

Aberdeen School District No. 5
Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting
(Not official minutes)
November 14, 2023

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2023, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. In attendance were Jessica Jurasin, Annica Mizin, Suzy Ritter and Jeremy Wright, along with Superintendent Jeffrey Thake and 24 patrons and staff.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

1. The minutes from the regular meeting on October 17, 2023,
2. October payroll vouchers totaling \$3,979,922.21,
3. General Fund vouchers totaling \$1,787,287.76; ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$8,381.35, Capital Projects Fund vouchers totaling \$3,994.76, Transportation Vehicle Fund voucher in the amount of \$126,043.68 and Private Purpose Trust Fund vouchers totaling \$5,000,
4. Trip Requests for the Goldenaires at Aberdeen High School to pre-register for the jazz festival in Edmonds March 7-9, 2024, and for the Choir at Aberdeen High School to register for the jazz festival at Columbia Basin College in Pasco on April 19-20, 2024,
5. Accepted gifts to the District from
 - a. Dan Raffelson, who donated \$1,000 to the Harbor Learning Center in support of books for the new library space,
 - b. An anonymous donor who donated \$500 to the CTE program at Aberdeen High School for the American Sign Language program, and from
 - c. Jeff Miller at B&B Automotive who donated equipment valued at \$5,350 for use in the Automotive Program at Aberdeen High School.

Comments from the Board

President Jennifer Durney announced that the Foodball 2023 concluded Monday, Nov. 13, with students collecting 6,236 pounds of food and \$125,576.10 in cash donations for a total of 1.26 million “pounds” of food to benefit local food banks. She thanked the students, adviser Ashley Kohlmeier, staff, band, cheerleaders and community members who participated or donated in the annual event. “Our community needs this and we appreciate all of the hard work every year,” she said.

President Durney announced that the Board would be taking part in the annual conference of the Washington State School Directors’ Association on Nov. 16-18.

Harbor Learning Center Annual Report

Principal Lisa Griebel presented the annual school improvement report from the Harbor Learning Center, which houses the District's alternative and online learning programs – Harbor Junior/Senior High School, Grays Harbor Academy and the Grays Harbor Open Doors.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Thake presented information about the upcoming Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy and the Capital Projects Levy that were on the agenda for Board approval later in the meeting. During his presentation he reported that the four-year EP&O levy will replace an expiring levy that represents 9 percent of the district's budget. In addition to filling gaps in state funding, the levy funds extra-curricular activities for students. The levy request is for \$5.95 million in each of the four years at a tax rate not to exceed \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

The second request, the Capital Projects Levy, asks voters to approve funds for various building improvements in the District. Dr. Thake noted that the bond debt for Aberdeen High School will be paid off this year. He said the requested \$1 per thousand of assessed valuation will allow the District to embark on needed school facility improvements.

Resolution 2023-08 EP&O Replacement Levy

Following Dr. Thake's presentation, the Board approved Resolution 2023-08 asking voters to approve a four-year replacement levy at the Feb. 24, 2024 special election. Voter approval will authorize the District to collect \$5.95 million per year at a tax rate not to exceed \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Resolution 2023-09 Capital Projects Levy

Following the presentation by Dr. Thake, the Board approved Resolution 2023-09 placing a four-year levy before voters for capital improvement projects in the district. Voter approval will authorize the District to assess \$1 per thousand to fund various school facility projects.

Special Election Committees

The Board appointed nominee Sarah Teveliet Channel to the committee to write the "for" statement for the Voters Pamphlet. No one sought appointment to write the "against" statement.

Financial Services

Fiscal Status Report

The Fiscal Status Report for October was presented by the executive director of business and operations, Elyssa Louderback. She reported an ending fund balance of \$1,300,811.99. in the General Fund. With 16.67 percent of the fiscal year elapsed, the District has received 13.79 percent of revenue and is at 16.91 percent of expenditures. Under enrollment, she reported the District is currently trending 70.4 FTE above budget.

2022-23 Year-End Report

Director Louderback presented the year-end financial report for 2022-2023. She reported that the District achieved its goal of a 5 percent ending fund balance and noted that 2023-2024 is the least year the emergency federal relief dollars (ESSER) can be spent, which will create additional budget restrictions.

New Business

Rainier Lanes Agreement

An agreement for 23-24 with Rainier Lanes to host the AHS Girls' Bowling team for practices and matches was approved.

Pioneer Park / Bishop Complex Agreement

An agreement with the City of Aberdeen for the AHS Fastpitch team to use facilities at Pioneer Park and the Bishop Complex was approved.

Surplus Equipment

A recommendation from the Business Office to declare certain equipment as surplus was approved.

Next Meeting

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Personnel Report

Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report.

Salary Schedule

The Board approved a revision to the 2023-2024 PSE Salary Schedule adding the position of registered behavior technician.