

Board Chair Nathanael O'Hara called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. PRESENT: Nathanael O'Hara, Connie Welch, Jennifer James-Wilson, and Laura Tucker. Keith White joined the meeting by phone. Also present were Superintendent Polm, staff, and community members.

Nathanael O'Hara suggested that a board member share a thought on the meeting days that did not include the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. O'Hara shared a part of the article "Why Place Matters" by David A. Greenwood.

Agenda Approval

Keith White moved to approve the agenda. Laura Tucker seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Recognition

Superintendent Polm presented a Hero award to Ann Healy-Raymond in appreciation for her contributions to the district last year, including policy work, library media supervision, Highly Capable Program and others. This year she is the Assistant Principal at Grant Street Elementary.

Public Comments – None

Board Correspondence

The board reviewed correspondence from Tom Thiersch regarding the July 10, 2017 special board meeting and adoption of school budgets.

Reports

Board

Board Reflections on Board Retreat, August 24, 2017

Connie Welch said she felt some of what was covered at the retreat was a repetition of information the board had already learned or received. Discussion followed. Ms. Tucker reported on her attendance at the Students for Sustainability Committee September 7, 2017, and reported that the committee received an invitation to appear on KPTZ's Tossed Salad segment. The pedometer challenge from the Jefferson Healthcare Board was discussed.

Salish Coast Elementary Frequently Asked Questions

Assistant Principal Ann Healy-Raymond presented the following information:

- Transportation plan this year while construction is underway, including parking spaces
- Biking to school has increased so more bike racks will be obtained.
- The new playground area
- The Frequently Asked Questions document in the board packet, which is updated regularly on the Grant Street website
- Preservation of the existing art work at Grant Street
- Explanation of classroom space use at the new school

Superintendent

Superintendent Polm reported on the following:

- No legal requirement for a board member to be physically present to be allowed to sign documents presented at a meeting they participate in remotely.
- Healthy Places, Healthy People Grant event scheduled for September 28-29, 2017 at the Mountain View campus and Fort Worden.

First Day of Schools – Principals

Grant Street Elementary

Ms. Healy-Raymond said the Grant Street Elementary Open House is scheduled for September 28, 2017 from 6-7 pm.

Blue Heron

Principal Gaffney reported that enrollment may be up slightly from last year. The Blue Heron back-to-school assembly is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 2:15 pm. Open House will be September 28, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Port Townsend High School

Principal Ehrhardt said the high school enrollment also seems to be up, so classes are being rearranged to accommodate more students. Sports practice times have been reduced due to the poor air quality from forest fires in the area. On Friday, September 8, 2017, seniors will be starting on their senior projects; the other grades will be off campus for instructional activities.

Action Items

Approve Support for Multi-Purpose Trail through Anderson Lake Park

Paul Betts and Jeff Selby from the Peninsula Trails Coalition explained that the Coalition is asking the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to consider as a top priority the planning and development of a multi-purpose trail through Anderson Lake State Park. This trail would become a segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT) over the Eaglemount area and would connect the current end of the Larry Scott Memorial Trail to the segment of the ODT recently completed at the southern end of Discovery Bay.

Mr. Selby suggested the board attach a letter of support with the signature page for support of this project. Ms. James-Wilson agreed. Ms. James-Wilson moved to approve support for the multi-purpose trail through Anderson Lake Park, and the board directs the superintendent to prepare a statement of support to accompany the signature page. Ms. Tucker seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve Accounts Payable

Superintendent Polm explained these have been reviewed, but were mistakenly left off the August 21, 2017 board meeting consent agenda. Ms. Tucker moved to approve the accounts payable as presented. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve Out-of-Endorsement Teacher for 2017-18

Dr. Polm explained that this teacher was hired after the list of teachers out of endorsement was approved at the June 26, 2017 board meeting. Ms. Welch moved to approve Virginia Grace's out of endorsement assignment for 2017-18. Ms. James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve Carl Perkins Grant for 2017-18

Principal Ehrhardt reviewed the CTE courses offered at the high school for the 2017-18 school year, and the Carl Perkins Grant, which is an enhancement to career/technical programs in schools. The freshman

mentor program in conjunction with the Skillmation organization was discussed; with many more mentors participating than were expected. Ms. Tucker moved to approve the Carl Perkins Grant. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve 1620P (Operating Principles, Port Townsend School Board and Superintendent) Signature Page

Ms. Welch pointed out that on Page 4 of 1620P, the time of board meetings should be changed to 5:30 pm. Ms. Welch moved to affirm and approve the operating principles of the Port Townsend School Board and Superintendent with signatures. Ms. James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Approve Resolution 17-13, Inter-Agency School Safety Security

Dr. Polm explained that this resolution supports collective partnerships to improve safety and security for students, staff, and community members. Ms. Tucker moved to approve Resolution 17-13 as presented. Mr. White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

New Business

Ms. James-Wilson will be attending the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) Legislative Assembly on September 22-23, 2017 and will be conveying the Port Townsend School Board's suggestions for legislative priorities. The board discussed top priorities.

Public Comments – None

Future Meeting Topics and Agenda Planning

Ms. James-Wilson suggested having a school board member sit on the board of Jefferson Transit, if that organization should expand their board. Discussion followed.

Ms. James-Wilson discussed Proposition 1, concerning affordable housing in Jefferson County, which be on the ballot in November. Superintendent Polm will arrange for a report on this topic at a future meeting.

Laura Tucker will give the board member thought at the October 5, 2017 board meeting in lieu of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Reflections

Ms. James-Wilson said she appreciated Mr. O'Hara's thought at the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Welch appreciated the opportunity to present feedback about the August 24, 2017 board retreat.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Polm, Jr., Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Nathanael O'Hara, Board Chair