

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

Keith White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Orchestra Director Daniel Ferland introduced several members of the high school orchestra, who played excerpts from musical numbers they performed at a recent competition in Gresham, Oregon.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Daly said it had been requested Principal Ehrhardt's presentation be moved to 09.01 on the agenda. Jennifer James-Wilson moved to approve the agenda with that amendment. Keith White seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Recognition

Ms. James-Wilson said the orchestra concert on March 10, 2015 was excellent. She also wished to acknowledge the passing of Leslie Schroeder, former 4-5 grade teacher in the District.

Public Comments

- Sonia Story spoke about the dangers of wireless radiation from electronic wireless devices in the District, and asked if this subject could be considered at a future board work/study meeting.
- Mia Frederickson spoke in support of the music programs at both the High School and Blue Heron, and hopes that any scheduling changes at Blue Heron for the 2015-16 school will not affect students' ability to choose both technology and music classes.
- Kimberly Montgomery also expressed concern regarding scheduling changes and availability of music classes at Blue Heron
- Frank DePalma spoke in support of keeping both music and technology classes at Blue Heron.
- Germaine Arthur also voiced support of maintaining a robust music program in the District.

Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were brought for approval:

- February 23, 2015, Regular Board Meeting. Nathanael O'Hara moved to approve the minutes. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 4-0.
- March 9, 2015, Board Retreat. Mr. White moved to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 4-0.
- March 9, 2015, Work/Study Meeting. Mr. White moved to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Included on the consent agenda were the following items: 1) Accounts Payable for March 23, 2015; 2) Payroll for February, 2015; 3) Recommend the following actions:

- Hire:** Jeanette Parker as Learning Support Services Secretary, effective the 2015-16 school year
Cameron Botkin as Blue Heron Track Coach, effective the 2014-15 school year
Alice Fraser as High School Assistant Track Coach, effective the 2014-15 season
- Retirement/Resignation:** Accept resignation/retirement of Linda Morris, Grant Street Elementary Teacher, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
Accept resignation of Maggie Hubbell, Grant Street Elementary Para-educator, effective march 13, 2015
- Leave:** Approve Tanya Rublaitus, High School Teacher, leave of absence for the 2015-16 school year
Approve Jean Scarboro, School Counselor, Grant Street Elementary, leave of absence for the 2015-16 school year

Board Correspondence – None

Reports

Core 24 for the Class of 2019 – Principal Ehrhardt

Principal Ehrhardt explained how the High School will meet the new State requirements that require the graduating class of 2019 to earn 24 credits for graduation. Port Townsend High School currently requires 22.5 credits to graduate. Ms. Ehrhardt said students in the class of 2019 may choose a Personalized Pathway as they enter high school, which allows for the substitution of up to 3 credits from this pathway in place of another state requirement. Introducing these new requirements to 8th graders so students have more time to plan was discussed.

ASB Report – None

Blue Heron Building Report – Brad Taylor, Director of Maintenance and Facilities

Mr. Taylor explained that because state matching funds were used when Blue Heron School was built, this assessment is an annual requirement for the Board to review.

National Core Arts Standards – Daniel Ferland, Orchestra Director

Mr. Ferland gave details about the national standards that are being proposed for arts education, similar to the Common Core academic standards. A short video was shown describing how learning to play a musical instrument affects brain activity.

Business Manager

Business Manager Sara Bonneville presented enrollment numbers for March, 2015, a February, 2015 budget status report, and a financial summary for all funds.

Action Items

Approval of Policy 3207 – Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

It was noted that in the last sentence of Paragraph 2 on Page 2, "IPE" should read "IEP." Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve Policy 3207 with that correction. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Policy Review

Policy 5011 – Sexual Harassment

It was noted WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) is recommending this policy be moved from the 6000 Management Support series to the 5000 Personnel series. Discussion followed.

Board Member Announcements/Suggestions for Future Meetings

- Ms. James-Wilson may not be able to attend the WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting on March 28, 2015
- Mr. White will be attending a meeting in Sequim on March 31, 2015 for new board members.
- State elected officials' financial affairs statement (Form F1) is due by April 15.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2015, Work/Study Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 1610 Blaine Street, Room S-11

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engle, Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Pam Daly, Board Vice-Chair