

Regular Board Meeting

June 22, 2015

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Board Vice-Chair Pam Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Pam Daly, Jennifer James-Wilson, Keith White. Excused: Nathanael O'Hara. Also present were Superintendent Engle, staff, and community members.

Keith White led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Mr. White moved to approve the agenda. Jennifer James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Recognition

Superintendent

Superintendent Engle presented a retirement recognition to Ruth Ellen Larkin.

Public Comments

George Oswald, Executive Board Member of the Port Townsend Education Association (PTEA), and teacher at Blue Heron School, spoke about what action the PTEA might consider if the Washington Education Association (WEA) calls for a strike or walk-out in the fall of 2015. He presented a letter to the board which is attached to these minutes.

Approval of Minutes

The following minutes were brought for approval:

- May 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Jennifer James-Wilson moved to approve the minutes. Keith White seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- June 8, 2015 Work/Study Meeting. Mr. White moved to approve the minutes. Ms. James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.
- June 10, 2015 Special Meeting. Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve the minutes. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda

Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 3-0. Included on the consent agenda were the following items: 1) Payroll for May, 2015; 2) Accounts Payable as of June 22, 2015; 3) Recommend the following actions:

- Hire:
- Recommend Matthew Holshouser as Principal, Blue Heron School, effective the 2015-16 school year
 - Recommend Debbie Rich, Mary Barnes and John Burke as the 2015 Special Education Extended School Year Teachers
 - Recommend Gail Gronwall as Blue Heron Special Education Life Skills Teacher, effective the 2015-16 school year
 - Recommend Shannon Grewell, Samantha Massie, Susan Volkurka, Alice Fraser and Melissa Love as the 2015 Special Education Extended School Year Para Educators
 - Recommend Lori Witheridge as 4 Hr./Day LAP Para Educator at Grant Street Elementary, effective the 2015-16 school year

- Retirements/Resignations:
- Recommend the employment of classified staff for the 2015-16 school year as per attached personnel list
 - Recommend Samantha Massie as High School ASB Secretary, effective the 2015-16 school year
 - Accept resignation of Debbie Rich, Blue Heron Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.
 - Accept resignation of Kathryn Hund, Grant Street Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Kathy Cavette, High School ASB Secretary, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Ellen Larkin, Blue Heron Para Educator, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Madeleine Saenz, Blue Heron Para Educator, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Rita Polk, Food Service Assistant, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Kirsten Hammer, High School Cheerleader Advisor, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Jeanne McNulty-King, High School Head Girls' Basketball Coach, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Colin Foden, High School Head Girls' Soccer Coach, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Tom Gambill, High School Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year
 - Accept resignation of Jamie Montague as Blue Heron Head Volleyball Coach, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year

Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

- Email from Tom Thiersch regarding bond proposal
- Email from Mitchell Poling regarding the Lincoln Building

Reports

Food Service Update – Brad Taylor

Superintendent Engle explained that Mr. Taylor is sick and was unable to attend the meeting tonight. This report will be tabled to a later meeting.

Title IX Equity and Sports Update – Scott R. Wilson

Scott R. Wilson reported on student sports participation at the High School for the 2014-15 school year. Mr. Wilson spoke about the formation of the 1A division in the Olympic League in the 2014-15 school year, and reported on the success of the High School teams and athletes. Mr. Wilson said that Port Townsend High School is in compliance with the Title IX Equity rules.

YMCA Presentation

Kyle Cronk, CEO of Olympic Peninsula YMCA, reported on activities and programs offered by the YMCA in Port Townsend, including licensed school-age childcare, summer meals, and health and well-being programs. Mr. Cronk explained current plans to improve and build a new YMCA facility. He explained the feasibility process that was conducted and presented the site plans and funding models.

Dr. Engle explained that the District will be involved with this project because the District owns the Mountain View property. Discussion followed.

Wellness Committee Update

Ms. James-Wilson explained some of the work of the Wellness Committee and Policy 6700. She explained the committee looked at recommending more time for students to eat, and the importance of having a designated eating area, and for all food served in the District to have a high nutritive value, including concession sales.

Superintendent

Facilities Committee Update

Dr. Engle explained some of the work the Facilities and Long-Range Planning Committee has done this year, and said the committee would be submitting their goals to the Board in the coming year. He also said the Board would be seeing more updates that will become increasingly specific through next year.

Business Manager

Business Manager Amy Khile reported on the following:

- Budget status, enrollment numbers, and financial summary for April and May, 2015.
- Anticipated \$400,000 ending fund balance for 2014-15.

Action Items

Approval of Meal Prices for 2015-16

Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve the meal prices with no change for 2015-16. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Curriculum Adoption

Ms. James-Wilson moved to adopt the following curriculum:

Forensic Science, An Introduction, 3rd Edition, Pearson, Inc, 2016(Grades 11,12)

My World History, Pearson, Inc., 2012(Grades 6,7)

American History, Pearson, Inc., 2016(Grade 8)

The DBQ Project: U.S. and World DBQ, Teacher Materials

Mr. White seconded. Ms. James-Wilson asked about the price for purchase. Dr. Engle explained that this action item to approve the curriculum, the process of how to purchase will be worked out with building administrators. Motion carried 3-0.

Annual Review of Policy 2170 – Career and Technical Education

Superintendent Engle reported that some of the CTE class offerings are changing to align with STEM requirements. The board reviewed this policy as required annually.

Accept Resignation of Scott B. Wilson, High School Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year

This action was tabled as Ms. James-Wilson recused herself, so there was not a quorum to vote.

Recommend Scott B. Wilson as High School Girls' Basketball Coach, effective the 2015-16 school year

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New Business

Director District 1 Vacancy

Superintendent Engle reviewed Policy 1115, Board of Directors Vacancy, which requires the vacancy to be filled within 90 days of a resignation. The Board directed Dr. Engle to post an announcement to seek applicants. Dr. Engle explained that because this vacancy occurred after the filling deadline for the November 2015 election, the person appointed will serve out the remainder of Ms. Carlson's term, which expires in November 2017.

Policy Review

Policy 2410 – High School Graduation Requirements – First Review

Carrie Ehrhardt, High School Principal, explained that the policy revision will remove outdated requirements, and implement the new 24-credit requirement for the class of 2019 and Smarter Balanced assessments. Ms. Ehrhardt explained the Personal Pathway avenue to fulfilling some of the graduation requirements. Student fines in relation to graduation were discussed.

Policy 3210 – Nondiscrimination – First Review

It was noted that the last sentence in Paragraph 2 should read: "...prompt and effective steps *reasonably* calculated. ...", and a sentence was missing from this paragraph.

Policy 3211 – Transgender Students – First Review

Changes to locker and restroom facilities were discussed.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to an executive session.

Executive Session

The executive session was called to order at 7:50 for approximately 30 minutes to discuss the annual performance review of the superintendent. The executive session was extended for another 30 minutes at 8:20 p.m. The executive session was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Action Item

Renew Superintendent Contract

Ms. James-Wilson said the board had reviewed the superintendent's contract in executive session. She moved to extend his contract through June 30, 2016 with 10 days paid vacation added to his contract. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engle, Secretary

ATTEST: Pam Daly, Acting Board Chair

George Oswald
Representing PTEA Executive Board

Fall Action

If the WEA calls for a general strike in the fall, and:

If the general membership of the Port Townsend Education Association (PTEA), in quorum, vote to support this action,

Will the School Board of Port Townsend School District #50 support us?

This means allowing us to strike in spite of ARTICLE XV – NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT, Section A, which states, “The Association and the members of the bargaining unit agree there shall be no strike, work stoppage or slow down for the duration of this Agreement.”

In addition, I would ask for the support of the school board legislative representative, whom I believe is Mr. Keith White, to actively communicate our concerns to the legislature, if in fact they are the School Board’s concerns as well, in accordance with School Board Policy 1225, School Director Legislative Program, paragraph two, “... will work vigorously for... the repeal or modification of existing laws that impede this cause {*effective schools*}.” and Board Legislative Activities, Sections B, D, and E.

As a reminder, our concerns are:

1. many years of consistently declining compensation for the professionals that teach our children. . . in contradiction of the State Supreme Court’s ruling.
2. lack of legislative support for Class Size/Caseload Reduction.
3. the possibility of test scores being unrealistically tied to teacher evaluations.

The general membership of the PTEA has not yet voted to support a statewide concerted action in the fall, but, should the WEA propose action, the executive board of the PTEA will call a general meeting and encourage that the general membership support the action.

I believe that I am representing the ideas of the PTEA executive board accurately, especially our desire that the school board support us should Fall Action occur. However, the wording of both my spoken and written remarks is entirely mine, and I am responsible for it.

Respectfully submitted,
George Oswald
Executive Board Member, PTEA