



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Remote Meeting Via Zoom Webinar

July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jeff Wickersham, Chair
David Allen
Laura Mills
Dan Fuller
Jon Paul Anderson
Student Representative, Hunter Reichel
Ingrid Colvard, Superintendent
Laura Fishburn, Board Secretary

Guests: Anthony Winstead, Kathy McKee, Chuck Strom, Erin Riggins, Lena Macnab, Debi Fielding, Emily Sabo, Ed Farrell, Courtney Gross, Jeff Griffiths, Karen Schreiber, Lila Charlton, Linda Ostergaard, Becky Harmening, Lindsay Harmening, Lisa Kidd, Melissa Cleveland, Phillip Watness, Randall Krog, Sandy Karppinen, Staci Douglass, Tracy Holzauer, Vickie Stolle, Esther Holman, Ann Campbell, Cord Tornow, Sarah Brown, Tiffany Pearsall, Rachel Prince, and others who were not identified on the online platform.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stevenson-Carson School District Board of Directors was called to order on July 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Jeff Wickersham.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Laura Mills made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6.25.20, and the 7.09.20 board meetings; David Allen seconded and the motion carried.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dan Fuller made a motion to adopt the agenda; Laura Mills seconded and the motion carried.

5. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

Jeff Wickersham read the names of the participants visible and opened up the floor to comments. No comments were made.

6. WELCOME HUNTER REICHEL AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STEVENSON-CARSON SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Laura Mills introduced Hunter Reichel as the new student representative to the Stevenson-Carson Board of Directors, giving a brief summary of the role of the student representative highlighting how the role benefits the student as well as the board. Hunter Reichel noted he is looking forward to being the board student representative.

7. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a. Written

The superintendent and the board acknowledged they had received the letter read to the Board during the 7.9.23 meeting calling for the board and the district to address systemic racism in the community.

b. Audience

c. Board Member Reports

Ingrid Colvard and Jeff Wickersham noted that this report will be added as a permanent agenda item moving forward to give board members a space to update one another on information they received individually, such as from a legislative meeting.

d. Student Representative

e. Administrative

f. Facilities/Maintenance

Ingrid Colvard provided a brief update on how the facilities team is working to install COVID protections around the district including installing plastic barriers.

g. Financial

h. Superintendent

Ingrid Colvard updated the board on the progress being made in reopening schools for the 20/21 school year including how the State Board of Education gave an emergency ruling that student hours spent learning from home will count towards required school year hours, how local Gorge districts are meeting to support one another in reopening, how the community task force of 75 volunteers including teachers, community members, and staff are being guided by OSPI to determine what will be the best reopening plans for our district, how SCSD is looking to partner with the SCSD Education Foundation to meet technology needs, and about recent changes made by WIAA to athletics in accordance with the office of the governor. Ingrid also reported that although the district is holding off on filling several staff positions as some costs due to

reopening are still unknown, the district is currently planning to hire some essential positions in food service and technology.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. WSSDA Conference

Ingrid Colvard updated the board on the status of the conference which is currently being planned both as an in-person and as a fully online event. The board members who had previously attended the conference discussed the benefits the event provided.

b. Reopening Schools for 2020-21 School Year

Ingrid Colvard updated the board on the status of reopening SCSD for the 20/21 school year involving an assessment of SCSD facilities and capacity in order to bring back students for in-person learning while adhering to social distancing guidelines, providing the state with a required reopening plan and looking at each building to determine the number of teachers and students that can occupy each space. Ingrid updated the board on the district's focus on bringing back younger students first which could mean that grades K-5 could come back daily with grades 6-12 coming back on a split schedule of in-person and online learning.

Ingrid added that in order to bring back students for in-person learning, the Wind River Middle School would need to be reopened to adhere to social distancing guidelines. A cost analysis of \$83,500 per year to reopen the Wind River Middle School was provided by Ingrid to the board, Most of the additional cost would be to add an additional custodian to the building, the cost of which would be covered by the additional funding that SCSD would receive with the increase in funding from higher enrollment numbers that opening the building would enable. Ingrid also updated the board on the additional cost of adding a security door to the building, but that there would be no additional administration costs as the principal and associate principal at the current middle/high school building would trade days at each school.

The board voiced concerns about opening the building permanently and discussed opening the building on a temporary basis.

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Adopt: 2020-21 Budget

Kathy McKee gave a brief summary on the current state of the budget, highlighting that any additional decrease in student enrollment would mean additional budget cuts, and that several positions have not yet been hired back in case those funds are needed for additional costs moving forward, such as reopening the Wind River Middle School. Dan Fuller motioned to approve the 2020-2021 budget; Jon Paul Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.

b. Adopt: First Reading Policy #6022 Minimum Fund Balance

Jon Paul Anderson motioned to approve the first reading of policy #6022 Minimum Fund Balance; David Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

c. Approve – Resolution 19/20-17 Treasurer Investment Letter

Laura Mills motioned to approve Resolution 19/20-17 Treasurer Investment Letter; David Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

d. Approve – Resolution 20/21 -2 Treasurer Investment Letter

David Allen motioned to approve Resolution 20/21-2 Treasurer Investment Letter; Jon Paul Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.

e. Approve- Opening of Wind River Middle School as a temporary repurposing of the Wind River Educational Center (WREC) building for the 2020/21 school year with possible future use determined upon reevaluation

Jon Paul Anderson motioned to approve the opening of Wind River Middle School as a temporary repurposing of the Wind River Educational Center building for the 2020/21 school year with possible future use determined upon reevaluation; Laura Mills seconded, and the motion carried.

f. Approve – Establishment of Stevenson-Carson Learning Link as fully remote/online learning option for students grades K-12

Jon Paul Anderson motioned to approve the establishment of the Stevenson-Carson Learning Link as a fully remote/online learning option for students grades K-12; David Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – Request Board Approval

a. Approve – ESD Contracts 2020-21

b. Personnel – Approve Hires/Resignations/Retirements/Transfer-Reassignments

i. Leave of Absence Requests – Jaylee Futter

ii. Retirements – Denise Baxter

c. Vouchers – General, Capital, ASB Funds

d. Payroll

e. Investment Review

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board. As of this date, July 23, 2020, the Board, by unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: General Fund, voucher numbers 116740 through 1166739, in the total amount of \$224,710.53, and Capital Projects Fund, voucher number 5943, in the total amount of \$33,964.27, and July 24, 2020 payroll in the amount of \$782,335.01.

Laura Mills made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Jon Paul Anderson seconded, and the motion carried.

11. SCHEDULE

a. Regular Board Meeting/Work Session– August 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

d. Regular Board Meeting– August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Laura Mills motioned to excuse to a closed session at 8:42 p.m.; Dan Fuller seconded and the motion carried.

Dan Fuller motioned to excuse from the closed session at 9:07 p.m.; Laura Mills seconded and the motion carried.

13. ADJOURN

David Allen motioned to adjourn; Laura Mills seconded. The Board meeting is adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

_____, Chairperson

_____, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

_____, Recording Secretary

