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Hockinson School District Board of Directors
Regular School Board Meeting/Budget Hearing
Monday, August 26, 2024
6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: HSD Community Center & Zoom
[HSD Calendar](#) has a link to join the Zoom meeting

MINUTES

I. Board Meeting/Call To Order

HSD School Board Chair Teresa VanNatta called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. VanNatta established a quorum, consisting of herself, Anne-Elissa Carter, and Patrick Carter. Carter read the land acknowledgement and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval Of The Agenda

Prior to approving the agenda, Superintendent Steve Marshall informed the School Board of multiple amendments to the Consent Agenda, including: Item 4 under "Contract Approvals"; Item H a settlement agreement; and two additional items (G and H) under Section D "Personnel." Anne-Elissa Carter moved to approve the agenda as amended. Patrick Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

III. Communications

- A. VanNatta welcomed community members before asking those Board members who were present to excuse Gordon Smith, who had a work commitment, and Kat Stupka, for personal reasons. Anne-Elissa Carter moved to approve Smith and Stupka's absence. Patrick Carter seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Marshall recognized four longtime, faithful employees who recently retired from the HSD:

- Gregg Hinzmann. Hinzmann joined the HSD in Sept. 1989, completing 35 years of service.
- Leslie Wood. Wood started in Sept. 2013 as a HSD employee, but worked in HSD schools through ESD 112 prior to her official start date for a total of 26 years of service to Hockinson students..

- Steve Brown. Brown worked for 18 years as the district's Lead Grounds person.
- Vonni Redmond. Redmond worked for 8 years as a General Duty Aide at HHES.

Marshall then shared his Superintendent's Report.

- B.** After VanNatta announced "Community Input on Agenda Or Comments" Marshall asked if there was anyone online who wanted to comment. Josh Robertson, who monitored the online form said no. Marshall asked the Board to wait for an additional 15 seconds to provide an opportunity for a community member to sign on.

IV. Approval Of The Consent Agenda

- A.** Marshall announced that he again wanted those attending the meeting to know, prior to any action on the Consent Agenda, that there were four changes to the agenda items. He provided an overview of the four amendments: 2 certificated hires; 1 contract; 1 travel request; and 1 settlement agreement.

Anne-Elissa Carter moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Patrick Carter seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

V. Discussion Items

- A.** Aaron Villanueva, HSD Business Services Director, shared the district's July Budget Status Report. There were no questions from the School Board. Marshall confirmed that the Capital Projects Fund reflected the amount spent on the recent purchase of a 40-acre parcel.
- B.** Villanueva also gave a brief report on the HSD Wellness Committee and said that his committee would have a consistent meeting schedule in 2024-25. Marshall added that it is important that the committee have representation from different areas in the community and schools.
- C.** Marshall, Villanueva, and Dave Wilson, HSD Operations Supervisor, provided a short history of the SEM-Lite program before sharing the Millig Measurement Verification Report from Spring 2024, which documented projected and actual energy use at the District Office/Community Center, HHES, and HHS in 2023-24.. While there were some data discrepancies, actual energy savings exceeded projections, which was something that Pat Carter thought was commendable. Carter noted that these savings were a reflection of the intentional

efforts of district personnel (eg, Dave Wilson replacing 3,000 lamps with LED lamps).

D. HSD Facilities Planning Committee Update

Five members of the HSD Facilities Planning Committee, Natalie Hessel, Megan McChesney, James Walter, Dave Wilson, and Kyle Rogers, participated in a panel discussion. Marshall posed the following questions to the committee members and they responded with their learnings, experiences and opinions:

- What is the purpose of the work of the Facilities Planning Committee?
 - How has the committee's structure and timeline evolved since it began in 2022?
 - What key insights has the Facilities Planning Committee gained from its research and site visits regarding school construction projects, particularly regarding building methods, materials, and costs?
 - How have the diverse and experienced backgrounds of Facilities Planning Committee members supported the planning and recommendation process?
 - How have the community surveys helped to shape the Facilities Planning Committee's facility priorities and understanding of community values?
 - Why now and why focus on the elementary school?
 - What were the key takeaways from the Facilities Planning Committee's discussions with financial experts regarding bonding, tax rates, and cost efficiencies?
 - Has the Facilities Planning Committee considered new Climate Commitment Act (CCA) impacts?
 - What aspects of the Facilities Planning Committee's future facilities planning are most exciting or inspiring?

Marshall also shared upcoming community engagement events such as the 9/17 Open House at HHES. VanNatta and Anne-Elissa Carter thanked the committee members for their time and dedication.

- E.** Marshall reviewed the items on the Calendar at a Glance and commented that all had been addressed in this meeting.

VI. Action Items

- A.** Marshall commented on the 2024-2027 HESP Collective Bargaining Agreement and recommended approval. Patrick Carter motioned to approve the classified employee contract. Anne-Elissa Carter seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

- B. Marshall commented on the 2024-25 United Schools Insurance Program Contract and recommended approval. Anne-Elissa Carter moved to approve the insurance contract. Patrick Carter seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

VII. Adjournment

VanNatta announced the next School Board Meeting would be a Work Session on Sept. 9, 2024 at 6:00p.m. Marshall asked for any items for the next agenda and explained that the Board would be signing meeting documents through DocuSign in the coming weeks as Julie Paso would be returning from medical leave soon. VanNatta adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Steve Marshall

10/3/2024

Superintendent, Steve Marshall Date

Teresa VanNatta

10/1/2024

Board Chair, Teresa VanNatta Date