



Wenatchee School District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of Feb. 25, 2020
WSD District Office – 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Director Barron convened the meeting into Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. and read the following statement: The school board will now recess into Executive Session for a period of 30 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a staff member. Pursuant to District Policy No. 1410 and RCW 42.30.110, this discussion will be closed to the public. The school board is not expected to take final action following the Executive Session.

At 5:30 p.m. in open session, President Jaecks announced that the Executive session would be extended for an additional 30 minutes.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Laura R. Jaecks, Board President
Martin Barron, Board Vice President
Dr. Michele Sandberg, Board Director
Julie Norton, Board Director
Maria Iñiguez, Board Director
Dr. Paul Gordon, Board Secretary

Also Present:

Staff Members
Community Members

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Board President, Laura Jaecks, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

President Jaecks asked that anyone who wished to address the Board this evening fill out a public comment form and submit it to the Executive Assistant.

AGENDA APPROVAL

No changes to the agenda were requested.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Jaecks reviewed the items contained on the consent agenda. **Motion:** Director Sandberg made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Seconded:** Director Norton **Discussion:** **Motion passed unanimously.** Consent Agenda items included the following:

- A. Minutes: 1-30-20 Board Workshop
- B. Vouchers/Payroll
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Surplus Report
- E. Contracts
- F. Field Trip Requests
- G. February Enrollment Report
- H. January Financial Report

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

ASB REPORTS

Aria Rumley-Wells, Leadership president at WSHS, provided an update on activities and events at Westside High School as follows: four students are moving on to the State DECA Competition, students are gearing up for the annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction, proceeds of which will benefit Avery Patton, a 10-year-old Newbery Elementary School student who has cancer, donations for the auction are being sought from local business, WSHS students were highlighted in the Wenatchee World's Valentines Day insert for Make a Difference Month, students are receiving correspondence back from Veterans they had written to several weeks ago, and the Robotics Club has a programming day scheduled for this weekend at WSHS and another competition scheduled for March 8 at Central Washington University.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center Presentation

Pete Jelsing, WVTSC Director, thanked the Board for inviting them. He also thanked Chef Richard Kitos for the amazing work he has done with the Culinary Program at the Tech Center. Dr. Gordon reminded the Board that February is CTE Month as we continue to celebrate the amazing work that is going on in the District. Chef Richard spoke about the fundraising dinner the students put on for Valentine's Day, noting that it went very smoothly and the students did an outstanding job. The event raised over \$2,000 with proceeds supporting the class. Rafael and Seth, freshmen students in the program, spoke about the fundraiser and how hard they worked, as well as some of the other cooking experiences they have had in the classroom. Chef Richard also shared some of the different cooking techniques they have tried. The students and Chef Richard then responded to questions from Board members and invited them to sample some of the food items they had prepared. Mr. Jelsing explained how students are taking what they are learning and using it outside of class and, again, gave kudos to Chef Richard for his work, experience, and heart. He went on to note that one of the areas of focus for the culinary program this year is ensuring the competencies are met - areas WVTSC staff want students to learn and be assessed. Plans are to expand competency based assessments to other programs at the Tech Center and to enforce basic fundamentals of math across all departments.

Dr. Gordon added that enrollment at the Tech Center has surpassed projections for the past two years and that we have also seen a boost in enrollment from some of our partner districts. This shows that word is getting out and that this is an important part of the District's academic pathways. He also gave a shout out for the Tech Center Program Guide, which was recently mailed out to the community.

DISCUSSION

Policies - 1st Read: #3225, #4314, #3416, #3423, #5201

Staff, along with Board Policy Committee members, Directors Jaecks and Sandberg, explained proposed changes in Board policies. Policy #3225 and #4314 are consistent with the District's Threat Assessment Plan that has been in place for the last few years. WSSDA language was used and clarifying language was added to distinguish that threat to harm self only falls under suicide prevention protocol. Policy #3416 allows staff who have been trained by the District's nurses to administer inhalers. Policy #3423 allows for medical marijuana to be administered by a parent/guardian to a student on school property. Students must have a very severe medical condition as defined by the legislation. Policy #5201 relates to staff and was updated due to the introduction of Policy 3423. Following a question and answer session, President Jaecks indicated that these revised policies will be on the consent agenda for second read at an upcoming meeting.

Budget 101 - Discussion and Timeline

Larry Mayfield, Executive Director of Business and Finance, gave an overview of Budget 101 a powerpoint that provided additional details concerning district budget and funding. Following his presentation, he responded to questions from Board members. The Board thanked Mr. Mayfield for the presentation and for his thoroughness.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Director Norton, Legislative Representative, noted that the sex education bill is in hearings now. Board members are receiving some comments from community members/parents about this. She indicated that she would bring back more information to the next meeting so the Board can be responsive to the community.

Director Sandberg reported that there is an excellent conference on May 20th, concerning equity, which ties in with the Board's recently established values. She has attended in the past and encouraged other Board members to go. The conference is a collaboration between WSSDA, WASA, and AWSP. Cabinet members were also encouraged to attend.

President Jaecks indicated that she had received a telephone call from a community member with concerns about the fencing going up at Lewis & Clark Elementary. Mr. Helm, Assistant Superintendent,

responded that the District was aware of this concern and is taking steps to address it. President Jaecks suggested contacting all the neighboring residents to keep them informed about the project.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Gordon Introduced Mike Lane, newly appointed Executive Director of Learning and Teaching and Cabinet member. He shared his appreciation for Mike’s listening ability, his building perspective that gets brought to table, and his big picture view of students and staff. He added that he is excited that Mike is a part of the team and for the work that he’s going to do. Mike shared that he has been with the District for two and half years, most recently as the Director of State and Federal Programs. Prior to that, he spent 25 years in Vancouver, nine of those as a middle school principal, and he is excited for the opportunities this new position brings.

Dr. Gordon called attention to the GLAD Team work on the board room walls, praising the efforts of Nadya Bush, Terrie Goviea, and Kathy Anderson. This work demonstrates the high quality professional development that is happening in our District. Preschool teachers throughout the area were brought in to learn how we teach the GLAD strategies to engage more students (second language learners). The teachers come to the training, then return to the classrooms, working alongside our trainers, to continue to grow and improve outcomes for students. Our District has one of the best teams in the country and Kathy and Terrie are Nationally Certified GLAD trainers. He is very proud of our staff and the work they are doing.

Dr. Gordon reported that over 1000 people have taken our survey which closes March 1. He encouraged everyone who had not taken the survey to do so, indicating that the results will be helpful as the District goes through the process of developing its Strategic Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

President Date

Superintendent Date