

Aberdeen School District No. 5

## **Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting**

(Not official minutes)

January 14, 2025

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at the Hopkins Building, 300 N. Williams St. In attendance were Jessica Jurasin, Annica Mizin and Suzy Ritter, along with Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom and 24 patrons and staff. Director Jeremy Wright was excused.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

- The minutes from the regular meeting on December 17, 2024;
- The payroll for December in the amount of \$4,091,310.94;
- General Fund vouchers totaling \$580,940.99; ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$10,984.37, and a Capital Projects Fund vouchers totaling \$57,327.23.

### **Comments from the Board**

Directors Jessica Jurasin and Suzy Ritter shared information from the WSSDA Legislative Conference. During discussion, it was agreed that the district's legislative advocacy can align with the three funding focuses that emerged during the conference – Special Education; Materials, Supplies and Operating Costs (MSOCs), and Pupil Transportation.

### **Presentations**

#### **Hopkins Preschool**

Hopkins Preschool Principal Darby Carroll presented the annual report and school improvement plan for Hopkins Preschool.

#### **Harbor Learning Center**

Harbor Learning Center Principal Lisa Griebel presented the annual reports and school improvement plans for Harbor Junior/Senior High School, Grays Harbor Academy and Harbor Open Doors.

### **School Board Appreciation**

Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom presented certificates of appreciation to the directors in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month and shared hand-made cards of gratitude from Nicole Hartt's fourth-grade class at A.J. West Elementary School.

### **Superintendents' Reports**

Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom provided reports on the following:

- Portrait of a Graduate. A work-study for more in-depth discussion was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. prior to the regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18.
- Seismic Safety Planning Update. It was noted that a real estate matter would be further discussed in executive session prior to board action and that the district is moving into Phase 2 in planning for construction of a new Harbor Learning Center.

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- Transitional Kindergarten. The pilot began Jan. 6 at A.J. West Elementary School with 10 students enrolled, which was the goal.
- School Safety Protocols. HearMeWa, a new state reporting program to support teens and young adults experiencing anxiety, harassment or bullying was discussed. Also, the district will be implementing a new safety protocol for visitors in February. More information about both will be shared with staff and the community in the coming weeks.
- Student Focus Groups. Secondary principals will be convening focus groups in an effort to involve student voice in district and school matters.
- WSSDA Handbook. A “Guide for Effective School Board Members: Leading with Purpose” was distributed.

### **Fiscal Status Report**

The superintendents presented the Fiscal Status Report for December. With 33 percent of the fiscal year elapsed, the district has received 31.03 percent of budgeted revenue and is at 33.8 percent of budgeted expenditures. Under enrollment, the report showed the final count for January was 8.11 average annual FTE above budget, which is concerning given the longstanding trend for enrollment to decrease between January and the end of the school year.

### **Policy Updates**

The board received updates to three policies for first reading:

- Policy 2255 Alternative Learning Experience Courses
- Policy 3241 Student Discipline
- Policy 6220 Bid Requirements

### **2026-2027 Academic Calendar**

The board approved an adjustment to the 180-Day Academic Calendar for 2026-2027. The first and last days of school for the next three years are now:

- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025 and Wednesday, June 10, 2025;
- Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026 and Wednesday, June 16, 2027, and
- Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2027 and Wednesday, June 14, 2028.

### **Basics Northwest**

The Board approved a memorandum of understanding with Basics Northwest for 2024-2025.

### **Next Meeting**

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

### **Personnel Report**

Following an executive session, the board approved the Personnel Report.

### **Real Estate Agreement**

The board approved a purchase-sale agreement with Geo-Dan Land, Inc. to buy 105 acres along Basich Boulevard for the potential construction of new schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.