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Hockinson School District Board of Directors
WORK SESSION
Monday, May 13, 2024
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: via Zoom
[HSD Calendar](#) has a link to join the Zoom meeting

AGENDA

- I.** Board Meeting/Call To Order
Board Chair Teresa VanNatta called the work session to order at 6:03 pm. VanNatta excused the absence of Anne-Elissa Carter, who had a previous work conflict and notified the School Board weeks in advance. Present: Teresa VanNatta, Pat Carter (online), Gordon Smith, and Kat Stupka.
- II.** Preview: Calendar at a Glance
Superintendent Steve Marshall and the Board reviewed the calendar and spoke to two items: The possibility of a Special Meeting on June 25 or 26 in case items needed to get addressed following the re-designated Regular Meeting on June 10, 2024. Marshall also clarified that HHS would present its School Improvement Plan on Tuesday, May 28 and HMS on June 10.
- III.** School Improvement Plan Presentation: Principal Bess Colpron and Dean of Students Sid Slom were present to share their presentation. Colpron began by asking the Board what they had heard about HMS this year. All four Board members responded. Answers touched on reduced issues and parental concerns, lack of clubs, increased visibility. Colpron proceeded to speak to the school's themes of Academics, Culture, and Communications. Slom and Colpron gave examples of how they have worked to inspire students to want to be at school and both qualitative and quantitative indicators of a positive school culture. Examples included samples of student survey responses, increased participation in sports, more staff volunteering for school events, and fewer disciplinary referrals and suspensions. The School Board saluted the administrators for their leadership and positive impact on the HMS school community this year.
- IV.** Facilities Planning Committee Update
Marshall gave the Board a summary of the May 8 Facilities Planning Committee Meeting, which consisted of a site visit to Seton Catholic HS to look

at alternative building technology (tilt-up concrete construction) and a committee meeting that lasted over 2.5 hours. He shared that the committee was developing a parent/community survey that would go out later in May.

Marshall also informed the Board of two smaller, but important projects that the committee was looking to add to the list of upcoming facility improvements: A new Career Technical Education building to house a building construction class at HHS and a covered play area at HMS. The former is a proposed matching agreement with a local benefactor pledging to cover a portion of the expense. School Board members briefly discussed the facility planning process and spoke to the importance of transparency, community input/engagement, and the necessity of taking intentional steps now to meet facility needs in the near future and beyond. VanNatta brought up a question that she felt was important for the Hockinson community to consider: "What if we don't take these steps? What will our schools look like without necessary capital improvements and higher enrollments?"

V. School Board Self-Evaluation Discussion

The School Board opted to defer this discussion to future meetings due to a shortage of time.

VI. Executive Session

- A.** Performance of a public employee. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

VII. Adjournment

VanNatta announced that the Board was moving into an Executive Session at 8:50 pm to discuss the "Performance of a public employee." The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

- A.** Close of Meeting

Steve Marshall

5/30/2024

Steve Marshall, Superintendent Date

Teresa VanNatta

5/29/2024

Teresa VanNatta, Board Chair Date