

Aberdeen School District No. 5

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

(Not official minutes)

February 4, 2025

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2025, remotely due to the emergency weather conditions. In attendance were Jessica Jurasin, Annica Mizin, Suzy Ritter and Jeremy Wright, along with Superintendent Traci Sandstrom and 19 patrons and staff remotely, as well as Superintendent Lynn Green and a staff member in person at the District Office.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

- The minutes from the regular meeting on January 14, 2025;
- A trip request from the choir at Aberdeen High School to travel to Columbia Basin College in Pasco on April 18-19;
- A gift to the KAHS radio station at Aberdeen High School of a radio antenna valued at \$2,686.59 from Jodesha Broadcasting, and
- A gift of ice cream for all students at Miller Junior High School from Jerry Salstrom in celebration of the school's 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

### **Comments from the Board**

Director Suzy Ritter commented that it was very rewarding to travel with the Aberdeen High School's ASB officers to a leadership conference at Bonney Lake High School where they participated in leadership development and received a spirit award for their work in fostering a positive schoolwide culture.

Director Annica Mizen discussed a visit she was able to make to Seaside, Ore., where a new high school was built out of the tsunami zone. She said it helped her put into focus the possibilities for Aberdeen schools and the community in general as the district proceeds to plan for new schools under the Seismic School Safety Program.

Director Jessica Jurasin provided a legislative update and noted that the next meeting of the Legislative Advocacy Committee is planned for Feb. 11.

### **Old Business**

#### **Policy Updates**

The board approved updates to three policies:

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

#### **Superintendents' Reports**

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

- Seismic Safe Schools Planning Update
  1. The board accepted a grant in the amount of \$1.96 million for the district to enter into Phase 2 of the Seismic Safety Planning process to begin designing a new Harbor Learning Center. Superintendent Green announced that the first design committee meeting took place that day and that the team is planning site visits in the coming week.
  2. The board approved using the grant funds to enter into a contract with TCF Architecture to provide architectural and design services for a new Harbor Learning Center.
- Education Funding. Superintendent Green discussed a briefing that OSPI conducted regarding potential changes to state and federal funding. She said OSPI estimates it could take 90 days or more before the state has enough information to issue guidance to districts on the impact of new federal directives.
- WSSDA Policy Updates. Superintendent Sandstrom reported that the district was pausing its work to update policies related to Title IX until new guidance for compliance is issued by the Washington State School Directors Association.
- Portrait of a Graduate. Superintendent Sandstrom noted that the board's work-study scheduled for 4:30 p.m. prior to the next regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 18, will be devoted to developing the board's role in the mission, vision, values and goals embedded in the Portrait of a Graduate.
- School Safety Protocols. Superintendent Sandstrom reported that schools are ready to implement the Navigation360 visitor check-in system this week.
- Student Focus Groups. Superintendent Sandstrom reported that she and Superintendent Green will hold the first student focus group on Feb. 11 at the Harbor Learning Center, to be followed in the coming weeks with meetings at Aberdeen High School and Miller Junior High School.

### **Department of Ecology**

The board approved renewal of an agreement with the state Department of Ecology for the placement of air monitoring equipment on the roof at the Harbor Learning Center.

### **Packback Agreement**

The board approved a data sharing agreement with Packback, Inc. for the use of an instructional AI program in AVID classes.

### **Pioneer Healthcare**

The board approved an agreement for 2024-2025 with Pioneer Healthcare Services to provide various special education specialists in the district and to place Felicia Clemmons in the district as an in-person physical therapist.

### **Surplus**

The board approved as surplus a list of equipment and materials that are no longer needed by the district.

**Next Meeting**

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at Central Park Elementary School. A work-study for Portrait of a Graduate will begin at 4:30 p.m.

**Personnel Report**

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

**Real Estate Agreement**

The board authorized the district to enter into a purchase-sale agreement with the Olympic Land Co. to purchase acreage east of Lomax Street in South Aberdeen at a cost of \$720,000 for a new Stevens Elementary School to be located out of the tsunami inundation zone. The agreement hinges on a final determination of the site's suitability for a school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.