

Location: Grant Street Elementary Gym, 1637 Grant Street

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

Connie Welch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Agenda Approval

Jennifer James-Wilson moved to approve the agenda with one change, to table review of Policy 6220, as new revisions have been received. Keith White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

#### Recognition

##### Board

Ms. James-Wilson said she appreciated this meeting being held at Grant Street, and that she had toured the school garden this evening. Nathanael O'Hara commended Principal Condran on the smooth start of the new school year, especially with all the logistics changes at Grant Street.

##### Superintendent

##### Shining Star

Superintendent Engle presented a Shining Star award to Jennifer Stankus, counselor at the High School, for her efforts in hosting the College Fair on September 24, 2015.

##### Certificates of Recognition

Superintendent Engle presented certificates of recognition to Maintenance/Custodial employees Robert Heck, Justin Gray, Che Taylor, Denise Larson, and Shannon Minnihan for their hard work making space for a new Kindergarten class at Grant Street.

##### Lois Sherwood Nomination

Carrie Ehrhardt, Port Townsend High School, explained that Lois Sherwood is a regional finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. If chosen as a winner, Ms. Sherwood will have the opportunity to travel Washington, D.C. to meet President O'Bama.

Ms. Daly called a recess at 6:15 for 10 minutes for a reception honoring Ms. Sherwood. The meeting was reconvened at 6:25 pm.

##### Public Comments

- Barbara Morey spoke about the State McKinney-Vento law, which addresses school district responsibilities to families experiencing homelessness, and pointed out that Policy 3115 being reviewed tonight needs some additional revisions.
- Jan Krick also spoke about the McKinney-Vento law.
- George Oswald, representative for the PTEA (Port Townsend Education Association) said teachers have no plans at present for any coordinated actions such as a strike or walk-out.

##### Board Correspondence

The board reviewed the following correspondence:

- Email from H. Hammett regarding High School football game September 25, 2015
- Email from C. Hensley regarding High School football game September 25, 2015
- Email from Principal Ehrhardt responding to concerns regarding High School football game September 25, 2015

### Reports

ASB representative – none

### School-Based Health Clinic

Susan O'Brien and Karen Obermeyer, Jefferson County Health Department, explained that this is the eighth year of operation of school-based health clinics in both Chimacum and Port Townsend school districts, where both medical and mental health services are available. Ms. Obermeyer reported that based on enrollment, 27% of Port Townsend students in grades 9-12 utilized the services offered in the school-based health clinic in the school year 2014-15, with the most use by 11<sup>th</sup> graders. Ms. Obermeyer also reported that representatives from Jefferson County Health worked with the District Wellness Committee last school year to update Policy 6700, Nutrition and Physical Fitness, with Students for Sustainability on projects, and assisted in bringing the Smilemobile to Blue Heron School on November 2-13, 2015. The Healthy Youth Survey, which is a voluntary, anonymous survey offered to youth in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 that gathers information about behaviors, topics, influences, etc., was discussed.

### School Resource Officer

Troy Surber, School Resource Officer reported on the following:

- Some bullying situations that are being addressed
- Alarm issues
- Working with the Maintenance Department regarding security upgrades, locks, and cameras at schools
- Lighting improvements at the high school

### Integrus Architecture

Loretta Sachs, representative from Integrus Architecture, explained the scope of work that will be on the proposed bond in February, 2016, and how that information will be shared with the community. Plans are to construct a new building at the current Grant Street location and move 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders back to that school if the bond is passed. Upgrades to the high school are also planned, including improvements to become ADA (American Disability Act) compliant, and some renovation to the performing arts space. Ms. Sachs also reviewed the calendar of activities planned leading up the bond election. Plans for adjacent properties such as the OCEAN and Head Start buildings were discussed.

### New business

Dr. Engle read a letter crafted by regional superintendents to State legislators regarding the newly formed McCleary Work Group.

### Policy Review

Policy 6220 Bid Requirements - tabled

Policy 3115 – Homeless Students

Superintendent Engle invited Ms. Morey to work with him to make any necessary revisions to this policy.

Board Member Announcements

The WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) regional meeting in Port Angeles on October 24, 2015 was discussed

The joint Chimacum/Port Townsend board meeting on October 23, 2015 before the football game was discussed.

Executive Session

The work/study meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes to discuss union negotiations. The executive session was adjourned at 8:28 and the work/study meeting was reconvened at 8:28 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 26, 2015, Regular Board Meeting, 1610 Blaine Street, Room S-11, 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

---

David Engle, Secretary

---

ATTEST: Pam Daly, Board Chair