

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. PRESENT: Jennifer James-Wilson, Connie Welch, Laura Tucker, Keith White, and Superintendent Engle. Also present were representatives from neighboring school districts, and presenters as listed below.

Cindy Kelley, WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) board member welcomed participants and outlined the agenda for the meeting. Participants introduced themselves.

State Board of Education Update – Kevin Lavery

Mr. Lavery discussed the following:

- Taking SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) testing seriously
- Using SAT/ACT tests as alternative testing
- Competency-based crediting
- 24-credit graduation requirements

OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) Update – Alan Burke, WSSDA Executive Director

Mr. Burke discussed the following regarding the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), which was signed into law on December 10, 2015, and replaces the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Act:

- Holds students to high academic standard
- Ensures that students at risk of not graduating are identified and given support to succeed
- Access to assessment information
- Districts are no longer required to offer Public School Choice and Supplementary Education Services, and to provide that notice to parents.
- Districts will be required to offer alternatives to support students and schools as needed.
- ESSA removes the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements as of December 10, 2015.
- SBAC testing in the spring of 2016 and the large number of the 2017 graduating class (juniors) who opted out of taking the test as it was a duplicate test for them. This will not be a duplicate test for the graduating class of 2018.

OESD 114 (Olympic Educational Service District) Report – Greg Lynch, Superintendent

Mr. Lynch explained some of the services offered at OESD 114 and discussed the following:

- More teaching and learning support services at OESD 114 are planned
- Cooperatives
- Grants
- Fees
- Threat assessment strategies

Legislative Update – Alan Burke, WSSDA Executive Director

Mr. Burke presented a summary of policy bills that WSSDA followed during the 2016 legislative session. Some policy bills discussed were:

- Learning support services
- Ample and dependable funding
- Great teachers in every classroom

What's New at WSSDA – Chris Nation, WSSDA President & Alan Burke, WSSDA Executive Director

The search for a new WSSDA Executive Director was discussed.

After Hours Presentation – Department of Natural Resources 101, Lisa Anderson

Ms. Anderson provided information regarding trust lands within individual school district boundaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith White, Board Vice- Chair