

Board Chair Connie Welch called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. PRESENT: Connie Welch, Nathanael O'Hara, Laura Tucker and Keith White. Jennifer James-Wilson was excused. Also present were Superintendent Polm, staff, students and community members.

Board Thought

Director O'Hara read the poem "Look to This Day" attributed to Kalidasa, stating the message of living each day well is aligned with the role of the Board.

Agenda Approval

Director White moved to approve the agenda. Director Tucker seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Recognition

Superintendent

- Employees With 25+ Years of Service to the District
Superintendent Polm and Human Resources Director Laurie McGinnis recognized the current school district employees with 25 or more years of service and thanked them for their dedication to the district.
- Hero Awards
Superintendent Polm and High School Principal Carrie Ehrhardt presented High School Science Department Chair Brandi Hageman a Hero Award for her leadership in science education and realigning the high school science curriculum to Next Generation Science Standards.

Superintendent Polm and Grant Street Elementary Principal Lisa Condran presented Hero Awards to John Wroblewski and Anne Metcalf for volunteerism in Peter and Dawn Braden's classrooms. They also presented Hero Awards to art teacher Wanda Leclerc for the creation of the Grant Street Art Gallery and Lynn Anju and Margie McDonald as volunteers in the art program.

Board Chair Welch recessed the meeting at 5:55 p.m. for an 8-minute reception to honor the award recipients. The meeting was reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comments

Kincaid Gould, Gabe Petrick, and Sarah Lee, Port Townsend High School students and band members and Jason Gould and Angie Doan, parents of band members, stated concerns with the band program structure for 2018-19. They offered support of and appreciation for current instructor Kim Clarke.

Board Correspondence-None

Reports

Board Members

Director O'Hara attended the Port Townsend Education Foundation (PTEF) fundraising event April 27, 2018. Director Welch recently toured the Salish Coast construction.

Second Step

Sabrina Caverly, Grant Street Elementary Counselor reported on the implementation of the Second Step curriculum, which is a research based social-emotional learning program. Ms. Caverly stated the students learn skills they can use in school, community and home interactions and that she has witnessed the students using the skills at school. She presented the successes and challenges of this first year of implementation and offered suggestions for continued success of the program. Discussion followed.

Superintendent

Superintendent Polm reported on the following:

- The Port Townsend School District is partnering with the Northwest Maritime Center and West Sound Technical Skills Center to offer two (2) maritime summer courses.
- Visited the lab session for Kelley Watson's high school maritime classes at the Northwest Maritime Center.
- The Redistricting Proposal and FAQs information sheet reviewed at the April 19, 2018 regular business meeting was presented at the Dessert with the Directors event April 26, 2018 and is posted on the district website. Discussed the next steps in the process if the Board wishes to pursue redistricting and will provide the timeline at the May 17, 2018 regular business meeting.
- The results of the Special Education program review by ESD 112 are available. A 3-5 year action plan will be created following review of the results.
- Clarified that school master schedules are constructed by building principals and shared teaching assignments are a challenge to that process.
- Maritime Discovery Schools project showcase will be held May 5, 2018 at the Cotton Building from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Stated parent spring conference attendance was 92% at Blue Heron and 98% at Grant Street.
- Will be out of district May 6-8, 2018 to the Superintendent's Conference in Chelan, Washington. PTHS Principal Ehrhardt will be acting superintendent during his absence.

Salish Coast Elementary Project Update

Facilities Director Brad Taylor detailed the progress of Salish Coast Elementary School construction. He stated power is scheduled to be connected by the end of May. Director Taylor stated tours continue to be offered and encouraged all to participate. Information regarding opportunities to volunteer with the project will be posted on the district website as they become available.

Action Items

Approve Change Order 07 Absher Construction Contract

Superintendent Polm and Facilities Director Brad Taylor explained the line items of Change Order 07. Director Tucker moved to approve Change Order 07 Absher Construction Contract. Director White seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Approve Surplus

Superintendent Polm explained the surplus items and stated the district surplus procedure will be carried out. Director Tucker moved to approve the Surplus. Director O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Approve Personnel Action

Director White moved to approve the resignation/retirement of Richard Sweeney and the resignation of Laurie Solchenberger. Director O'Hara seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Unfinished Business

Board Goals Review

Superintendent Polm provided the board goals document which was updated following discussion at the April 19, 2018 special board meeting.

New Business

Student Handbook Review

Grant Street Elementary School Principal Lisa Condran and Assistant Principal Ann Raymond, Blue Heron Principal Patrick Gaffney and High School Principal Carrie Ehrhardt presented the drafts of the student handbooks for their schools. The handbooks will be finalized and presented for approval at the regular business meeting May 17, 2018. Discussion followed.

Discuss Possible Board Presentation as Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Fall Conference

Superintendent Polm offered Maritime Discovery Schools (MDS) Initiative progressing from the Board vision to a district commitment as the subject of the report to be given at the WSSDA Fall Conference. MDS Director Sarah Rubenstein and Superintendent Polm will create an outline of the presentation.

Policy Review

Policy and Procedure 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences - First Review – Superintendent Polm

Superintendent Polm stated the policy and procedure require updates to align with changes to state law. The policy will be presented for approval at the May 17, 2018 regular business meeting.

Public Comments – None

Future Meeting Topics and Agenda Planning

Student insurance recommendation, approval of Human Growth and Development curriculum, approval of student handbooks and a public records request report are agenda items for the May 17, 2018 regular business meeting. At the June 7, 2018 work/study meeting, a reception will be held in honor of retiring employees; and summer maintenance and technology projects, Skillmation, and Port Townsend Marine Science Center reports will be presented.

Executive Session-Not needed

Board Reflections

Director White enjoyed presenting recognitions at tonight's meeting. Directors White James-Wilson and will be excused from the May 17, 2018 regular business meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Polm, Jr., Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Connie Welch, Board Chair