

School Board of Directors – School Board Meeting

March 25, 2021 – 5:30pm

Simpson Library & Broadcast Remote

Minutes

Regular Meeting – Establish Quorum: The following board members were in attendance and a quorum was established.

Board Members in Attendance: Kelly Vance, Doug Streeter, Chris Thomas, Moraya Wilson and Tiffany Schweppe.

Board Member(s) Absent: None

Flag Salute: Lead by Kelly Vance

Approval of Meeting Agenda: A motion was passed to approve the meeting agenda as presented; motion seconded; motion carried.

Public Comment: Stephanie Klinger read this statement from Dan Winter.

I know there have been a lot of questions about the change from 6 feet to 3 feet the CDC announced last week. Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has also updated their guidance for K-12 schools to reflect 3 feet of distance between students in certain situations.

While it may seem like an easy transition to get all kids back in school, it actually creates an entire new set of issues to prepare for and causes some additional problems that need to be addressed. For example, while students can sit three feet apart in the classroom, they still need to sit six feet apart at lunch. This is not a problem when we have half our students in the building, but it becomes an issue when we have the entire student body in attendance. Other things like transportation, bell schedules that are determined by transportation, and classroom space need to be finalized before we make the final decision about when to make the change.

We have had many discussions about a full return since last March so much of the planning is done. However, like most things during this pandemic, we have been taking things one day at a time because of the continual changes to rules and guidance. We are reviewing the recently released guidance from DOH and the CDC. The current plan has students returning full time after spring break. We will provide final details next week before the break with all the information necessary for parents and students to prepare for the return.

Thank you for your patience and, as always, please contact us with any questions. We look forward to providing you our post spring break plans next week.

Principal Reports: Barb Page – Beacon completed our Spring reading challenge. Usually this lasts for one month but this time we only did it for 2 weeks. I am pleased to say that the students and families surpassed the numbers in 2 weeks that they usually complete in a month! Great job! Makes me proud to be a Bulldog! Chris Cady – Wanted to give a huge shout out to Emily Egger, Jessica Huff, LeAnn Prince and Rebecca Taylor for their work with the M.O.D.E.L. program. They are doing an outstanding job. Also, thank you to the whole Simpson staff they have been incredible and make me enjoy coming to work every day.

Business Operations Report –

- Current Fund Balance - \$1,765,138.00
- General Fund for the month of February: Expenses were over revenue by \$5,381.
- Year to Date: Revenue is \$8,976,513.17 (45.48 % of budgeted) and Expenditures are \$9,589,820.60 (50.52% of budgeted)
- February marks the halfway point of our fiscal year, these percentages are what we expect since we receive 51.5% of our apportionment in the last half of the year as well as receiving a higher percentage of our property tax collection in the Spring.
- Enrollment through March count day – we are at 4.64 FTE below where we budgeted
- Fund Balance in Other Funds – Cap Projects \$103,97.50, Debt Service Fund \$336,393.89, ASB Fund \$169,813.47 and Transportation Vehicle Fund \$91,340.77
- Update on the audit- The audit is complete and we have the audit exit conference next Wed., March 31st. The Auditors Office has stated this is a “clean” audit and there were no findings. I will forward the audit documents to you when we receive them. As you saw in the vouchers provided, we have a payment of \$19,368 going to the State Auditor’s Office for the audit. This is not the final billing. The estimate for the total amount of the audit was \$29,000

Consent Agenda:

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Payroll & Benefits	No.623425-623456	\$1,436,706.38
General Fund	No.623459-623523,623538	\$ 206,955.32
ASB	No.623458,623524-623537,623539	\$ 10,472.46

Consent Agenda: No discussion; moved and seconded, motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Name	Position	Description
Elliott Mendenhall	JH Football Coach	Resignation - Effective 3.3.2021
Maguire Cavanaugh	HS Baseball Asst. Coach	Resignation - Effective 3.3.2021
Amanda Pratt	JH/HS Math Teacher (Limited Cert)	Resignation - Effective End of 20-21 School Year
Eric Stanfield	HS Softball Asst. Coach	Resignation - Effective 3.15.2021
Matthew Jensen	JH Football Coach	Recommendation to Hire
Gary Mawhorter	HS Boys Soccer Asst. Coach	Recommendation to Hire
Nick Chapman	HS Baseball Asst. Coach	Recommendation to Hire
Dawn Parkin	HS Softball Asst. Coach	Recommendation to Hire
Shawn Murphie	Elementary Evening Custodian	Termination of Employment - Effective 3.23.21

Personnel Report: No discussion; moved and seconded, motion carried

Business Action/Discussion Items:

- a. Resolution 445.21 Emergency Waiver for High School Grad Credits – Motion made to approve Resolution 445.21, seconded and approved.

Public Comment: Shawn announced public comment is open and to post in the chat.

No public comment

Superintendent's Report - None

Board Comments:

- Chris – Congratulations to several of our student athletes for their League MVP, 1st team and honorable mention awards. Good to see the kids out playing again!

Adjournment: 5:45 PM

Next Meeting will be held April 22th, 2021.

Board Chair

Board Secretary