

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was held via Zoom and notice was provided to community members wishing to access the meeting.

Present:

Eric Gattenby	President
Liz Sebren	Vice President
John Berg	Director
Jeff Daily	Director
Rebecca Diehl	Director
Tim Winter	Superintendent
Jennifer Farmer	Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
Joe Riley	Director of Facilities and Operations
Amy Miller	Communications and Public Information Officer
Robbie Bell	Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

President Gattenby called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm and provided information regarding the nature of the meeting. Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-28 which in part prohibited public agencies subject to the Open Public Meetings Act from conducting meetings in person to curtail the spread of Covid-19. President Gattenby invited public comment through the Zoom meeting access.

Establish Agenda: Superintendent Winter requested the removal of Item 6.01 Resolution No. 1338 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy. He explained that it was prepared with the assumption of a levy rate and should be postponed until the levy rate is determined.

MOTION: BERG moved to remove Item 6.01 Resolution No. 1338 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy.

Motion approved by general consent.

The agenda, as amended, was **approved by general consent.**

Public Comment: The following community members identified themselves and addressed the Board: Jacque Meddles regarding a student representative to the board, Dave Kimble regarding the levy, Kimberly McMorris regarding Director Daily's letter to the editor of the Kitsap Sun, and Connor McKinley and Jesse LaCross Lambert regarding a student representative to the board.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

Year End Financial Report for 2019-2020: Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Farmer presented the annual year end summary for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020. A copy of the presentation can be found on the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

Monthly Financial Report for September 2020: Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Farmer reviewed the September 2020 Budget Status Report. A copy of the presentation can be found on the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

Facilities and Operations Project Update: Director Joe Riley provided a report of the maintenance and improvement projects either completed, or in progress, throughout the District. A copy of the presentation can be found on the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

LEVY DISCUSSION

District Levy Presentation: Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Farmer shared an overview of the proposed 2021 Educational Programs and Operations Levy. A copy of the presentation can be found on the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

Levy Discussion: Director Daily provided a report on his views regarding the levy. A copy of the presentation can be found on the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

MOTION: BERG moved to use the following figures for the four-year levy: Year 1: \$24,500,000; Year 2: \$25,500,000; Year 3: \$27,000,000; and Year 4: \$28,500,000.

MOTION: SEBREN moved to close debate. **The motion failed.**

MOTION: DAILY moved to amend Director Berg's previous motion and propose a levy rate of \$2 per \$1,000 of assessed value and a capital levy rate of \$.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. **The motion failed.**

MOTION: DIEHL moved to amend Director Berg's previous motion and proposed a levy rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. **The motion carried.**

MOTION: BERG moved to amend his previous motion to propose a levy rate for year one of \$26,200.00 and include a 10% increase in the remaining three years. **The motion failed.**

MOTION to approve the levy amount and rates as proposed by the District;

Yea: Sebren, Diehl, Gattenby

No: Daily, Berg

The motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION/LINKAGE

Board Linkages:

- Director Sebren visited her old portable at Marcus Whitman and was thrilled with the upgrades; she will be attending the WSSDA Annual Conference the next three days;
- Director Daily has been busy in the community;
- Director Diehl has had conversations regarding a proposed levy.

Legislative Report: Director Berg reported there will be another opportunity to speak with members of the House Education Committee during the WSSDA Annual Conference. Director Diehl reported that District 4 elections are tomorrow.

Board Discussion:

The board discussed the following topics:

- Director District 4 elections; Director Berg announced his interest in the Resolution Committee;
- Board reorganization at the December 2nd meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: BERG moved to close debate

DAILY: Point of order regarding recognition of retirees and point of order regarding the affidavit of vouchers and payroll; neither point of order substantiated by the Board Chair.

Motion to close debate carried.

- Consent Agenda
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2020
- Affidavit of Vouchers and Payroll
- Human Resource Employment Reports
- Donations to the South Kitsap School District

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda **approved.** Attachments to Consent Agenda items can be found on the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

~~**Resolution No. 1338 Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy;**~~ removed from agenda.

Student Representative to the Board. Superintendent Winter responded to the board referral form and recommended waiting until next fall to add a student representative.

MOTION: BERG to add a student representative to the Board beginning next semester; **the Motion failed.** Superintendent Winter clarified that the Board and District plan to add student representatives in the future and will continue to explore ways to include student voice at Board Meetings.

DISTRICT POLICY REVIEW

Revision to Policy 3413 Student Immunization and Life-Threatening Health Conditions - First Reading.

The Board reviewed and no changes were made.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Winter updated the Board on the following issues:

- He is continuing to closely monitor the COVID numbers from the Department of Health; numbers are increasing in Kitsap County and it does not look promising to bring students in before the holidays. The District plans to provide an update to staff and families about the return to school plans. There are currently 129 students in school receiving special education services. WIAA has moved the first athletic season to the beginning of February;
- ESD 114's Annual Legislative Engagement Meeting is scheduled for December 11; please RSVP to Robbie;
- Responses to the Q&A from the prior Board meeting. A list of questions and answers can be found on the November 4, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda under Public Comment.
- He is attending the WSSDA Annual Conference and focusing on sessions covering Policy Governance, board meetings, superintendent/board relations, and school improvement planning. He attended the WASA

component this morning and a national superintendents' forum Sunday-Tuesday of this week;

- To improve communication with the Board, he suggested a weekly meeting with each Director;
- Priority Plan data: Professional development opportunities focused on remote learning. He recognized Digital Learning Specialist, Patrick De Vega, for implementing strategies to support staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following community members identified themselves and addressed the Board: David Freed regarding device upgrades; Jim Bryant regarding the levy; Dave Kimble regarding board meeting platform and levy; and Kimberly McMorris regarding budget presentation. A list of questions and answers can be found on the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting Agenda under Public Comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Eric Gattenby, President

Tim Winter, Superintendent