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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2024

Board Members:
Mari Taylor, President
Nina Hanson
David Iseminger
Vildan Kirby
Paul Lund
Mary Templeton, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Student Advisory Council Officers:
Riley Boerger
Aashisri Bendalam
Yostina Mosa

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors met in a Regular Session at the Educational Service Center. A Zoom option was available for this meeting that President Taylor called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Director Kirby and Director Iseminger attended via Zoom. Director Hanson was unable to attend.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Director Lund made a motion to approve the August 7, 2024 agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Iseminger and unanimously approved.

Director Lund made a motion to approve the July 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Iseminger and unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

President Taylor called for community comments and read the community comment protocol. Hearing none President Taylor closed this portion of the meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

Consent Agenda:

Director Iseminger made a motion to approve the "Consent Agenda" items:

1. Warrant Nos. 313315 to 313420 - $1,369,896.55 (E:162/24)
   Warrant Nos. 313476 to 313547 - $869,649.60 (E:163/24)
   Warrant Nos. 232400027 to 232400028 – Comp. & Retail Tax $1,977.92 (E:164/24)
2. Personnel Report: Certified employment: Ryan Barci, Emma Bond, Tanner Edenholm, Rebecca Faheem, Joshua Herman, Kaytlin Hunsinger, Leanne Koenigs, Leah Lawson, Konan Luce, Helena Manley, Kaila Maruniak, John Neff, Patrick Ogden, Matthew Randall, Jessica Sauve, Christina Stanford, Hartley Steiner, Kristine Sumner, James West, Emily Widener, Nathan Wilford and Annette Woolley; Classified employment: Tara Deluze, Rebecca Loran, Chrystal Harman, Emily Mifflin, Sarah Potter Blanca Rosales, Bethany Sailer, Bria Styles, William Summers, Alexandra Barney and Joshua Kilroy (E:165/24); the Co-curricular Report (E:166/24); July Payroll Warrant Nos. 313421 to 313475 - $12,340,351.62 (E:167/24).

3. Approval to surplus LSSD Text and Library Books (E:168/24).

The motion was seconded by Director Iseminger and was unanimously approved.

Director Lund motioned to approve the Final Acceptance of the public works projects. The motion was seconded by Director Iseminger and unanimously approved (E:169/24).

The Operations Department has reviewed the work of the contractors listed below on the following public work projects for adherence to contract documents and specifications.

Projects

Annual gym floor refinishing at several schools (D-S Hardwood)
Replace glass in the vent at Lake Stevens HS (Pacific Glass and Door)

Service Calls

Service fuse in the oven at Lake Stevens HS (3Wire)
Service walk-in freezer at North Lake MS (Hoover Refrigeration)
Service security panel at Lake Stevens HS (LONG Building Technologies)

All items on the construction punch list have been completed and all the necessary paperwork to accept the projects has been received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main informed the Board of the minor change made in the 4-year General Fund Budget in the years 2026-27 and 2027-28. She stated no other changes have been made in the other budgets. The Board has seen all funds' 24-25 budgets, including their 4-year budget outlook. For the General Fund, they have decided to increase the amount of local taxes (levy) revenue collected in the calendar years 2027 and 2028 to better align with the amounts they have collected in previous years. The calendar year 2027 will be the first year of a new levy collection period. This also increases the total revenue for those periods. For 2026/27, the Local Taxes will change from $24,221,066 to $25,652,330 and for 2027/28, the Local Taxes will change from $25,301,614 to 28,026,350. This increase more accurately reflects the amount of levy collections we project in the 26/27 and 27/28 years and will be consistent with what taxpayers have been accustomed to. This will also give them the ability to increase their expenditures supporting their students and programs. These changes still maintain their 5% fund balance directive in the future years. Assistant Superintendent Main stated they are slowly reducing their expenditures and maintaining the programs and staff that they have. Dr. Templeton stated they need to advocate for public education. It is a reality that yesterday's dollars do not pay for tomorrow's students. Dr. Templeton stated that, as your Superintendent and a member of local and national teams, I will ensure that my voice is heard to secure adequate funding.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Templeton expressed her excitement about stepping into her new role and connecting with the community. She shared that the School Board would be setting an entry plan for her, emphasizing the importance of the first 90 days in this position. "My primary focus during these 90 days is to listen, learn, and then ask questions," she said. "I am proud to be a part of the Lake Stevens School District and its community."

Dr. Templeton also mentioned her participation in Aquafest, where she had the opportunity to meet with the Lake Stevens Police Department, visit the historical society, and witness numerous families enjoying themselves. Dr. Templeton has been visiting the LSSD properties and schools this August and will be enjoying a bus ride-along in September. Dr. Templeton stated they are at the Farmer's Market every Wednesday, wearing matching shirts and using the opportunity to share information about the Bond. Dr. Templeton concluded her Superintendent's Update.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Iseminger expressed gratitude to everyone for attending the School Board Meeting and acknowledged their ongoing dedication and hard work. Director Lund expressed his gratitude to everyone, including Mr. Lee, for attending the School Board Meeting. He mentioned that they had recently been at the Lake Stevens Farmer's Market, providing

information about the Bond and answering questions. He shared how much fun it was to connect with families and how exciting it is to share the work they are doing. He encouraged everyone to join them at the Farmer's Market every Wednesday. He also added that he appreciated the inclusion of the Superintendent's Update on the agenda.

SACo President Riley Boerger thanked everyone for working so hard. She said SACo had a bonding event a couple of weeks ago and informed everyone the drama alumni were performing *The Little Mermaid* at the PUD Theater on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. SACo Vice President Aashisri Bendalam thanked Dr. Templeton for advocating for the Lake Stevens School District students. SACo Secretary Yostina Mosa thanked everyone for the updates and expressed her gratitude for Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main's budget update. President Taylor expressed her gratitude to everyone for attending this beautiful evening and for their support of the bond initiative. She shared her delight in conversing with young children beginning Kindergarten at the Farmer's Market. She emphasized the community's ownership of the facilities and the joy of seeing families engage in soccer and other activities. Additionally, she extended her thanks to SACo President Riley Boerger for the invitation to *The Little Mermaid* and appreciated everyone spending time with them this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections from the other directors, President Taylor adjourned the Regular Session at 6:55 p.m.

President

Secretary