, 2015; approval of Chrome Cart Leader Training, session #54283, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on November 9 and December 14, 2015

- Payroll & 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 72206920-72207050 in the amount of \$344,401.65; Capital Projects Fund voucher numbers 72010684-72010699 in the amount of \$545,329.38; ASB Fund voucher numbers 72439467-72439491 in the amount of \$42,064.48; and Private Purpose Trust voucher numbers 72700430-72700431 in the amount of \$15.00
- Contract Approval: Approval of the following contracts: Twin Harbors New Market Campus in Aberdeen School District, Stender Construction for YouthBuild at New Market
- Donation: Acceptance of a donation from the Tumwater Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$20,448.20 for new weight equipment.

Business/Financial Reports

- Capital Projects Report: John provided the status of capital projects throughout the district.
- Financial Update/Fund Summary Report: Mitch Thompson reviewed the fund summaries and showed enrollment comparisons. In November he will be providing a fund balance report and reviewing year end numbers.

Action Items

- Resolution 03-15-16, Capital Facilities Plan 2015-2021: **Bob Barcliff/Kim Reykdal, M.S., to approve Resolution 03-15-16 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Resolution 04-15-16, Bond Sale: **Rita Luce/Janine Ward, M.S., to approve Resolution 04-15-16, Bond Sale, as presented.** Mitch introduced Jon Gores from D.A. Davidson & Co. and David Thompson of K&L Gates. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Board Member Comments

- Kim Reykdal: Kim thanked Mitch and John for the levy information they presented at the workshop last week.
- Bob Barclift: Bob shared that John, Jay and he met with representatives from City of Tumwater for a meeting to exchange ideas regarding goals and objectives that may be common to both the city and the district.
- Rita Luce: Rita attended the Regional WSSDA meeting in Napavine where Randy Dorn was the speaker. She also attended the Tumwater Citizens for Better Education as they are preparing to support the replacement levy election.
- Janine Ward: Janine thanked Shannon Leatherwood for hosting the meeting today and thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with the students. She wanted to publicly thank the booster clubs that continue to give to our schools to benefits our students.
- Jay Wood: Jay also attended the Tumwater Citizens for Better Education meeting as well as the WSSDA Regional Meeting with Randy Dorn. He also attended a Tumwater Kiwanis meeting last week. The Board Workshop was held last Friday regarding the upcoming levy replacement election. The same day, he went to the retired school employees' luncheon where keynote speaker was Representative Chris Reykdal announced he is running for superintendent of public instruction. Jay also attended the Tumwater Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday where Jana from THS was there recruiting people to serve on the senior panels. The Roundtable this week showed how many community partners we have in our schools. Today Jay and Bob are starting their school visits.

Meeting recessed for a short break at 10:25 a.m. The meeting reconvened into executive session at 10:30 a.m. regarding collective bargaining pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b). The regular meeting reconvened at 11:06 a.m. With no further business coming before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Recorded by:
Laurie C. Wiedenmeyer

Signed this 12th day of November, 2015.

Board Member

Board Secretary