

1610 Blaine St. and Virtually via Zoom

Board Chair Nathanael O'Hara called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. PRESENT: Nathanael O'Hara, Jennifer James-Willson, and Connie Welch. EXCUSED: Doug Ross and Jeff Taylor. Also present was Superintendent Dr. Linda Rosenbury. Staff members were present in person and via Zoom.

#### Review of WSSDA Guidance

Chair O'Hara notified the Board of WSSDA's guidance for masking during board meetings. The guidance recommended masking if students will be present during the meeting. The Board will not require masks during July and August meetings and will re-evaluate prior to the beginning of the school year.

#### Board Thought

Chair O'Hara welcomed Superintendent Rosenbury on her first official work day. He thanked her for her availability and involvement the past few months.

#### Agenda Approval

Director James-Willson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Welch seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

#### Recognition

##### Hero Awards

Superintendent Rosenbury presented Hero Awards to staff members Amy Khile, Laurie McGinnis, Shelby MacMeekin, Theresa Campbell, Richard Durr II, and Patrick Gaffney. Superintendent Rosenbury read aloud the recipients' nominations provided by former Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree. Superintendent Rosenbury also read aloud words of thanks from former Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree for outgoing Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent and Board of Directors Katy Gaffney. The Board also thanked Ms. Gaffney for her contributions.

Chair O'Hara also recognized and thanked departing staff members Richard Durr II, Theresa Campbell, and Patrick Gaffney.

#### Public Comments – None

#### Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed an email from Tom Thiersch regarding former Superintendent Sandy Gessner-Crabtree's June 2021 Newsletter and her response email.

#### Reports – None

#### Superintendent

Superintendent Rosenbury reported on the following:

- Thanked Board and Former Superintendent Gessner-Crabtree for their support during her transition into the superintendent role
  - Welcomed LaTrecia Arthur as the incoming Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent and Board of Directors
  - Sarah Rubenstein's role shifted to Director of Place-Based Learning and Alternative Learning Experience (ALE). She will serve as the OCEAN Principal and administrator of the Port Townsend Online Program
  - Explained the Blue Heron Middle School principal search process and thanked the committee members. Victoria Kalscheuer was selected for the position.
  - Attended year end events at the schools
  - Port Townsend Online Program was approved by OSPI this week
- Director of Finance and Business Operations Amy Khile provided enrollment projection information.

Old Business

Approve K-5 English Language Arts (ELA) Adoption

The Board reviewed the ELA Adoption recommendation at the June 17, 2021 meeting. Directors Welch and James-Wilson reviewed the curriculum materials during the public preview at Salish Coast Elementary. Director Welch moved to approve the K-5 English Language Arts Adoption. Director James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Draft Board Meeting Calendar for 2021-22

The Board reviewed the draft meeting calendar for 2021-22. Recommended changes will be applied to the draft calendar and the calendar will be presented for approval at the July 15, 2021 meeting.

Public Comments – None

Board Discussion and Comments

Director James-Wilson notified the Board of the Year! Music performance 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 2, at Fort Worden.

Future Meeting Topics and Agenda Planning

Next Meetings

July 15, 2021 – Special Meeting, Budget Hearing, 1610 Blaine St. and Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 4:30 p.m.  
July 15, 2021 – Regular Business Meeting, 1610 Blaine St. and Virtual Meeting via Zoom, 5:30 p.m.

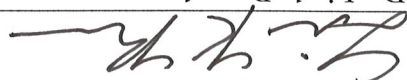
Executive Session – not needed

Adjournment

Chair O'Hara entertained a motion to adjourn. Director James-Wilson so moved.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

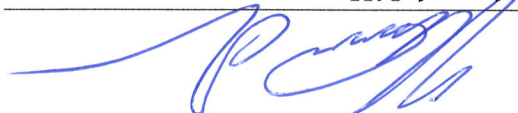
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Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Linda Rosenbury  
Secretary

ATTEST:



Nathanael O'Hara  
Board Chair

## Board Meetings after State Reopening

June 30, 2021

The Governor's Office updated its Miscellaneous Venues guidance sometime between 12:40 and 1:40 p.m. on June 30, 2021. It now provides that the following apply to "governing bodies of public agencies opting to host in-person public meetings under the [OPMA], as permitted under Emergency Proclamation 20-28, et seq."

1. No restrictions on capacity.
2. No physical distancing requirements.
3. Follow current applicable face covering requirements as outlined in:
  - a. Proclamation 20-25, et seq.
  - b. Secretary of Health Order 20-3.2; and
  - c. LNI Publication F4140179.

Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 8402 (2021) and Proclamation 20-28.15 extended Proclamation 20-28, et seq., "until the termination of the state of emergency..., or until rescinded by gubernatorial or legislative action, whichever occurs first..." Although Washington is reopening, the Governor has been clear that we aren't out of the woods yet and the state of emergency remains in effect. The most recent version of Proclamation 20-28 addressing OPMA issues for public bodies, Proclamation 20-28.14, extended the prohibition on in-person meetings, but created an exemption for public meetings that "comply] with the guidelines for 'business meetings,' found in the 'Miscellaneous Venues' guidance..." In other words, under the most recent Miscellaneous Venues guidance, there are no restrictions on capacity limitations on a public body's meeting venue and no physical distancing requirements. However, making requirements have not yet gone away. The Roadmap to Recovery continues to incorporate the CDC face covering guidance, which has stricter requirements for identified sensitive locations, including schools.

The requirements for mask wearing at board meetings for school board members and staff is unclear. The safest approach regarding mask wearing at board meetings is to require that if students will be present, everyone must be masked. Please consult with your own local public health officials and inquire about any local requirements that may apply in your area. For all legal matters, please consult with your own district attorney.

WSSDA will monitor information and update this document as more information becomes available.