

Blue Heron Middle School Gymnasium, 3939 San Juan Avenue and Virtually via Zoom

Board Vice Chair Doug Ross called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. PRESENT: Jennifer James-Wilson, Doug Ross, Jeff Taylor and Connie Welch. EXCUSED: Nathanael O'Hara. Also present was Superintendent Sandy Gessner-Crabtree. Staff and community members were present in person and via Zoom.

Board Thought

Vice Chair Ross presented thoughts about the district's path toward equity and invited the whole community to be involved in the process.

Agenda Approval

Director James-Wilson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Welch seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Recognition

Hero Awards

Connected Students Initiative

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree and Vice-Chair Ross presented PT Schools Hero Awards to Connected Students Initiative organizer Ben Bauermeister and funding partner Rotary Club of East Jefferson County, represented by President Rick Smith and Past President Paul Wynkoop. Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree thanked all Connected Students Initiative contributors for improving internet connectivity for district students. PT Schools Hero Awards were also presented to the Admiralty Audubon Society and Rick and Debbie Jahnke for their contributions to the Salish Coast Elementary construction process and on-going volunteer assistance with the school's landscaping. Salish Coast Elementary Principal Lisa Condran presented PT Schools Hero Awards to paraeducators Derec Velez, Lainie Saldana Johnson, Hannah Spitzbart and Lori Witheridge. Principal Condran described the recipients' positive contributions and thanked them for making lunch and recess supervision work this school year.

Retiring Employees

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree introduced the retiring employees and presented the books chosen by the retirees to be donated in their names to the school libraries. Director James-Wilson presented a certificate to each retiree. PTHS Principal Carrie Ehrhardt spoke about retiring PTHS Secretary Jan Boutilier's many years of service and dedication to district students, staff and community. Salish Coast Elementary Principal Lisa Condran thanked retiring teacher Allen Fox for thinking of every student as a learner and as a person. Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor Justin Gray and Principal Condran praised retiring custodian Christopher Montgomery's quality work, cheerful attitude and piano playing. Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree read aloud comments from Transportation Supervisor Monica Mulligan fellow Transportation employees about retiring Bus Driver Roberta Meyer. They applauded Roberta's dedication to the students on her route and feeling that they are her kids. Carol Flickinger, retiring paraeducator, and Susan Vokurka, retiring LPN/paraeducator, were unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comments – None

Board Correspondence

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree shared a thank you card from community member Timothy Hawley who attended the May 20, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

Reports – None

Superintendent

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree thanked her family, all district staff and the Board for their support during her tenure as superintendent and for their work in supporting public education. Vice-Chair Ross said Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree was the right leader at the right time for the district. Director Welch praised Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree's instructional leadership, inclusiveness, and positivity. Director Taylor recognized district staff's respect for Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree and he appreciated her patience and ability to truly listen to and acknowledge others' concerns. Director James-Wilson thanked Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree's family for sharing her with the district and said the superintendent is beloved. Director James-Wilson thanked Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree for her courage, strength, and encouragement and said she holds a unique place in the district's history.

Reception

Vice Chair Ross recessed the meeting at 6:14 p.m. for a reception honoring Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree. The meeting reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

Old Business

Policy and Procedure 1250 and 1250P Students on Governing Boards – New – First Review

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree presented the new policy and procedure, which included WSSDA model policy and district-specific language. She will add a Student Responsibilities section to the procedure. The policy will be presented for adoption at the June 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

Procedure 3113P Social Emotional Climate

Policy 3113 Social Emotional Climate was adopted at the May 6, 2021 Work/Study Meeting. Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree gathered input from school staff and administrators in creating the procedure. Board approval of the procedure is not required.

Proposed High School Athletics Combine Between Port Townsend School District and Chimacum School District for 2021-22 through 2023-24

The Board reviewed combine survey data and the draft Combined Athletic Agreement. Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree explained that the Board is asked to consider approval of combining athletics with Chimacum and that the Combined Athletic Agreement does not yet require approval. Director James-Wilson moved to approve the High School Athletics Combine Between Port Townsend School District and Chimacum School District for 2021-22 through 2023-24. Director Welch seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree will convene a meeting to finalize the Combined Athletic Agreement and Chimacum Jr./Sr. High Athletic Director Carrie Beebe and PTHS Athletic Director Patrick Gaffney will submit the WIAA Combine Form.

Review Strategic Plan Measures of Success for 2020-21

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree presented supporting data for the 2020-21 Measures of Success for the six goals of the District Strategic Plan.

New Business

Online Program Possibilities for 2021-22

The Board is considering offering an online option for students who do not wish to attend school in person next school year. Sarah Rubenstein is leading the focus group work and she provided an overview of the OSPI Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) and Online Learning rules, a proposed organization statement, an explanation of the target student population, description of the teacher role, program location and support, and enrollment options for elementary and secondary students. She also provided the OSPI document “Online Learning Requirements 2021-22”. Discussion followed. The Board will consider approval of an online program at the June 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

Policy and Procedure 2024 and 2024P Online Learning – First Review

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree presented the policy and procedure edits, which align with WSSDA model policy updates and accommodate a possible new online program. Director Taylor suggested that Section C -Types of Online Courses Available be reviewed and condensed. The policy will be presented for adoption at the June 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

Policy and Procedure 2255 and 2255P Alternative Learning Experience Programs – First Review

Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree explained the edits, which reflect WSSDA model and other school districts’ policy language. The Board requested consistency of the use of “program” and “course” throughout the policy and procedure. The policy will be presented for adoption at the June 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

Approve Meal Prices for 2021-22

The Board reviewed a memo from Director of Food Services Stacey Larsen in which she explained her selection of the Seamless Summer Option food service program for 2021-22. This program enables the district to provide free meals to all students. She also recommended adult meal prices. Director James-Wilson moved to approve Meal Prices for 2021-22. Director Taylor seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Approve Department of Enterprise Services (DES) Funding Approval

Director of Finance and Business Operations Amy Khile explained that the Funding Approval is required by the Department of Commerce Grant received for the HVAC upgrades at PTHS. Director Welch moved to approve the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) Funding Approval. Director James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments – None

Board Discussion and Comments – None

Future Meeting Topics and Agenda Planning

Vice Chair Ross and Director Taylor will be excused from the July 1, 2021 Work/Study Meeting.

Next Meeting

June 17, 2021 – Regular Business Meeting, Blue Heron Middle School Gymnasium, 3939 San Juan Avenue and Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session – not needed

Adjournment

Vice Chair Ross entertained a motion to adjourn. Director Welch so moved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Gessner-Crabtree
Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Doug Ross
Board Vice Chair