

ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Directors – December 5, 2017

At 5:01 p.m. President Bielski convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School Board in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. Members present were Jennifer Durney, Erin Farrer and Jeff Nelson, along with Superintendent Alicia Henderson and 23 patrons and staff. The meeting began with the Flag salute.

CALL TO ORDER

On a motion by Jeff Nelson and seconded by Jennifer Durney, the Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included minutes from the November 7 and November 20 meetings and correspondence from FEMA approving the District's hazard mitigation plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Superintendent Alicia Henderson administered the oath of office to newly elected and re-elected Board members Jennifer Durney, Position 1; Erin Farrer, Position 2; William Dyer, Position 4 and Sandra Bielski, Position 5.

OATHS OF OFFICE

President Bielski declared nominations open for the position of Board president. On a nomination by Jennifer Durney that was seconded by Jeff Nelson, Sandra Bielski was unanimously elected president on a roll call vote.

ELECTION OF
OFFICERS

President Bielski opened nominations for the office of vice president. On a nomination by Jennifer Durney that was seconded by William Dyer, Erin Farrer was unanimously elected vice president on a roll call vote.

President Bielski opened nominations for legislative representative. On a nomination by Jennifer Durney that was seconded by Erin Farrer, William Dyer was unanimously elected legislative representative on a roll call vote.

Director Erin Farrer volunteered to continue in her role as the WIAA representative.

WIAA
REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. William Dyer, newly elected to a four-year term in Position 4 was welcomed to the Board.

COMMENTS FROM
BOARD MEMBERS

Student Representative Nadia Wirta provided an update on activities at Aberdeen High School, noting that winter sports are under way, the second trimester has begun and that students are gearing up for a Tolo Dance in January.

COMMENTS FROM
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE

On a motion by William Dyer and seconded by Erin Farrer, the Board approved an update to Policy 1620 Board-Superintendent Relationship, and the accompanying procedures, establishing Board governance and operating principles.

POLICY 1620
BOARD-
SUPERINTENDENT
RELATIONSHIP

On a motion by Erin Farrer and seconded by Jennifer Durney, the Board authorized the superintendent to proceed and enter into a contract with the Washington State School Directors' Association to review all Board policies and recommend updates for compliance with state and federal law.

WSSDA POLICY
UPDATES

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| <p>The Board discussed scheduling a goal-setting workshop in January on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon.</p> | <p>BOARD RETREAT</p> |
| <p>The Board discussed interest in accompanying the superintendent on site visits to become more familiar with school operations and district facilities. Superintendent Henderson said she will develop a schedule.</p> | <p>SITE VISITS</p> |
| <p>Superintendent Henderson provided an update on the five focus areas for 2017-2018 – AVID, PBIS, special education, digital teaching and learning, and English language learners.</p> | <p>2017-2018 FOCUS AREAS</p> |
| <p>Superintendent Henderson provided an update on District communication outreach, including a newsletter that was mailed to households in November.</p> | <p>DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS</p> |
| <p>Superintendent Henderson discussed planning for the 2017-2018 Maintenance & Operations Levy.</p> | <p>LEVY UPDATE</p> |
| <p>Teaching and Learning Director Traci Sandstrom provided the Teaching and Learning Report for November, which included a presentation on the number of F grades issued to students in grades 7-12. Mrs. Sandstrom and Superintendent Henderson explained that the data is being studied to see if there are subject areas where the District can put more supports in place to help students be successful and she is asking schools to evaluate whether some classroom practices are counterproductive. The Board expressed interest in also examining the data against attendance rates to see how the District may help students in that regard, as well.</p> | <p>TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT</p> |
| <p>The Board reviewed an agreement with the State Department of Health to share immunization data, which Superintendent Henderson said should assist school nurses in verifying necessary records.</p> | <p>IMMUNIZATION DATA EXCHANGE</p> |
| <p>On a motion by Jennifer Durney and seconded by Erin Farrer, the Board approved an agreement with Rainier Lanes in Aberdeen to allow the AHS Bowling Team to use its facility for practice, meets and tournaments.</p> | <p>BOWLING ALLEY AGREEMENT</p> |
| <p>The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. Jennifer Durney and William Dyer will audit the bills.</p> | <p>NEXT MEETING</p> |
| <p>Michelle Reed commented that the Teaching and Learning Report was not visible in the audience and asked if it could be shared.</p> | <p>COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE</p> |
| <p>At 6:01 p.m., President Sandra Bielski recessed the meeting for an executive session under RCW 42.30.110(g) (to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee) and to discuss collective bargaining expected to last 90 minutes. The session began at 6:03 p.m. and at 6:33 p.m. it was extended to 7:45 p.m. at which time the regular meeting reconvened.</p> | <p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> |

On a motion by Jennifer Durney and seconded by Erin Farrer, the Board voted to provide Anita Guinn and Associates with 30 days' notice that the District is terminating the 2017-2018 contract for SLP services.

CONTRACT WITH
ANITA GUINN AND
ASSOCIATES

On a motion by William Dyer and seconded by Jennifer Durney, the Board authorized an incentive stipend as presented by Assistant Superintendent Jim Sawin for teachers who notify the district in January of their intent to retire.

RETIREMENT
INCENTIVE
STIPEND

Following a presentation by Assistant Superintendent Jim Sawin, on a motion by Erin Farrer and seconded by Jeff Nelson, the Board approved the Personnel Report. Under certificated matters, the Board accepted the resignation of Heather Colwell, Title 1/LAP teacher at Miller Junior High School, effective December 15; extended the leave of absence for Jean Prochaska, special projects administrator for the District, from Jan. 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018; approved the hiring of Heather Berentsen, James Fishkorn and Sevan Loughran as substitutes for the District, and accepted the resignation of Faye Orosz as a substitute effective November 20.

PERSONNEL
REPORT

CERTIFICATED

Under classified matters, the Board approved the hiring of Armando Monahan as a para-educator at Aberdeen High School effective December 5, Stephany Murray as a para-educator at Aberdeen High School effective December 1, Malorie Doe as a para-educator at Stevens Elementary School effective December 5, Nancy Vazquez-Fuentes as a para-educator in the 21st Century Program at Stevens Elementary School effective November 27, Jacob Smith and George White as assistant coaches in the 21st Century Program at A. J. West Elementary School effective November 27 and November 28, Alex Curley-Reyes as an assistant coach in the 21st Century Program at Robert Gray Elementary School effective December 4, Ryan Solan as a temporary technology assistant coach at the Stewart Building effective December 11; accepted resignations from Teri Seguin and Samuel Simmons as para-educators at Aberdeen High School effective December 15, Jacob Karlik as assistant coach for girls' wrestling at Aberdeen High School effective November 29, Paige Kuhn as assistant coach for cheer at Aberdeen High School effective December 1, Jimmy McDaniel as head coach for boys' basketball at Miller Junior High School effective January 2, 2018, Melissa Veach as head coach for boys' basketball at A. J. West Elementary School and Casey Doyle as head coach for boys' basketball at McDermoth Elementary School; approved the hiring of Ashley Arias, Jeanna Baltazar, Malorie Doe, Kyle Godfrey, Ralph Hammond, Nancy Vazquez-Fuentes as substitutes for the District, and accepted the resignation of Sandee Sundstrom as a substitute for the District effective November 17.

CLASSIFIED

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

ADJOURN

