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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 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. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mari Taylor, David Iseminger, Vildan Kirby, Paul Lund, Dr. Mary Templeton and SACo member Aashisri Bendalam. Director Nina Hanson attended via Zoom. SACo President Riley Boerger and SACo Secretary Yostina Mosa were unable to attend.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Director Lund made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024 agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved. Director Kirby made a motion to approve the November 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Lake Stevens Middle School Principal Lisa Sanchez and Associate Principal Jamie Sinning introduced the Lake Stevens Middle School Students of the Month for November: Kalei Grenier, Grace Mao, Dmytro Kukhar and Oliver Rasmusen.

North Lake Middle School Principal Brad Ables and Associate Principal Kelly Goodsmansen introduced the North Lake Middle School Students of the Month for November: J.J. LeDoux, Kymani Manibusan, Latif Cham, and Bhumika Mehra.

Cavelero Principal Dr. Sellers and Associate Principal/Athletic Director Jim West introduced the Cavelero Mid High School Students of the Month for November: Avery Buchanan, Lohith Thimmichetty, Cooper Olesen and Richard Sandoval Arteaga. Richard Sandoval Arteaga was unable to attend.

Lake Stevens High School Principal Leslie Ivelia and Associate Principal Tonya Grinde introduced the Lake Stevens High School Students of the Month for November: Joelie Touchette, Sydney Vincent, Ian De La Riva Quezada and Samual Lamb. Sydney Vincent was unable to attend.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources John Balmer introduced the APPLE Award Recipients: Rebecca (Becky) Selby, Emily Dykstra, Jami Valadez, Jordan Madigan and Tricia Sevey.

A break was taken approximately from 7:34 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. President Taylor welcomed everyone back.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

Matt Wyant, the Early Learning Center Building Coordinator, provided an overview of the Early Learning Center's enrollment process, ECEAP income eligibility criteria, and the English proficiency levels of the children. He also highlighted the languages spoken by ELC families and staff. Additionally, Wyant discussed teaching strategies, goals, and the importance of attendance. He concluded with information on various opportunities available to support learning and skill development.

Transportation Supervisor Robert Thueringer provided details on student enrollment in the LSSD and Granite Falls School Districts, as well as the number of general education and specialized routes served by the Transportation Department. He also discussed the number of drivers, their total years of service, the fleet of buses, and the total miles driven during the 2023-2024 school year.

Sarah Danielson, Executive Director of Student Interventions and HiCap Coordinator Annette Woolley, provided an update on the HiCap program for the 2024-2025 school year, covering the Elementary, Middle School, and High School programs. She discussed best practices for expanding access and presented data on the ethnic diversity within the HiCap program compared to the overall student body. Additionally, she provided an update on the program's progress, showcasing a graph that highlights the growth of HiCap. She also shared her goals for the program moving forward.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

President Taylor opened the floor for community comments. 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. 314734 to 314876 - $813,302.71 manual warrants drawn on the General, Capital Projects & ASB Fund(s) (E:220/24). Approval of the December 3, 2024 Vouchers Warrant Nos. 314944 to 314944 - $13,877.50 (E:221/24) Approval of the December 13 Vouchers, Warrant Nos. 314946 to 315118 - $1,050,905.05 (E:222/24) Approval of the December 13, 2024 Comp. & Retail Tax Nos. 242500009 to 242500011 - $2,190.59 (E:223/24)
2. Personnel Report: Certified Employment: Rita Torkelson HLC Kindergarten; Classified Employment: Briana Bradford Non-Rep ESC Food Service Field Assistant, Amara Cercone PSE-Lake CMHS 1:1 Specialized Para, Allyson Douglas PSE-Lake HLC Para, Kayla Larson PSE-Lake LSMS 1:1 Specialized Para, Callie Maughan PSE-Lake HLC 1:1 Specialized Para, Heather Schneider PSE-Lake LSMS Specialized Para: Resignations: Heather Carter Non-Rep Nurse LSHS 11/27/24, Retirements: Eric Peterson PSE-Ground ESC 12/31/24 (E:224/24); Co-curricular Report (E:225/24) November 2024 Payroll 314877 to 314943 - $13,147,952.30 General Funds (E:226/24).
3. Acceptance of a donation from North Lake Middle School PTSA in the amount of $500.00 to help fund student needs in the Invest Ed program (E:227/24).
   Acceptance of a donation from Stevens Creek PTA in the amount of $500.00 to support a 2nd grade field trip to Imagine Children's Museum (E:228/24).
   Acceptance of a donation from Special Olympics – Washington in the amount $1,900.00 to Lake Stevens High School to purchase uniforms for Unified Basketball at Lake Stevens High School (E:229/24).
   Approval to surplus tech equipment (E:230/24).

The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

Director Lund motioned to approved to submit the HiCap plan to OSPI in order to receive funding. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved (E:231/24).

Director Kirby motioned to approve Resolution: 19-24, Proposition 1: Bond to Construct, Modernize, Replace and Improve School Facilities (R:19/24). The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Director Iseminger motioned to approve to appoint member(s) to a committee to write the pro/con statements for the Snohomish County Local Voters' Pamphlet related to the District's General Obligation Bond Ballot Measure. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved (E:232/24).

Director Kirby motioned to approve the Final Acceptance of the public works projects. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved (E:233/24).

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

- Pump replacement at Lake Stevens HS pool (Aquatic Specialty Services)
- Installation of playground equipment at Glenwood ES (Buell Recreation)
- Installation of playground fall protection chips at Glenwood, Hillcrest and Mt Pilchuck ES (Buell Recreation)
- Installation of CO^2 detection system in pool mechanical room at Lake Stevens HS (Hawk Equipment)
- Replace walk-in freezer door at North Lake MS (Hoover)
- Install window slider reversal kit at Lake Stevens HS (Pacific Glass and Door)

Service Calls

- Monthly pool service at Lake Stevens HS – October (Aquatic Specialty Services)
- Monthly pool service at Lake Stevens HS – November (Aquatic Specialty Services)
- Service dishwasher at the Early Learning Center (Hobart)
- Service chiller at Stevens Creek ES (Johnson Controls)
- Clean carpets at the Educational Service Center (PureClean)

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

Director Lund motioned to approve to award contract to Highwood Learning Environments, LLC, for project management services. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved (E:234/24).

Director Iseminger motioned to approve authorization to solicit proposals for E-Rate projects. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and was unanimously approved (E:235/24).

INFORMATION

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Teresa Main presented a review of the Explanatory Statement for the General Obligaton Bond and introduced Lee Marchisio, Attorney from Foster Garvey PC.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Templeton highlighted the Student Holiday Concerts, noting that music is thriving in Lake Stevens. She also attended the Maker's Fair and praised the incredible energy and effort put forth by the team at the ESC in organizing the event. It was a well-attended and beautiful occasion, with the Cavelero Band performing. Dr. Templeton shared that they are preparing to launch a "We Love Lake Stevens Schools" campaign, which reflects the significant successes tied to the Board's Strategic Plan and the Foundation for Excellence, showcasing what makes this community so special. She also congratulated the Lake Stevens High School Girls Soccer Team on their State Championship victory.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Hanson expressed gratitude to Executive Director of Intervention Sarah Danielson, Transportation Supervisor Robert Thueringer, and Early Learning Center Building Coordinator Matt Wyant for their presentations.

Director Kirby congratulated the Students of the Month and APPLE Award recipients, wishing everyone an amazing Holiday Season and saying, "See you in 2025."

Director Iseminger expressed his gratitude to everyone for their insightful and well-prepared presentations. He discussed the decision to move forward with the bond, emphasizing that it was not made lightly or hastily, but rather with careful consideration of what they believe they are hearing from the community, community of educators and student needs. He concluded by wishing everyone a joyful holiday season.

Director Lund welcomed the AP students attending the Board Meeting. He shared that attending the WSSDA Conference had been a rewarding experience, providing many valuable ideas. He concluded by expressing his gratitude for everyone's hard work on the building reports.

SACo Vice President Aashi Bendalam shared that she gained valuable insights at the WSSDA conference and had an incredible time with everyone.

President Taylor congratulated the Students of the Month and the APPLE Award recipients. She expressed her gratitude for everyone's presentations and wished everyone a wonderful evening.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections from the other directors, President Taylor adjourned the Regular Session at 9:24 p.m.

President

Secretary