

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Darrington Elementary Library  
1085 Fir Street  
Darrington, WA 98241

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**  
**REGULAR MEETING: 6:30 PM**

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### **Call to Order**

Jennifer West called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute. Other members present: Joe Perrault, Alan Pickard, Dana Meis and Erin Green.

### **Correspondence**

Jennifer explained to the audience that Alan had stepped down as Chair and that policy dictates the Vice Chair step in and that a vote to fill the chair and vice chair occurs each year and would again occur next month. She thanked everyone for coming. Buck received an update from Snohomish County regarding the progress in the 2 phase approach to alleviate flooding near Mouse Creek.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Alan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Regular Agenda**

Alan made a motion to approve the Regular Agenda. Erin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **Elementary:**

Tracy Franke reports:

- STEM is in full force; K-5 Forest Walks with volunteers and GPI to the archery range
- Sound Salmon Solutions, in collaboration with Stillaguamish Tribe are working with 3-5 grades on watershed
- ELA reading adoption in process with an estimated \$100,000 needed for K-8 implementation; planning to visit Arlington and LaConner who have adopted the curriculum
- Walk to Read for 3-5 grades started last week
- Staff collaboration today between teachers and Instructional Assistants
- Great American Shake-out was Thursday; fire drill also in September
- Details need to be resolved if evacuation needed after Mr. & Mrs. Franke-lead violent intruder training last month. Judy Nevitt asked if classrooms had buttons in them. Mrs. Franke showed the magnets on the library door that each room has. Jennifer asked Buck if the district had a plan and safety committee. Buck said we have an ad hoc committee.
- Dental hygienist shared proper brushing and flossing techniques with 1-3 grade students last week; impact of sugar on tooth decay discussed
- Letters sent home outlining Sno-Isle 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading challenge
- Elementary library system crashed; up and running once again
- New phone system is in; training needed
- Preschool students visited Pumpkin Patch
- Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Wiersma classes visited Museum of Flight

- Title I meetings held with only 7 attendees to discuss School-wide Family Engagement policy
- Bullets to be added to Learning Compact policy format for ease in reading after input from meetings; meetings next week during conferences after need for more participation discussed
- Friends of Library assembly tomorrow
- Half days Tuesday-Friday next week with conferences Wednesday and Thursday
- Students are preparing for Veteran's Day celebration

### **High School:**

Rachel Quarterman reports:

- Staff to act as students are their own should violent intruder incident occur
- Staff learning walks well received; planning another round in the spring
- Science club does wonderful job organizing blood drives; November 15 next scheduled
- Conferences next Wednesday and Thursday
- Band and Leadership classes busy readying for Veteran's Day assembly
- Mr. Galbraith continues arranging for colleges to visit our school; focus this year around learner, citizen, employee and planner working toward graduation
- Thanks to Sherry who coordinates resources for some of our most at-risk students

### **Special Programs:**

Rachel Quarterman reports:

- Thanks to Val and McKenzie for help in reporting for first round of Desk Review; formal review will take place January 8-19
- Caitlin Schmidt completed portion of student teaching with Ms. Booth; now at Elementary
- Gavin Gladsjo continues student teaching in both schools
- Our SLP is certified to train staff in ABA; sessions to be held November 6

### **DEA:**

Cory Ross reports:

- DEA stands firm that a principal is needed in each building as well as a Superintendent in Administration
- Thanks to McKenzie for explaining what each percentage of \$70,000 surplus signifies; questions budget crisis

### **PSE:**

No Report

### **Student Representative:**

Natalie Stewart reports:

- Fund raisers are up and going; Senior Haunted Hallways
- Have 3 or 4 clubs; need advisors for others including Space Club and Knowledge Bowl
- High Ice community event November 3
- New kids' luncheon Thursday to welcome new students
- School photo sent in support of Shane Kenamer's family
- Leadership class to host Dan Kristiansen Friday
- Homecoming was a great success with great decorations
- Students confused on door opening times

### **Enrollment/Financial Reports:**

McKenzie Boyd reports:

- Fund balance is preliminary until year-end closed; \$36,000 deficit to come from fund balance
- Enrollment at 403.1 for October; higher than budgeted, holding steady

### **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:**

- Carina Green read parts of what she named WSSDA's Board Standards Manual expressing her opinion that the Board is failing 4 of 6 standards regarding the Board being a part of the community. When asked when the Superintendent's last evaluation occurred, the response was June of 2017.
- Jan Kittelson commented "she said it all", referring to Carina Green's comments. He commented that Buck is for the kids and asked why Alan stepped down as Chair. The reason for stepping down was to remove the assumption that the decision for not offering a new contract was personal between Alan and Buck. Jen expressed that the Vice Chair does nothing more than fill in. Jan asked if the Board was having meetings amongst themselves at the coffee shop to which Jen responded she has been meeting one-on-one with Board members. He commented that kids, teachers and the community want to keep Buck. He said two students who had failed required graduation testing were allowed to walk at graduation, thanks to Buck. He expressed his hope that the Board's minds were not made up.
- Tracy Reuwsaat said she was sorry for the death in Jen's family. She commented that she had a sit down with Alan and Tracy with ideas on how to work together. She said we're all here for the kids. She expressed the idea of a bond for the needed roof and septic concerns instead of not renewing Buck's contract. She said she would hold a sign to get a new roof. She asked who on the Board attended the homecoming football game; Joe attended. She asked if the Board agreed to be the Community's voice and do what's best for kids and community, why does Dana's child go to a different school. Jen and Dana remarked that all families have different situations.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alan made a motion to accept WSSDA recommend policy updates 3231, 3231P, 3232, 3232P, 3245 and 3245P. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Policy Update:**

Board members were encouraged to read WSSDA recommended new and revised policies and procedures 4040, 4040P, 6210, 6210P, 3246, 3246P, 5011, and 5011P. McKenzie shared that the policy updates were out of order due to Risk Management and Special Education timelines for specific policies and procedures.

#### **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR: VACANCY:**

Erin nominated herself as Board Chair. Alan nominated Jen as Board Chair. Joe, Dana, Alan and Jen voted for Jen, Erin voted for herself. Alan nominated Erin as Vice Chair. All voted for Erin. These positions are for October and November.

**October 2017 Asset Surplus:**

Alan made a motion to approve the October Asset Surplus items listed on page 54. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Gifts to the District:**

Dana made a motion to accept the \$300 donation by Kenneth Foote to Shawna Brown’s classroom. Alan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agreements, Contracts and Personnel Actions:**

Alan made a motion to accept the agreements, contracts, and personnel actions as presented on page 56. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Buck Marsh reports:

- New phones installed yesterday
- Scoreboard has been repaired; console to be replaced at a later date
- Lighting and controls should be finished by Christmas break
- Senior Night for 5 during tonight’s volleyball match. Thursday’s match in LaConner determines place in Bi-district
- Homecoming was great
- Strategic Plan needs updating
- Tracy, Rachel, McKenzie and I are attending Leadership Program meetings with a coach

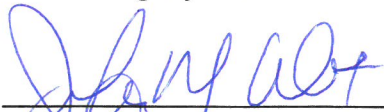
**Board Comments:**

Jennifer thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She expressed that while the issues aren’t the easiest to understand, she would work with Erin and get caught up to speed. She said it was great to see this type of attendance.

**Adjournment:**

Chair Jennifer West adjourned the regular business meeting at 7:35 PM. She announced that the Board would enter into Closed Session beginning at 7:40 PM. She announced the Closed Session would adjourn at 8:30 PM. The purpose of the closed session is to review the performance of a public employee.

The Board then re-emerged from Closed Session into Open Session for final adjournment at 8:30 PM. The meeting adjourned with no further action being taken.

  
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