

**Tumwater School District
School Board Meeting Minutes**

District Office
September 24, 2015

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

Staff Members Present: John Bash, Laurie Wiedenmeyer, Beth Scouller, Mitch Thompson, Chris Woods, Kim Howard, Tammie Jensen-Tabor, Patty Kilmer, Roz Thompson, Mel Murray, Gayle Swartz, Tammy Schultz, Angela Borovec, Justin Martin, Angela Stone

Members of the Public Present: Valarie Ripley, Kim Gaffey, Carolyn Lattin, Nels Chandler

Special Recognition

- Carolyn Lattin: John Bash thanked Carolyn for her years of service to the District and for her continued partnership with our schools who visit her farm. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Jay Wood presented Carolyn with a certificate of appreciation.
- Nels Chandler: East Olympia Principal Patty Kilmer introduced Nels Chandler. She explained that Nels worked with the PTO and PEP grant to secure funding to kick off the track Stars Program. He recruited parent volunteers and set up a system for rewarding kids for running at recess. The program has continued to grow and has motivated many students to run and seek healthy choices. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Janine Ward presented Nels with a certificate of appreciation.

Approval of Minutes

- **Janine Ward/Bob Barclift, Moved/Seconded (M.S.), to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

Site Report – East Olympia Elementary

- Principal Patty Kilmer welcomed the Board to East Olympia. She was excited to report that ten East Olympia teachers presented at Tumwater U. Angela Stone presented for OSPI at a state-wide training. Every Friday and planning time they work together to see how best to help kids. The staff members that were present introduced themselves. Board members thanked the staff for coming in this morning. Angela Borovec, 6th grade teacher, stated she has been at EOE for ten years and five years ago they started the middle school model so they get to see all of the 6th graders. Justin Martin teaches 6th grade math. He stated the teachers work really hard at relationships in 6th grade. Angela Stone teaches 6th grade science and social studies and feels they have developed a very effective team. They have very few office referrals at that level, which is pretty rare. They commented about the enjoyment they have getting to teach the subjects they love.

Patty shared some of their site improvement plan. They set goals for all grade levels to help meet targets or AYP, have monthly goals in reading and math, target strategic foundational skills, and a safety goal. All of East Olympia's certificated staff attended Tumwater U and she thanked Roz Thompson and her team for organizing such a great event. Mr. Milliman organized a summer math boot camp for EOE and PGS students and 26 students attended. Survey responses held very positive remarks. For the new Healthy Foods policy, staff worked with Food Services supervisor Bob Gibson, sent a letter to families, listed exception dates on the back. Currently, there are twelve kids with potential life threatening allergies.

Superintendent's Report

- **GRuB Garden Project Planning:** John shared that this is a study year talking about and preparing for a possible program on city property on Linwood Avenue SW. Chris Woods shared an overview of the program, which is a farm-based program for young people who are inspired by experiential learning, where students can earn science credits, educational stipends, and develop strong leadership skills while growing good food for the community. The vision for 2015-16 - we partner with City of Tumwater and GRuB to develop a site and program for Tumwater students. Next year, we hope to offer the program for CTE credit. He reviewed the draft language for the partnership agreement. Students Julianna and Brittney were present to talk about their involvement in GRuB over the summer. Kim Gaffey from GRuB shared that both of these girls have applied to join the planning team. Kim Reykdal thanked the City of Tumwater for their commitment to this potential program. John asked if there are any other planning considerations that the Board would like considered before moving forward.

- **6-8th Grade Middle School Planning:** John shared that as of today, four of our six elementaries have no additional classrooms available. Next year, only one would have additional classroom space and two will need more classrooms. The proposal is to move forward the move of 6th graders to middle school by one year. This could provide bid savings, provides a 2-year window for planning, creates capacity in all elementary schools, saves an estimated \$100,000 in portable moving/acquisition, and removes the need to plan for 6th grade at new Littlerock. He proposes a contingency plan includes honoring our commitment to taxpayers regarding aggregate rate and to revert to the 2018 timeframe if economic conditions require it. There are also facility/construction contingencies regarding water, gophers, and other development issues that have the potential to delay construction. Chris Woods talked about the planning timeline. Last year was spent laying the groundwork, creating a detailed timeline, surveying staff, and programming decisions. This year they will adjust the detailed timeline, form design review committees, gather feedback and input from other stakeholders, ed specs, and design process. Next year construction begins, budget planning, hiring of staff, transition activities for students and parents, and summer move in. In 2017 – 6th graders start at BMS and TMS, new gyms and other renovations should be ready mid-year. Currently he is working to develop a communication plan. On September 10th, John shared the idea with building principals via email and had a face-to-face conversation with principals on September 22nd. If we are in agreement and get the go-ahead to move forward – we will begin assembling committees. Following discussion, John stated that given the input that was just given, we will move forward with communications and discussions to transition 6th graders to middle school in the fall of 2017.

Consent Agenda

- **Janine Ward/Kim Reykdal, M.S., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:**
 - **Employment:** Jordan Kellogg, Temporary Secretary, NMSC; Erin Christopherson, Spec Programs Parapro, 1 yo, PGS

- Adjusted Employment: Jennifer Wilbur, Class Size Impact Parapro, EOE; Thai Le, Swing Shift Custodian, BHHS
- Resignation: Angela Skinder, TOPA AA, Business Office, effective September 30, 2015
Colleen Peach, Bus Driver, Transportation, resignation from mid-day route only, effective September 21, 2015
- Retirement: Jeffrey Horn, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective October 1, 2015
- Leaves: Terilyn Schold, Parapro, ECLC, NMSC, unpaid personal leave every Friday starting October 2, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year; Diane Cronin, Parapro, BLE, unpaid personal leave starting January 25, 2016 returning February 8, 2016; Carrie John, Custodian, PGS, FMLA starting February 1, 2015 returning September 16, 2015, per doctor's statement
- Co-Curricular: Kerri Reed, Elementary Stipend – After School Garden Club, EOE; Caylin Pomella, Elementary Stipend – Summer Reading Program, EOE; Lori Tibbetts, Elementary Stipend – Talent Show, EOE; Bruce Milliman, Elementary Stipend – Tech Support, EOE; Erin Fleming, Elementary Stipend – After School Spanish, EOE; Jane Rizika, Elementary Stipend – STEM, EOE; Taylor Charette, Asst Football Coach, BHHS
- Released Due to Non-Availability: Kim Whalen, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation; Penn Morris-Utu, Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation
- Clock Hours: Approval of Parent Education Workshop – Elem and Sec, session #53954, for 2 clock hours per session, taught by Candyce Bollinger various dates throughout the 2015/16 school year; approval of #2 Google Docs, session #53960, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on October 21, 2015; approval of #2 Google Docs, session #53961, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on October 27, 2015; approval of #3 Google Presentation with Slide, session #53962, for 3 clock hours, taught by Justin McKaughan on November 17, 2015; approval of #3 Google Presentation with Slide, session #53963, for 3 clock hours, taught by Tina Schmidt on November 18, 2015; approval of New Market Staff Development, session #54026, for 21 clock hours, taught by Kris Blum and Christa Williamson, various dates throughout the 2015/16 school year
- 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 vouchers 77206614-72206749 in the amount of \$280,121.46; Capital Projects Fund vouchers 72010634-72010651 in the amount of \$126,721.13; ASB Fund vouchers 72439395-72439433 in the amount of \$46,960.98.
- Contract Approval: Approval of the following contracts - Pediatric Services of America, Grand Canyon University, Candyce Lund-Bollinger, Family Education and Support Services, RSVP–Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Barbara Bayer, Keith Pars, Penny Jackson, ESD 113 Gravity Dropout Reengagement Program, Digipen, TOGETHER!

Business/Financial Reports

- Financial Update/Fund Summary Report: Mitch Thompson reviewed the financial reports for the end of the 2014-15 school year.
- Capital Projects Update: Mel Murray outlined the status of the capital projects throughout the district.

Action Items

- Resolution 02-15-16, Requesting State Officials Comply with the Supreme Court's orders in the McCleary Case: **Bob Barcliff/Kim Reykdal, M.S., to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of Contract with City of Tumwater for SRO Services: **Janine Ward/Bob Barcliff, M.S., to approve the contract with the City of Tumwater for SRO services as presented.** Mitch Thompson shared that in most districts, the district pays the costs for an SRO. We want to acknowledge the City for their investment in this placement at our schools, as they completely fund the position. This contract is for one year and automatically renews for four years unless it is terminated. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- Extended Fieldtrips – BHHS DECA: **Kim Reykdal/Janine Ward, M.S., to approve the extended fieldtrips for BHHS DECA as presented.** Chris Woods presented the following extended fieldtrip requests: DECA Fall Leadership Conference in Seattle October 25-27, 2015; DECA Western Regional Leadership Conference in Austin, TX, November 19-23, 2015; and DECA New York Experience in New York, NY May 24-29, 2016. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Board Member Comments

- Kim Reykdal: Kim attended the TMS open house. There was a great turnout and Jon Wilcox and Nick Reykdal did a great job presenting some changes that are happening in the district to better benefit the students. There were several community partners set up in the lobby area to connect with families.
- Bob Barcliff: Bob, Jay and Kim attended the WSSDA Legislative Conference. Kim did an outstanding job of testifying on behalf of two of the proposals – one of them submitted by our Board that she was instrumental in preparing. It was a valuable conference that brings up current issues, lots of discussion, trends and priorities that go forward to our Legislature. Bob thanked Kim for her efforts. Kim commented that there were 63 proposals that those in attendance went through - one-by-one.
- Jay Wood: In speaking about the Legislative Conference, he shared that after the topics are presented, they then summarize their top ten issues and WSSDA moves those forward. Tuesday evening Jay attended the TCBE. He felt it went well, and one thing that was discussed was the upcoming M&O replacement levy election. Jay would like to schedule a Board workshop to talk about levy amounts. A resolution will need to be passed in November.
- Janine Ward: Janine shared that she has talked with a number of staff and students throughout the district – and they all are expressing excitement and they all feel the district is off to a great start.

With no further business coming before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Recorded by:
Laurie C. Wiedenmeyer

Signed this 10th day of October, 2015.

Board Member

Board Secretary