



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Stevenson-Carson School District #303

Regular Board Meeting Amended Agenda - Meeting Minutes

3/14/2013

Members present: Scott Pineo, Chair Randy Krog
 Callae Van Pelt Dan Mitchell
 Hope Peterson Dr. Teena McDonald, Superintendent
 Maria Spencer, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Stevenson-Carson School District Board of Directors was called to order March 14, 2013 at 6:02 p.m., by Chair Scott Pineo.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 14, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes Dan Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Randy Krog, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

3. ADOPTION OF AMENDED AGENDA Randy Krog made a motion, seconded by Callae Van Pelt to adopt the amended agenda. The motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS Guests included: Amanda Matz, Chris Pollard, Kathy Browning, Karen Douglass, Brian Howe, Craig McKee, Brian Morris, Lynda Richart, Lori Ottis and Kim Meche (via Skype).

5. WHAT'S POSITIVE Karen Douglass stated she has received great reactions from the community regarding offering full-day kindergarten next year.

6. DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL RECOGNITION On behalf of the Board, Mr. Pineo presented the Distinguished Principal award via Skype. Kim Meche said she appreciated Scott,

Hope and Teena stopping by to let her know about the award. She explained that Stevenson-Carson School District was where she learned to lead. It was her first administrative position. She stated that she couldn't have done it without the support of colleagues, the administration teams, superintendents, families and students. She said she was constantly learning from students and staff. She expressed that when you can work with so many different people and be supported by so many people, it helps you become a better leader. She asked that the work at WRM/SHS continue; she doesn't want there to be excuses, and wants everyone to rise above road blocks and carry on. She said she wants SHS & WRMS to be better than they are today, that they might be a School of Distinction, but we're not done. She said the right people are there to carry on and continue to be great and thanked the Board for the award. She said she will cherish it. Mr. Pineo thanked Ms. Meche and said the District had the right leader in the right place at the right time to do the conversion to a combined middle and high school; the District couldn't have done it without Ms. Meche. Kayla Davis expressed that the high school couldn't have asked for a better principal and told Ms. Meche they love her. Dr. McDonald relayed that Twyla Barnes said the award was well deserved.

7. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a. Written There was no written communication to the Board.

b. Legislative Conference Hope Peterson reported that it was good to hear the OSPI superintendent, the governor, and legislators talk about their current work. On the second day, Ms. Peterson explained that she had made appointments with our representatives and legislators. She said she, Scott and Teena are getting to know the new representatives and had 15-20 minutes with each. Most of the Legislative Conference centered on the McCleary decision which is asking for \$1.7 billion to schools, as promised by the Supreme Court. She stated there are positives and negatives to attending the conference; the work Board members do is important and the lobbying is an important piece of job.

Dr. McDonald said it was important that they were there. She explained that the legislators are not hearing from community & school leaders about the importance of schools. Mr. Pineo reported that the conference was more adversarial than in the past. The McCleary decision took a large amount of discretion away from the legislators and they have a lot of work ahead of them.

c. Audience Brian Morris clarified that he was speaking as a parent and said this week's newspaper was hurtful to a group of kids. Coaches, teachers and staff do not give special treatment to their own kids. He stated that teachers' kids have it even harder than other kids, not special treatment. Mr. Morris expressed that he didn't like that the newspaper called out the kids in a hurtful way. Ms. Petersen stated that all the Board members were highly offended by it. Kayla Davis said she was extremely offended that the newspaper would say something like that about our school. She expressed that it takes all our hard work and throws it out; it made her very angry. She said many students don't agree and have just one opinion: baloney. Mr. Pineo suggested that this may be something the Board needs to work on from a public relations standpoint in the future.

d. Student Representative Kayla Davis reported that at Stevenson Elementary, the Tears of Joy puppet theatre would be performing on Monday at 8:30 a.m. and then later in the week, 2nd graders get to make puppets and perform. Carson Elementary will have the Oregon Coast Aquarium visit on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. On Wednesday, Washington Reading Corps will host a "Make Reading a Hobbit" family literacy night. Ms. Davis said

that spring sports started strong at Wind River Middle/Stevenson High Schools. Students will be interviewing the superintendent candidates tomorrow at lunch. She reported that WRMS students will be having a children's theatre and that the SHS performance of *The Mousetrap* is cancelled for the 15th & 16th, but will still have shows on March 22nd, 23rd, and a matinee on the 24th. Ms. Davis cheerfully reported that the HSPE's were officially over.

e. Administrative Chris Pollard stated there was not too much to add to the student report. SHS will have a sendoff for the Knowledge Bowl on the morning of 22nd as they head to State. WRMS had a Knowledge Bowl meet today. Brian Morris reported it was a good year to start new traditions and the middle school is putting together a proposal to consolidate the community tea with the promotion ceremony. They are polling kids to see if they're okay with not having a traditional promotion ceremony. He said it is in the beginning stages and suggested the Board call him with any questions or ideas. Ms. Browning reported the fire drill CES did went very well. Mr. Pineo stated there were 26 flowering cherry trees donated and suggested CES would want them for their Earth Day project. Dr. McDonald reminded all that the Kim Meche Service Project will be on April 20th. It will address the WRMS/SHS courtyard and CES grounds. Ms. Douglass reported that 55 second grade students will get three to four hours of instruction from a *Tears of Joy* puppeteer and it is only costing SES \$300.00. She stated that the TPEP training on Wednesday was a rich experience to have with teachers. She explained that they talked with colleagues and set goals; it was a fun afternoon watching the TPEP teachers work hard and stay late. Mr. Howe reported that the ALE staff had a good meeting with parents on Tuesday. The ALE staff thought the name Columbia Gorge School would be a good fit for the new home-grown ALE program. He stated he also received more emails of interest after the meeting. Mr. McKee reported the HSPE tests went well and that students were doing productive things when not testing. He explained that he did a home visit and it really made him realize why there are issues at school. He said it was an eye opener and had a good result: the parent realized the school does care about student.

f. Financial Amanda Matz stated that she and Merce went through the audit pre-exit and there were no findings. It was a clean audit and the exit interview is scheduled for March 29th. She explained that it is time to begin looking at budgeting and enrollment numbers for next year. There are many who are retiring this year, and it will affect our staff mix report which drives funding. She reported that the District had a first; it received about \$51,000 in levy dollars this month. ESD#112 is creating a levy brochure to go out in April and she is getting them numbers as to what we have expended using levy funds. Mr. Pineo stated there is a meeting next week about Rural Schools Funding and it should be interesting. He said it looks good for re-authorization for two years.

g. Superintendent Dr. McDonald reported that she met with some new representatives from Clark College who work behind the scenes. They have an action plan and SMART goals and are looking at having course offerings for fall. She thanked Brian Morris and Anthony Winstead for looking at infrastructure and Brian Howe for his time discussing integrated programs. She said there will be some cost savings and the programs will utilize space efficiently. Dr. McDonald detailed that they discussed billing-back the District for copier use. It will be a good thing for both entities and Clark College was excited about it. She explained that Clark College will work with a state agency to develop an MOU for using our facility, listing the cost, etc.

Dr. McDonald reported she had a meeting with the Sheriff's department and the health department. The other school districts in Skamania County are ready to move forward with the threat assessment team as a county. She explained that agencies will work together if students are a threat to self or others. Things are moving forward.

Dr. McDonald stated the District did not get the energy grant. The state had fifty-five applicants and many had 1:1 matches. Our match was smaller and we had an energy grant two years ago, so that ill affected our chances. She said it didn't cost the District anything and we will save everything from the energy audit. If the grant is available next year, the District can re-apply.

Dr. McDonald reported that the Consolidated Program Review, a federal program audit that was a desk review, is complete. There were no findings. There are a few action items the District is working on. She stated that one program administrator said in one particular federal program, it was the best she had seen.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Pool Dr. McDonald stated the survey by the EDC is complete and the District did not put any money into this. She said she met with community members and the EDC last week to inquire about putting out an open RFP to see if a business wants to run the pool. Robert Waymire has a board meeting next week, and if the District wants to do the RFP, the EDC will handle it and run it in the paper.

The Board unanimously thought that the pool would be beneficial to students and community, but the District does not have any funds to use for running/maintaining it. Dan Mitchell asked if the RFP will cost the District. Dr. McDonald said it would not; the EDC still has grant funds for the RFP.

Scott Pineo asked to entertain a motion now. Randy Krog made a motion to move forward with working on a RFP with the Skamania County EDC, at no cost to the District, in order to benefit students. Callae Van Pelt seconded. Motion carried.

b. Superintendent Search Update Scott Pineo stated that the schedule is provided and he will try to be at the student interviews. He asked if any other Board members could attend. He said Board members will need to be at Hegewald Center on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and the District office on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. Kathy Browning inquired if any Board members would be sitting in on the administrative team interviews. Hope Peterson stated it would be beneficial to be there and see the interaction. Scott Pineo said he might be able to do that. Randy Krog stated he might be able to attend, as well.

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Personnel - Supplemental Contracts Hope Peterson made a motion to approve the March supplemental contracts. Dan Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

b. Personnel - Approve Hiring JV Softball Coach (William Bryan) Randy Krog recused himself, as his daughter is on the JV Softball team. Callae Van Pelt motioned to approve hiring William Bryan as the JV Softball coach. Hope Peterson seconded; motion carried.

c. Contract - Approve Special Services Contract (Bill Bentley) Dan Mitchell made a motion to approve the special services contract with Bill Bentley for administrative support at WRMS/SHS. Randy Krog seconded. Motion carried.

d. Approve Signature Changes on SHS Imprest Account Dr. McDonald explained that the signature changes were due to Kim Meche being on a leave of absence. Callae Van Pelt motioned to approve the signature changes on the SHS Imprest Account. Randy Krog seconded. Motion carried.

e. Approve Signature Change on WRMS Imprest Account Dr. McDonald stated this was the same issue as the high school account. Randy Krog motioned to approve the signature changes on the WRMS Imprest Account. Dan Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

f. Resolution #12-13/8 - Cancel Warrant Dan Mitchell made a motion to adopt Resolution #12-13/8. Randy Krog seconded. Motion carried.

g. 1st Reading - Policy #6220/6220P (Bid Requirements) Dr. McDonald explained that the changes are necessary as part of the CPR action items. They focus on anything spent using federal dollars, such as title I, or title II programs and make sure the District goes through a formal bid process. The modified policy also includes some revised language on the second page, changing “may” to “will” and adding verbiage about the District conducting work in-house. She stated that this law is currently on the docket and by the time second reading happens, there will be more detail about the law. Randy Krog made a motion to adopt Policy #6220/6220P; Callae Van Pelt seconded. Motion carried.

h. 1st Reading - Policy #6801/6801P (Capital Assets/Theft-Sensitive Assets) Dr. McDonald stated that the District will have to plan a training with program directors and principals regarding anything that is theft-sensitive. She explained that the audit called the District to change some wording on the current policy. Many districts are moving to hand held technology that can be easily stolen; this policy safeguards those items. The District will need to accurately inventory our assets. Dan Mitchell made a motion to adopt Policy #6801/6801P. Hope Peterson seconded; motion carried.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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, March 14, 2013, the Board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: General Fund, voucher numbers 104029 through 104127 in the total amount of \$143,674.68; ASB Fund voucher numbers 16046 through 16066 in the total amount of \$11,950.52; and February 25, 2013 payroll in the amount of \$638,036.49.

11. SCHEDULE

a. Superintendent District Tours and Interviews - March 15-16, 2013 Scott Pineo stated the Board already discussed this.

b. Work Session - March 28, 2013 Scott Pineo said he will be gone. Dr. McDonald stated that this is the day after she gets back from bringing Gary home from hospital. She expressed that the Board may want to have time then or another time to discuss the principal search. Hope Peterson suggested discussing that at the April meeting. Dr. McDonald said yes, and suggested opening the position to make sure everyone gets a chance to apply. Dan Mitchell asked if it needs to be opened before April 11th. Dr.

McDonald stated she thought it would be a good idea to open it soon. Hope Peterson said the principal search discussion is not enough to have a full work session. Scott Pineo suggested cancelling the March 28th work session. Dr. McDonald recommended holding a short work session before the April 11th meeting. She stated the administrative team can be there. She stated they can start at 5:30 p.m. for work session, followed by the 6:00 p.m. regular meeting; maybe new superintendent can be there.

c. Board Meeting - April 11, 2013

At 7:05 p.m. there was a short recess before the Board went into executive session.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION Dan Mitchell made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:20 p.m. Callae Van Pelt seconded. Motion carried. The executive session was closed at 7:25 p.m.

13. ADJOURN The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

_____, Chairperson

_____, Superintendent/Secretary to Board

_____, Recording Secretary