

Board Chair Nathanael O'Hara called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. PRESENT: Nathanael O'Hara, Connie Welch, Jennifer James-Wilson, and Laura Tucker. EXCUSED: Keith White. Also present were Superintendent Polm, staff, and community members.

Nathanael O'Hara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

Jennifer James-Wilson moved to approve the agenda. Connie Welch seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Public Comments – None

Gee Heckscher, preservation architect, expressed his support to save the Lincoln School building, but noted that the removal of the roof section in the 1940's could affect the building's historical integrity. He also gave some insight into his experience with construction/remodeling projects in historically-designated buildings at Fort Worden.

Laura Tucker joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Superintendent Polm explained that Port Townsend School District received a letter from State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation informing the District of the Lincoln School's nomination. A public citizen has made this nomination, and it can be reviewed at:

http://www.dahp.wa.gov/sites/default/files/Lincoln%20School_NRnom_FINAL.pdf

He also explained the District may object to this nomination, but the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is not bound to deny the nomination based on that objection, because the property is publically, not privately owned. Dr. Polm also explained some of the restrictions for usage of buildings designated as historic. The board discussed gaining some insight into public opinion about long-range plans for the building, including the possibility of its repurposing into a performing arts center. Discussion followed.

Action Item

Vote on Concurrence or Objections to Lincoln School's listing on the National Registry of Historical Places

Jennifer James-Wilson moved to submit a letter to the State Historical officer outlining concerns regarding the Lincoln Building's nomination as an historical site. Laura Tucker seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

The Board instructed Superintendent Polm to draft a letter of objection to the historical designation outlining the reasons that were discussed, and suggested including some of the preliminary plans for the high school campus drafted by SKL Architects.

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting, June 26, 2017, 1610 Blaine St., Room S-11, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Polm, Jr., Secretary

ATTEST: Nathanael O'Hara, Board Chair