

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

Board Thought

Director White presented a thought about expressing love by being love. Director James-Wilson read excerpts from *The World Needs a New Curriculum* by Marc Prensky surrounding the idea that becoming is the goal of education and learning is a means to that end.

Agenda Approval

Director O'Hara moved to approve the agenda. Director White seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Recognition

Superintendent

- Student Awards

Superintendent Polm recognized Port Townsend High School Junior Callay Boire-Shedd for her impactful project of bringing the documentary *S-Word* to the high school and the community.

Public Comments

Galadriel Nichols and Niki Sturdivant presented a letter stating concerns regarding the Salish Coast Elementary construction project.

Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter and email from Jefferson County Public Health regarding the Jefferson County Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Committee offer of membership by a school board director.

The Board reviewed an email and pictures received from Tyese Woodley regarding school safety and Superintendent Polm's response email.

The Board reviewed an email from Celia Fulton Walden and Michael Buse in support of the Port Townsend School District music program and Superintendent Polm's response email.

Reports

Director Tucker attended the March for Life in Seattle March 24, 2018. Director White asked for clarification from Ms. Nichols and Ms. Sturdivant regarding their public comments. Directors James-Wilson, Tucker and White attended the Dessert with the Directors March 29, 2018. Director Welch noted the dates and topics of the two (2) remaining Desserts with the Directors. Director James-Wilson has joined a discussion group sponsored by the Northwest Earth Institute with the topic of menu for a sustainable future.

Transportation of Students Who Live Within One (1) Mile of School (Policy 6600)

Superintendent Polm provided information regarding the number of students who live within one mile of school that are approved by the Director of Transportation Services Monica Mulligan to be transported by the school district due to hazardous walking conditions. Discussion followed.

Superintendent

Superintendent Polm reported on the following:

- Calendar
 - Reminder of Dessert with Directors dates April 12 and 26, 2018
 - Policy Committee meeting of April 12, 2018 is cancelled
- Representative Derek Kilmer met with a small group of students at the high school March 27, 2018 to discuss House Bill 4909 regarding school safety
- Transportation Co-op will move forward with repair of the bus barn roof
- Met with Peninsula College officials to discuss potential partnership for educational programming
- Presented ThoughtExchange results regarding possible reorganization of director districts
- Provided directors the *McCleary Fix Part 2 Pocket Guide* compiled by Porter, Foster, Rorick regarding school funding changes
- Human Growth and Development Curriculum Review Committee has offered suggestions for curriculum adoption and issues which require further review

Salish Coast Elementary Construction Update

This report was moved from the original position on the agenda due to travel delay of Project Manager Kirk Robinson. Mr. Robinson reported that furniture purchasing will be complete in the next two (2) weeks. He also stated the inventory of Grant Street Elementary current fixtures, furniture, and equipment will be completed to determine which items will be used in the new school, in the district or offered for surplus. He will attend the Grant Street Elementary PTA meeting April 10, 2018 at 2:45 to discuss the project. Mr. Robinson also reported on the high school elevator project stating that the design contract with Kennedy Sundberg Ly-Au Young Architects is available for approval at this meeting. Design development has been completed and the permit application will be submitted within the next three (3) weeks.

Mathematics Curriculum Committee/Instructional Materials Committee (IMC)

Superintendent Polm referred to the report compiled by the Mathematics Curriculum Committee. Committee member Blue Heron Principal Patrick Gaffney explained the curriculum materials that were considered and stated additional time will be needed to offer a recommendation in the 2018-2019 school year.

Action Items

Approve Board of Directors' Letter to the City of Port Townsend City Council in Support of the Council Submitting an Amicus Brief in Support of the City of Seattle

Superintendent Polm offered a draft letter to the City of Port Townsend. Justine Gonzalez-Berg of Tax Equity Port Townsend provided additional information regarding the issue. Discussion followed. Director White moved to approve the letter of support to the City of Port Townsend. Director Tucker seconded. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Approve High School Elevator Design Contract with Sundberg Kennedy and Ly-Au Young Architects
The Directors thanked Project Manager Kirk Robinson and Superintendent Polm for reviewing the contract in detail. Director James-Wilson moved to approve the High School Elevator Design Contract with Sundberg Kennedy and Ly-Au Young Architects. Director O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business

Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Board Self Evaluation

The Board decided to hold a special meeting April 19, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to discuss the Board Self Evaluation results and board goals.

New Business

School Safety Resolution and Discussion

Superintendent Polm presented the draft of Resolution 18-01 Related to Action on Gun-Related Violence Prevention. The Board offered typographical and content edits. The resolution will become an action item at the April 19, 2018 regular board meeting.

Board Chair Welch recessed the meeting at 7:58 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Directory Information as per 3231P

Superintendent Polm explained that the district is not required to designate student address, telephone number, photograph, or place of birth as directory information so Procedure 3231 Student Records can be updated. Superintendent Polm will research the most restrictive level of information release allowable.

Board Members Attending Senior Symposium May 22, 2018

Directors Welch, James-Wilson and O'Hara will attend the Senior Symposium May 22, 2018 at Port Townsend High School.

Board Members Attending High School Commencement June 8, 2018

All directors will attend the commencement ceremony June 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the McCurdy Pavilion.

2018-19 School Year Calendar

Superintendent Polm presented the draft of the 2018-19 school year calendar. Discussion followed. The calendar will be placed on the consent agenda at the April 19, 2018 regular board meeting.

2018-19 School Day

Superintendent Polm presented the draft of the school day start and end times for the 2018-19 school year. Discussion followed. The school day start and end times will be placed on the consent agenda at the April 19, 2018 regular board meeting.

Policy Review

Policy and Procedure 2410 – Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Polm stated the policy and procedure were previously viewed at the February 1, 2018 work/study meeting, but were tabled until the recent legislative session ended. He noted the addition of language to the procedure regarding high school credit for classes completed before attending high school as the only change to the procedure since the previous reading. Discussion followed. Director James-Wilson recommended a correction to language in the procedure that contradicts the policy. The policy will be brought for approval at the April 19, 2018 regular board meeting.

Public Comments – None

Future Meeting Topics and Agenda Planning

April 12, 2018 Dessert with the Directors at 6:30 p.m. at the Charles Pink House at 1256 Lawrence Street

April 19, 2018 Special Meeting from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session - Not Needed

Board Reflections

Director White enjoyed the Board being proactive. Director Tucker appreciated the thoughtfulness and diverse perspectives of fellow directors. The Board reflected on the Salish Coast Elementary School construction project and discussed additional ways to address concerns and highlight the excitement for the project.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Polm, Jr., Secretary

ATTEST:_____
Connie Welch, Board Chair

Dear School Board Members ~

April 5, 2018

We are here tonight due to what we feel is a lack of transparency on the new Salish Coast Elementary project. Our concerns have been expressed repeatedly without receiving specific answers. Some of our previous concerns are no longer relevant due to how far the project has come. Moving forward, we would love to see this lack of transparency be corrected.

Through a lot of leg work by multiple people, we have come to these understandings:

- The project is over budget by 25% due to the current construction boom.
- The occupancy date is still on target for the 2018-2019 school year.
- There are now only 4 “double sized” classrooms. One will be occupied by OPEPO and one will be occupied by Music/Art.

Our current concerns are as follows:

1. How will students & staff get from one side of the school to the other?
 - Early renderings show back of school as an enclosed, attached space.
2. How have security concerns for the Community Connection environments been addressed?
 - Are the library & kitchen being cut in order to more fully support the needs of the classrooms and teachers?
 - These learning environments should not take precedence over the primary learning location: the classroom.
3. Would you please confirm the current classroom sizes and assignments?
 - Through various meetings and conversations we have received conflicting information about the classroom configurations.
 - We are also trying to understand the process that led to the original open concept classroom design.
4. Can you clarify what is being cut to make up for the increase in build costs?
 - We have heard of changes to soft furniture, covered outdoor play area, carpeting and soccer field.
 - What will the play area look like for the grand opening in September?

We believe in strong schools, supported staff and thinking students. We want our district to succeed in this endeavor so our community will support future school needs. Moving forward, how will updates be communicated to the public that voted to fund this project?