

Board Chair Holley Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Pam Daly, Holley Carlson, Jennifer James-Wilson, Keith White, and Nathanael O'Hara. Also present were Superintendent Engle, staff, and community members.

Superintendent Engle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognitions – Superintendent Engle

Dr. Engle presented a shining star award to Susan O'Brien for her work at the high school student health clinic, and recognized Karlana Black, who is retiring as Attendance Secretary at the High School, for her years of service to the district.

Holley Carlson called a short recess at 6:05 for a reception in Ms. Black's honor.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Approval

Jennifer James-Wilson moved to approve the agenda. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Reorganization of Board

Superintendent Engle called for nominations for Board Chair. Ms. James-Wilson nominated Holley Carlson for a second term as board chair. Pam Daly seconded, and the vote was as follows:

Jennifer James-Wilson:	Aye
Nathanael O'Hara	Aye
Holley Carlson	Aye
Keith White	Aye
Pam Daly	Aye

Board Chair Carlson called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Jennifer James-Wilson nominated Pam Daly to serve as Board Vice-Chair. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Other assignments are as follows:

- Accounts Payable review: Nathanael O'Hara to continue
- Legislative Representative: Pam Daly and Keith White
- Media Relations: Nathanael O'Hara and Jennifer James-Wilson

Public Comments:

Kelli Parcher reported on the Peace4Kids curriculum adopted by the district this year and said some grant money was obtained to provide staff with training for Modules 2 and 3 of that program.

Correspondence

The board reviewed a letter from Port Townsend Music Boosters regarding music classes at Blue Heron.

Approval of Minutes:

The following minutes were brought for approval:

- November 24, 2014, Regular Board Meeting. Ms. Daly moved to approve the minutes. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Included on the Consent Agenda were: 1) Approval of Accounts Payable as of December 8, 2014; 2) Payroll for November, 2014; 3)

Hires:

Jessica Winsheimer as 6 hr./day Grant Street Elementary
Secretary, effective January 7, 2015

Ian Fraser as High School Track Coach, effective the 2014-15
school year

Reports

Blue Heron Assessment Report – Principal Lashinsky

Principal Lashinsky reported on Blue Heron School student assessment scores for 2013-14 in reading, writing, science, and math. She also reported on goals for improving student learning at Blue Heron, and staff members Maria Briones, Kirsten Bledsoe, Lisa Cartwright, and Leslie Shively explained some of the programs and strategies that are being used to reach those goals. Discussion followed.

Board Chair Carlson called a short recess at 8:30 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Superintendent

Dr. Engle reported on the following:

- Invitation to Port Townsend School District from WALA (Washington Association for Learning Alternatives) to present at their annual conference March 5-7, 2015
- Upcoming sports events at Port Townsend High School
- Board resolution supporting levy was discussed

Business Manager

Business Manager Sara Bonneville presented a November, 2014 budget status report, and a financial summary for all funds. She also discussed the district's minimum fund balance, as required annually by Policy 6022.

New Business

Legislative Priorities

WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) legislative priorities were discussed, including:

- Equalization of professional days offered teachers throughout all districts
- Federal forest funds

WSSDA Do's and Don'ts of School Elections

This document from the WSSDA annual conference the board recently attended was discussed, including data on how election results differ depending on when elections are held, use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns, and exceptions to those restrictions. The board agreed a resolution should be drafted for possible approval at the January 12, 2015 meeting to support the levy. By drafting such a resolution, it gives board members more flexibility when speaking in public about the levy.

Board Member Announcements/Suggestions for Future Meetings

The board retreat on January 12, 2015 was discussed. The upcoming City bond was also discussed. Ms. Carlson said she is unable to attend the Instructional Materials Committee meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2014; Mr. White agreed to attend.

Next Meeting

Board Retreat, January 12, 2015, 1610 Blaine St., Room S-11, 4:00 p.m.

Work/Study meeting, January 12, 2015, 1610 Blaine St., Room S-11, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engle, Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Holley Carlson, Board Chair