



San Juan Island School District Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

5:00 pm Open public meeting, "Zoom" electronic meeting in accordance with WA State Governor's "Stay at Home" Order #20-28.5 with the option of in-person attendance.

MINUTES

- Directors Present: Barbara Bevens, Sarah Werling-Sandwith, Brian Moore, John Kurtz. and T.J. Heller
- Superintendent Present: Fred Woods
- Admin or Presenter Present: In person - Holly Wehner, Rod Turnbull, Martin Yablonovsky, Becky Bell, Jose Domenech
- Present through login: Three members of the public
- Present in-person: Mayor Ray Jackson, Maude Cumming, Jenny Wilson, Lynne Williams, Erin Bristow, Andy Anderson, Paige Caldwell
- Recording Secretary: Diana Fearn

CALL TO ORDER

Convene 5:00 pm

1.01 Establishment of Quorum - The regular school board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. through the electronic platform "Zoom", in accordance with WA State Governor's "Stay at Home" Order #20-28.5 due to the coronavirus state and national emergency. The meeting was also open to the public. A quorum was established with Directors Barbara Bevens, Sarah Werling-Sandwith, T.J. Heller, Brian Moore, and John Kurtz.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Approval of Agenda - There were no changes requested for the agenda. Board Chairperson Bevens considered the agenda approved

1.04 Public Comment - Friday Harbor High School Art Techer Andy Anderson expressed concerns about the social and emotional learning curriculum *Character Strong*. He expressed a desire that the school district implement a curriculum for social and emotional health which is effective, meaningful and has student buy in. Mayor Ray Jackson expressed appreciation for the vital and essential work that all school employees play in our community. He provided each retiree with a certificate of appreciation and thanks for their commitment to education.

SUPERINTENDENT

2.01 Celebration of Retiring Employees (Recognition) - The Board and Superintendent recognized and honored this year's retiring staff members:

- Po Powell, Transportation
- Michael Biggers, Teacher
- Jenny Wilson, Teacher
- Erin Bristow, Teacher
- Lynne Williams, Paraeducator
- Gordy Waite, Teacher

Maude Cumming, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Vice Principal Rod Turnbull, Special Services Director Becky Bell, and Superintendent Woods shared personal messages of appreciation and congratulations to the retirees. Their words echoed the following sentiment: Through your dedication to public education, you have made a difference in the lives of many students. Your work in our district is greatly appreciated. We wish you well in your retirement.

2.02 Superintendent's Report (Information) - Superintendent Woods provided a COVID update noting that the number of cases has been decreasing recently. Mr. Woods shared that the Stuart Island school building will be used for a university class in the fall. He further noted the possibility that it will be used for educational purposes in the future by other post-secondary institutions. Mr. Woods expressed sorrow at the news of the recent school shooting in Ulvade, Texas. He stated that we will continue to promote safety in every way in our schools. Mr. Woods noted plans for upcoming board workshops in June and August. Mr. Woods stated that the administration has heard Mr. Anderson's concerns about the social and emotional learning curriculum *Character Strong* and expressed a plan to discuss these concerns at the next admin meeting. Mr. Woods shared updates on facility projects.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION



3.01 Approval of Overnight Eighth Grade Field Trip to Seattle/Vashon Island (Exhibit)(Action) - The Board was requested to approve the annual overnight eighth grade field trip to Seattle and Vashon Island's Camp Sealth to explore secondary education options by taking a University of Washington campus tour, gain knowledge in the natural and cultural collections exhibited at the Burke Museum, and explore the Ballard Locks. The Superintendent recommended approval of the overnight trip. Director Moore moved for approval. Director Werling-Sandwith seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.



3.02 Approval of SJEA MOU regarding Restructuring the Academic Calendar (Exhibit)(Action) - The Board was requested to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between San Juan Education Association and the San Juan Island School District regarding restructuring the academic calendar. Director Werling-Sandwith expressed appreciation that the revised calendar provides consistency for families and assures that students can access school lunch on early dismissal days. The Superintendent recommended approval of the MOU. Director Kurtz moved for approval. Director Heller seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.

3.03 ALE Annual Report (Exhibit)(Information) - The Board was requested to review the Griffin Bay School Alternative Learning Experience (A.L.E.) annual report. Mr. Woods provided details about the ALE report. He expressed excitement about the re-imagining grant which has been secured with the goal of increasing individually directed learning while keeping academic rigor at Griffin Bay School.

3.04 Review of School Improvement Plans (SIPs) (Exhibit)(Information) - The Board was requested to review the School Improvement Plans (SIPs) for Friday Harbor Elementary School, Friday Harbor Middle School, Friday Harbor High School, and Griffin Bay School. Board Chair Bevins expressed a desire to review the results of the SIPs at the start of the 2022-2023 school year noting that additional changes may be noted between now and the end of the school year. There was discussion about the potential impacts of the COVID pandemic on student behavior and attendance. Numerous positive trends were noted since returning to in-person learning as well as areas where more time and information are needed.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

4.01 Consent Agenda (Exhibits)(Action) - All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the governing board to be routine and subject to one



motion and vote. Directors may request specific items be discussed in more detail or deleted from the Consent Agenda. These items may include the payroll register, accounts payable (AP) check registers, meeting minutes, personnel changes, contracts or grants and other items of business considered routine in nature.

The Consent Agenda included one payroll register (April) in the amount of \$961,610.94, and four accounts payable check registers representing General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$168,676.63 and ASB expenditures in the amount of \$6,620.12.

Gifts and Donations (over \$500.00)

Funding Provider: Anonymous Donor
 Funding Recipient: Friday Harbor Elementary School
 Amount: \$6,035.46
 Description: Various whole phonics supplies including leveled readers and workbooks

Funding Provider: San Juan Island Public Schools Foundation
 Funding Recipient: San Juan Island School District
 Amount: \$1,498
 Description: Various supplies and materials

Funding Provider: Purple and Gold Club
 Funding Recipient: Friday Harbor High School Athletics
 Amount: \$622.86
 Description: Sports Awards

Funding Provider: United Way
 Funding Recipient: Friday Harbor Elementary School
 Amount: \$1,500
 Description: Support of Primary Intervention Program (PIP)

Grants and contracts (over \$3,000)

Funding Provider: San Juan Island School District
 Funding Recipient: NWESD
 Amount: \$9,555 per month plus any travel expenses
 Description: Tech assistance to district employees - data communications network and related components

Funding Provider: San Juan Island School District
 Funding Recipient: Outdoor Schools WA
 Amount: \$7,800
 Description: Grant funding for the 6th grade end of year nautical marine experience field trip

Funding Provider: San Juan Island School District
 Funding Recipient: The University of California, Davis
 Amount: \$3,000
 Description: Grant funding for the 4th grade water quality investigation

Personnel Report

Hiring:
 Brandylyn Bennett - Teacher
 Christine Van - SPED Teacher

William Burns - Para Educator

Separations:

- April Bush - Teacher
- Brook Landers - Teacher
- Courtney Ausilio - Assistant Cook
- Kerri Starr - Cook
- Whitney Kerr - Office Manager

In addition, the Board was requested to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 regular board meeting and the May 18, 2022 special executive board only meeting. The Board was also requested to approve the submission of a District request to OSPI for a Conditional Teaching Certificate with Elementary Ed endorsement for Ms. Brandylyn Bennett. Finally, the board was requested to accept the finalization of a capital project approved at the December 15, 2021 board meeting, now completed by Fly Guys Roofing, for re-roofing the Stuart Island School and Library.

Director Moore moved for approval of the consent agenda. Director Werling-Sandwith seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.



4.02 Approval of WIAA Resolution 22-003 for 2022-2023 (Exhibit)(Action) - By action of the 1976 Legislature, each School District Board of Directors may delegate control, supervision, and regulation of any extracurricular activity to the WIAA and compensate such entity for services provided. Annual approval of a resolution is required. The Superintendent recommended approval of Resolution 22-003, Delegating Authority to WIAA. Director Werling-Sandwith moved for approval. Director Kurtz seconded the motion. The board vote was unanimous.

4.03 Review of 2022-2023 Athletic Budget (Exhibit)(Information) - Superintendent Woods presented to the Board the 2022-2023 Athletic Budget.

4.04 Monthly Budget and Enrollment Report (Exhibit)(Information) - Finance Director José Domenech presented to the Board the May enrollment and the Monthly Budget Report through April 2022.

SCHOOL BOARD

5.01 Additional Director Reports (Information) - The Directors proposed discussion topics for the June 2nd board workshop with WSSDA representative Marissa Rathbone. Director Heller provided updates regarding legislative activity.

5.02 Review of 2021-2022 Board Calendar (Information) - The Board reviewed the 2021-2022 Board Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

6.01 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Next Meeting:

Special School Board Meeting – June 2, 2022, 1:00 pm, special meeting, board workshop, district office

Regular School Board Meeting – June 29, 2022, 5:00 pm, high school library

Fred Woods, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board

6-29-22
Date

Barbara Bevens, Chair