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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2025

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, Dr. Mary Templeton and SACo members Riley Boerger, Aashisri Bendalam and Yostina Mosa. Director Nina Hanson attended via Zoom. Paul Lund was unable to attend.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Director Iseminger made a motion to approve the January 15, 2025 agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved. Director Kirby made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and the December 13, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Iseminger and unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Lake Stevens Middle School Principal Lisa Sanchez and Dean of Students Corey Gibb introduced the Lake Stevens Middle School Students of the Month for December: Jackson Gergich, David Poinaru, Lilian Porter and Jake Romero.

North Lake Middle School Principal Brad Ables and Associate Principal Kelly Goodsmansen introduced the North Lake Middle School Students of the Month for December: Owen Brandt, Serenity Gorey, Nadiia Chilei and Remmy Gerhart.

Cavelero Principal Dr. Sellers and Dean of Students Kyle Strand introduced the Cavelero Mid High School Students of the Month for December: Zoe Pile, Jane Vellinga, Ahan Galba and Molly Kuhrau. Zoe Pile was unable to attend.

Lake Stevens High School Principal Leslie Ivelia and Associate Principal Dan Alderson introduced the Lake Stevens High School Students of the Month for December: Elliott MacArthur, Marcos Martinez O'Donnell, Jeydan Hansel Clement, Katya Vladyko, Logan Bates and Jaden Watts. Marcos Martinez O'Donnell was unable to attend.

Director of Equity and Inclusion Monica Meadows introduced the APPLE Award Recipients: Courtney Williams, Eileen Gordon, Heather Johnson, Jennifer Schoenwald and Jill Wright.

A break was taken approximately from 7:31 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. President Taylor welcomed everyone back.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

Principal Leslie Ivelia of LSHS presented a comprehensive overview of various school programs, including the CTE Department, DECA Program, Leadership and ASB Activities, Drama Club, and the Girls Soccer State Championship team. She highlighted the school's vision, emphasizing that learning is at the heart of everything they do, with a goal to secure a diploma for every student and prepare them for postsecondary success. She also discussed the LSSD Foundation for Excellence stating at its core, the Foundation for

Excellence is a commitment about what they are guaranteeing the student experience will be like for every student, pre-K through graduation. This goal is being pursued through Universal Tier 1 Instructional Strategies and collaboration within Collaborative Educator Teams. LSHS SIP Goals focus on increasing the on-time graduation rate, improving Multilingual Learners' scores to meet expected progress on the 2025 WIDA, and enhancing the academic performance of ASD students. Principal Ivelia shared a video demonstrating the impact of greeting students at the door, highlighting how this simple step can have a significant positive effect.

Math teachers Suzanne Horn, Michaela Clark, Kylen Fountain, and Miranda Wallenberg discussed Building Thinking Classrooms, explaining how objectives are graded, presenting unit objectives at a glance, and providing navigation tools for both teachers and students. They also shared an overview of a student's learning journey.

Hillcrest Elementary Principal Dr. Katy Rudolph stated Hillcrest is chasing a commitment to understanding the diverse needs of students and implementing strategies that promote inclusivity and fairness while providing academic excellence. She provided an overview of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), outlining goals for reading, math, and the foundational aspects of the SIP. Dr. Rudolph also discussed the school culture, highlighting what it means to be a Star Hawk, and elaborated on the roles of Student Leadership and Ambassadors.

Principal Rudolph then spoke about the Structured Learning Center (SLC), detailing the number of students across two classrooms, the opportunities for students to participate in general education settings, and the systems in place to support the development of communication skills in the school environment.

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. Approval of the December 27, 2024 Warrant Nos. 315119 to 315308 - $2,032,804.82 manual warrants drawn on the General, Capital Projects & ASB Fund(s) (E:1/25). Approval of the January 17, 2025 Vouchers Warrant Nos. 315375 to 315531 - $754,886.58 (E:2/25) Approval of the January 17, 2025 Comp. & Retail Tax Nos. 242500012 to 242500013 - $2,510.27 (E:3:/25)
2. Personnel Report: Certified Employment: Matthew Palmieri; Classified Employment: Krystopher Dupree Coach LSHS, Nicole Linehan, Paraeducator HLC 1:1, Matt McCorkle Coach LSHS; Resignations: Rachel Bayne Paraeducator GLW 1/5/2025; Retirements: Lisa Guill Food Service NLMS 2/5/2005 (E:4/25);
   Approval of the Co-curricular Report (E:5/25)
   Approval of the December 30, 2024 Payroll (E:6/25) Warrants Nos. 315309 to 315371 - $13,084,166.08 (E:6/25).
3. Acceptance of a donation from Stevens Creek PTA to Stevens Creek ASB in the amount of $20,885.82. These funds will be used for student recognition, House Activities, field trips, assemblies & field day (E:7/25).
   Acceptance of a donation from the Lake Stevens Kiwanis to the LSHS Key Club in the amount of $1,000.00 to assist with DCON Conference expenses (E:8/25).
   Acceptance of a donation from the LSHS Purple and Gold Club/baseball to the LSHS ASB/baseball account in the amount of $2,707.92. This is to supplement the purchase of new uniforms for the Varsity and the JV teams (E:9/25).
   Acceptance of a donation from the Lake Stevens Education Foundation in the amount of $10,008.00 for the fall Innovative Teaching and Learning Grants to support the following proposals: Glenwood Elementary STEM Learning for 3rd grade students $1,408.00; Glenwood Elementary Robotics Club $2,100.00; Highland Elementary bringing authors to Highland students $1,200.00; Lake Stevens High School Real Experiences for Real Impact $2,300.00; Lake Stevens Middle School Student Reader Advisory Group and Expanding Nonfiction Collection $3,000.00 (E:10/25).
   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:11/25). The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved.

Director Kirby motioned to approve the Final Acceptance of the public works projects. The motion was seconded by Director Hanson and unanimously approved (E:12/25).

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

Kitchen hood cleaning and inspection at six schools (All-American Fire)

Install electrical service for new lift at Transportation (Quality Electric)
Replace carpet and tile in selected building at North Lake MS (Rubenstein's)

Service Calls

Service dishwasher temperature issues at North Lake MS (3Wire)
Repair faulty door contact at Lake Stevens HS (LONG Building Technologies)
Fix security door issues at Sunnycrest ES (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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Templeton emphasized the pride in Lake Stevens Schools, highlighting the excellence of their staff, students, families, leadership, and school board. She praised the leaders as intentional, thoughtful, and successful, stating, "I couldn't ask for anything more." Dr. Templeton introduced the "I Love Lake Stevens Schools" campaign, which she launched alongside the Lake Stevens City Council. She shared that the campaign reflects the strong partnership between the district and the city, noting that when the school district is strong, the community is strong. "Together, we are strong," she said, expressing what makes Lake Stevens great.

Dr. Templeton thanked the City Council for their continued support, recognizing that their partnership is benefiting the entire community. She invited everyone to join the January 27 rally from 3-5 p.m., marking the kickoff of the "I Love Lake Stevens Schools" campaign. The event will feature the community coming together to wave signs in support, celebrating the 10,000 students who experience excellence in our schools every day. "When your schools are strong, your children are strong, and your future is strong," she concluded.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Hanson expressed her gratitude to the LSHS Collaborative Education team for their presentation and praised the great survey results from Hillcrest. She thanked Dr. Mary for her contributions to strengthening the relationship with the community. Director Hanson also shared her enthusiasm for the "I Love Lake Stevens" posters. With Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day approaching, she thanked everyone for their commitment to equity for all students. She expressed appreciation for the educators and staff who continue to share their stories, noting that it truly makes a difference.

Director Iseminger congratulated all of the Students of the Month, sharing that it's always enjoyable to hear from them, like a fun box of chocolates. He also congratulated the APPLE Award recipients and thanked LSHS and Hillcrest for their presentations. He pointed out that one of the Students of the Month and two other students in the audience who were there for both educational and entertainment purposes were Varsity Volleyball players, expressing how happy he was to see them there. He concluded by thanking everyone for their hard work and for being present.

Director Kirby shared her love for Lake Stevens and America, highlighting the incredible students in the district, with the Students of the Month serving as a testament to their excellence. She congratulated the APPLE Awards recipients, recognizing them as just a small sample of the outstanding staff in the district. Director Kirby expressed her appreciation for the Math Collaborative Education Team presentation. She emphasized that this generation of students is being taught to think critically and independently.

SACo President Riley Boerger shared that her sister is currently in college to become a teacher and hopes to return to Lake Stevens to teach. Riley also expressed her own aspiration to become a doctor at Seattle Children's Hospital, adding that she plans to live in Lake Stevens and raise her children here. She emphasized that the district is providing students with the opportunity to thrive by embracing different grading styles.

SACo Vice President Aashi Bendalam expressed gratitude to LSHS for their presentation on grading information from the Collaborative Education Team. She also thanked Hillcrest for giving students the opportunity to lead tours for new students, helping them feel welcomed. "It's wonderful to have a place where you truly feel you belong!" she added.

SACo Secretary Yostina Mosa, a Hillcrest alumna, shared that she gives 100% of the credit to her 3rd-grade teacher for inspiring her to push herself. She expressed her appreciation for the district's continuous efforts to improve for the benefit of the students and shared how grateful she is to be part of the Lake Stevens School District.

President Taylor thanked everyone for a wonderful evening, expressing appreciation for all of their hard work. She wished everyone a great night.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections from the other directors, President Taylor adjourned the Regular Session at 9:05 p.m.

President

Secretary