

Chair Connie Welch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. PRESENT: Connie Welch, Jennifer James-Wilson, Nathanael O'Hara, Laura Tucker and Keith White. Also present were Superintendent Polm, staff, and community members.

Board Thought

Director White expressed hope that today's young people will be able to sustain efforts to care for others. He read the lyrics of "Give a Damn" by Spanky and Our Gang.

Agenda Approval

Chair Welch stated the recognition of high school winter athletics would be take place after board correspondence. Director James-Wilson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Director O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Recognition

Superintendent

Education Support Professionals Week

Superintendent Polm read the proclamation from Governor Inslee declaring March 11-15, 2019 Education Support Professionals Week, formerly Classified Employees Week. He presented certificates of appreciation for each school's support professionals to SEIU Local 925 President Amy Recker.

Public Comments-None

Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed an email from Susan O'Brien regarding her School-Based Health Center Report at the February 21, 2019 Regular Business Meeting. The Board also reviewed an email from Heidi Hietpas, CPA, Assistant State Auditor regarding the audit exit conference scheduled for 11:00 a.m. April 1, 2019 and Chair Welch's response email. Chair Welch and Director White will attend the exit interview.

High school athletes were not yet present. Awards presentation delayed until their arrival.

Reports

Board Members

Director James-Wilson and Director White attended the Jefferson County Educational Partnership (JCEP) meeting February 28. The group, which included board members and superintendents from Brinnon, Chimacum, Quilcene and Port Townsend School Districts, discussed aligning needs and creating solutions. The Port Townsend School District Maritime program was another topic at the meeting. Director James-Wilson expressed appreciation for the cultural sensitivity training the Board received February 27 from Loni Greninger of Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. Director Tucker appreciated the big picture focus of the training. Director White felt Ms. Greninger was a powerful person and Chair Welch appreciated Ms. Greninger's respectfulness. Director James-Wilson also attended the recent Right Relations with Native Tribes event held at the Quaker church. Director Tucker met with teachers Lisa Olsen and Heather Sanders who will start a food waste audit at Blue Heron as part of a climate

change grant from Governor Inslee. Chair Welch, Director James-Wilson, and Director O'Hara attended the Port Townsend Education Foundation (PTEF) Soiree fundraising event March 9.

MDS Program

MDS Program Director Sarah Rubenstein provided a program update in the areas of the Project Curriculum Matrix, professional development planning, and the Maritime Academy. She also presented teaching experience, student experience and district support recommendations for the next five (5) years of the program. Discussion followed.

Recognition

High School Winter Athletics

Superintendent Polm, Athletic Coordinator Lysa Falge, Girls Basketball Coach Bryan Tracer and Boys Basketball Coach Tom Webster presented certificates of achievement to high school winter athletes who earned all-league, sub-regional placing, state participation, and state medalist honors. Ms. Falge announced that the Port Townsend Wrestling Team also won the league sportsmanship award.

McCarthy-Dressman Grant

Sarah Rubenstein explained this is the third and final year of receiving the McCarthy-Dressman Grant. The funding helps support efforts to increase student fluency in mathematics, including integration of math into maritime projects. Discussion followed.

Mathematics Curriculum K-5 and 6-12

Salish Coast Elementary Principal Lisa Condran and Math Intervention Specialist Tracy Gallegos reported on the Preschool-Grade 5 Math Implementation Status of the Bridges in Mathematics Curriculum adopted in the 2016-17 school year. They explained the three levels instruction, which are traditional lessons, number corner time, and intervention time. The report included a review of grade level performance on Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) mathematics targets. Assistant Superintendent Sandy Gessner presented a Secondary Math Instructional Materials Adoption Team Report. The team has met several times this school year and has created a short list of curricula to review. Programs will be piloted by the 2nd week of May, and the team will meet in late May to make a decision. Discussion followed.

Superintendent

Superintendent Polm reported on the following:

- Thanks to staff for the good work that is taking place in the district
- Attended Finance Committee Meeting February 27, next meeting is March 27
- Reviewed budgeting process
- Hosted Coffee Chat March 5
- Attended JCEP meeting February 28. JCEP superintendents will meet March 8 to continue discussion of resolutions of cooperation between districts
- High school elevator construction project begins March 11

Action Items

Director Districts Redistricting Plan

Superintendent Polm stated that no public input was received at the public hearing or in written form following the hearing. If approved, the plan will be submitted to the Jefferson County Auditor by the March 15 deadline. Director White moved to approve the Director Districts Redistricting Plan. Director James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve Revised 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

Superintendent Polm explained that a calendar revision was needed due to the use of the June 17 snow day. June 14 will become a full school day instead of an early release day, and June 17 will be an early release day. Director Tucker moved to approve the Revised 2018-2019 School Year Calendar. Director O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Superintendent Polm mentioned that the district would not request a waiver for snow days from the State Board of Education because the district previously received a five (5) day waiver for the delayed start of Salish Coast.

Approve Out-of-State Travel Brenna Bemis to Professional Development Workshop March 19-22, 2019 at Camphill School in Philadelphia, PA

Director James-Wilson moved to approve Out-of-State Travel Brenna Bemis to Professional Development Workshop March 19-22, 2019 at Camphill School in Philadelphia, PA. Director Tucker asked for information about the location of the training. Superintendent Polm explained that Camphill School is an exceptional special education school. Director White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business

Board Self-Assessment Survey Results Discussion

Superintendent Polm offered the strategy of each director sharing noticings and wonderings from the report. Director Tucker stated that she noticed an increase in scores over the years that indicated learning by the Board and refining and carrying out goals. Director White wondered if scores lower than previous years indicated the Board was more critical of themselves than on previous assessments. Director James-Wilson would like the Board to achieve an Always answer for Questions 23 and 24 related to belief in student learning and communication of high expectations. Director White noticed the score for Question 31, which asks about prioritizing high expectations for all students, was lower than in all previous years of the survey. Chair Welch mentioned interest in Question 32 regarding review of student achievement. Director O'Hara felt the Board gets some information regarding student achievement, but could increase the level of communication with building administrators and staff regarding expectations. Chair Welch emphasized the importance of aligning student expectations with the Strategic Plan. The Board agreed they would like to increase their opportunities to view student projects and achievement. The survey results will be reviewed further at the April 4 meeting.

New Business

Calendar Survey Results and 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Draft Calendars

Superintendent Polm explained that the calendar and communications survey was sent to families and staff by Director of Communications Sarah Rubenstein. The goal is to approve the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year calendars this year and approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar in early 2020. Ms. Rubenstein discussed highlights of the survey results, including family and Salish Coast staff interest in extending the school day to increase lunch and recess times. She said the conference dates are being reviewed at the Board's request. She mentioned that families also indicated preferences of receiving communications from the district by text or email. Superintendent Polm explained the next

steps in the calendar review process. The Board discussed the possibility of adjusting the Salish Coast Elementary school day start and end times.

Policy Review

Policy and Procedure 4040 and 4040P Public Access to District Records – First Review

Superintendent Polm stated that the extensive changes to the policy and procedure follow WSSDA recommendations and reflect current state law requirements. The Board discussed the meaning of the first paragraph on page two of the policy. The policy will be presented for second review and approval at the March 21, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

Policy and Procedure 4314 and 4314P Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm – Second Review

Superintendent Polm explained new edits applied to the policy since the first review at the February 21, 2019 Regular Business Meeting, which include an introductory paragraph and a definition of a “credible” threat. The policy will be presented for second review and approval at the March 21, 2019 Regular Business Meeting.

Public Comments – None

Future Meeting Topics and Agenda Planning

March 21, 2019 Regular Business Meeting agenda items include High School and Blue Heron ASB Reports, Asset Preservation Report, Approve Meal Prices for 2019-20, and recognition of Music in our Schools Month. Topics for the April 4, 2019 Work/Study Meeting are ReCyclery Lease Agreement Report, Transportation of Students Who Live Within One Mile of School Report, and the count of directors who will be attending Senior Symposium May 21, Senior Scholarship Awards June 3, and High School Commencement June 7. Director James-Wilson will provide the board thought.

Executive Session – Not Needed

Board Reflections

The Board enjoyed the presence of the students. Director James-Wilson requested an update on the Transportation Co-op with Chimacum School District. Superintendent Polm hopes to provide an update at the March 21, 2019 Regular Business Meeting or the April 4, 2019 Work/Study Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Polm, Secretary

ATTEST: _____

Connie Welch,
Board Chair