

Board Chair Holley Carlson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Present: Keith White, Pam Daly, Jennifer James-Wilson, Holley Carlson, and Nathanael O'Hara. Also present were Superintendent Engle, staff, and community members.

Agenda Approval

Pam Daly moved to approve the agenda. Nathanael O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation

Proposed Washington State standards for superintendent evaluation were discussed. Attributes of modern educational leaders were discussed, and the board participated in an activity to evaluate Dr. Engle's performance in relation to those attributes. Discussion followed. Professional development for staff and the Maritime Discovery Schools initiative were reviewed.

The District website was discussed.

Board Evaluation Process

WSSDA's (Washington State School Directors' Association) online evaluation was explored. Each board member will complete before the next board meeting on January 26, 2015.

Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Engle suggested putting a plan in place to accomplish each goal referenced in the current strategic plan. It was agreed to work on implementing projects with a timeline around each strategic goal at the August board retreat.

MDS Update – Satterberg Foundation Grant

Superintendent Engle said approval of this grant requires a third-party review.

Dr. Engle said he has been in contact with a group called Encore.org, which helps the older population in an area assist and become involved in their community, including schools.

Technology Update

Superintendent Engle spoke about the deployment of Chromebooks to students. Because assessment testing this year will be done entirely online, with a few exceptions, it was necessary for the District to provide devices that will support that testing. Chromebooks were chosen because they are simple to use, secure, affordable, and have a long battery life. Funds for these devices came from the capital projects levy.

Reports

Superintendent Engle reported on the following:

- NCLB Status. Port Townsend District is in Step 2 of improvement because 100% of students did not meet standard on assessment tests, so money must be reserved from the District's Title I budget.
- Capital Projects. New carpet has been installed in the hallway at Grant Street Elementary. Lighting projects are upcoming.

- Principal Succession at Grant Street. He attended a staff meeting at Grant Street, and asked what kind of attributes the staff would like to see in a new principal. Advertisement for the position should go out in mid-February.
- Long-Range Planning. He has met with each building staff to gather input, which will be shared with the Facilities and Long-Range Planning Committee. That committee will then create a recommendation to the Board, sometime in August, 2015.
- Lincoln Building Update. A group called Westcom Capital recently contacted the District and may be interested in the Lincoln Building to construct affordable senior housing; a proposal will be forthcoming.
- Math Vertical Teaming Report. Grades 6-12 math teachers have met and are developing a recommendation for new curriculum which will be presented to the Instructional Materials Committee, which will then submit a recommendation to the Board.

Experiential Learning

This activity was postponed to a later date due to the time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engle, Secretary

ATTEST: Holley Carlson, Board Chair