

Board Chair Nathanael O'Hara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. PRESENT: Nathanael O'Hara, Keith White, Connie Welch, and Jennifer James-Wilson. EXCUSED: Laura Tucker. Also present were Superintendent Polm, staff, and community members.

Keith White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Agenda Approval

Jennifer James-Wilson moved to approve the agenda. Keith White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

#### Recognition

##### Board

Superintendent Polm discussed the following:

- The legislature and the McCleary decision.
- Superintendent Advisory Meeting regarding West Sound Tech, discussed possibility of a vessel operations class at Port Townsend High School next summer.
- Attended transportation co-op meeting regarding the remodel of the transportation site in Chimacum
- Participated in a bike ride with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students today.
- Food service in PT recognized in school-bites.com
- Maritime Discovery Schools presentation regarding free choice learning by John Falk at Fort Worden on October 26, 2016 from 9-11:00 a.m.

#### Public Comments - None

#### Board Correspondence

The board reviewed correspondence from Todd Wexman regarding the new elementary school construction, and Superintendent Polm's response.

#### Reports

##### Peninsula Housing Authority – Lincoln Building

Annie O'Rourke, Development Director, explained Peninsula Housing Authority (PHA) is interested in converting the Lincoln Building into affordable senior housing. Their application to the Housing Trust Fund in the spring of 2016 to seek funding was not successful. PHA asks that the proposed demolition of the Lincoln Building be postponed for another year to make it possible for them to apply for funding in the coming year.

##### Historical Background on Lincoln Building – Superintendent Polm

Superintendent Polm discussed some of the historical background of the Lincoln Building. He explained the attorneys for the District did see potential problems with proposed demolition if the Lincoln Building achieves historical status. PHA explained in order for the project to qualify for historical tax credits, the structure must be designated with historical status by the National Park Service; and if funding was approved, it wouldn't be until 2019 that construction would begin. High School Principal Carrie Ehrhardt voiced some concerns about the project, including traffic, safety concerns, and if the historical status requested by PHA would impede demolition of the building in the event their funding was not successful. Mr. White asked what the use for the vacant land would be after demolition occurs. Mr. Taylor said several suggestions have been made, but nothing has been decided.

He added that some extensive work would need to be done to secure the building for another five years while the PHA project gets approved. The board decided to await more information from Sundberg, Kennedy, and Ly-Au Young Architects, who are tasked with developing a long-range plan for the high school campus.

New Business

Strategic Plan 2016-2021

Ann Healy-Raymond explained this document is being revised to align it with place-based learning in the District. Dr. Polm and Ms. Healy-Raymond explained some of the goals, objectives, and strategies outlined in the plan. Dr. Polm said this document could be scheduled for publication by December, 2016. Discussion followed.

Policy Review

Policy 5281 – Personnel-Disciplinary Action and Discharge – First Review

Superintendent Polm explained that this policy is being updated to reflect: 1) that the law does not require discipline in every situation; 2) that sufficient cause is necessary for disciplinary action or discharge; 3) that reports of child abuse or neglect must be reported as required by law.

Board Member Announcements/Suggestions for Future Meetings

A special meeting is planned for Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 4-5:30 p.m. to discuss the superintendent evaluation procedure. A board retreat was scheduled for January 11, 2017 from 1-5:00 p.m.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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John A. Polm, Jr., Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nathanael O'Hara, Board Chair