

Aberdeen School District No. 5
Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting
April 20, 2021

President Sandra Bielski convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, via webinar following guidance for conducting remote meetings in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Directors present were Bill Dyer, Jennifer Durney, Jessica Jurasin and Suzy Ritter, along with Student Representative Brooke Solan, Superintendent Alicia Henderson and 27 patrons and staff watching remotely.

The meeting began with the Flag salute.

Minutes, Bills, Trips & Gifts

The board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

- The minutes from the meeting on March 16, 2021;
- March payroll vouchers totaling \$3,107,0730.71;
- General Fund vouchers totaling \$83,420.81;
- ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$2,209.67;
- Correspondence from Grays Harbor County regarding the availability of the Juvenile Detention Center in 2021-2022, and
- Correspondence from the state superintendent of public instruction, Chris Reykdal, acknowledging the district's compliance with required instructional hours for students in the hybrid model.

Comments from Board members

The Board discussed requests they've received to allow members of the public to speak during webinar meetings instead of the current method of emailing comments for the record. Director Jennifer Durney suggested continuing with the email submissions, but allowing members of the public to read their comments, if they wish. Board members said input from the public comes to them in many ways, not just at board meetings, and that comment at board meetings is always welcome when it's on topic and delivered appropriately. A decision was tabled until the board has a chance to establish parameters and provide clear guidance for delivering public comment during a remote board meeting.

Director Suzy Ritter complimented teachers for making the return to school so welcoming for students.

President Bielski congratulated McDermoth Principal Bryan McKinney for the attendance incentive at McDermoth Elementary School that involved students participating in his very unique haircut.

Comments from Student Representative

Student Representative Brooke Solan provided a report. She reported that all students now have the opportunity to attend in person in the hybrid model; spring sports have begun; that the decision has been made that the school won't sponsor a prom, but senior parents are planning an event; that the return from spring break makes graduation seem closer, and that again this year there will be a graduation parade.

Superintendent's Report

Distance and In-Person Update

Superintendent Henderson reported that the return from Spring Break and the start of a four-day-a-week in-person hybrid option for all students is going very well thanks to the hard work of teachers and support staff. She also noted that

- Kindergarten registration is now open for the fall;
- The district has received notification from OSPI that spring testing is postponed;
- The school year is in the home stretch with seven and a half weeks remaining;
- Planning is well under way for 2021-2022 and a return to an all-day, five-day-a-week schedule;
- The district is reaching out to families to assess their plans for the fall in order to ensure adequate staffing;
- Interviews for principal at A.J. West Elementary School and the assistant principal at Miller Junior High School are being scheduled;
- Planning for the Harbor Learning Center continues, which includes the introduction of mastery policies later in the agenda;
- Changes to the Food Service menu are in the works, with students taking part in taste tests this month;
- The district is exploring ways to expand health and wellbeing connections for students, including an expanded relationship with Behavioral Health Resources, increased opportunities with community partners such as the YMCA, and how to bring in a gardening presence within the district;
- Planning for graduation at Stewart Field is on track, and
- The next meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee is planned for Wednesday, April 28.

COVID-19 Response

Superintendent Henderson noted that the region remains in Phase 2 of the pandemic recovery; that she's hearing positive feedback about athletics, and she commended the work being done by Nurse Janis Steele and the district's health specialists.

Extended Learning Program

Superintendent Henderson reported that the HR Department is very busy with hiring for the Extended Learning Program planned for the summer and that openings remain.

WSSDA Regional Meeting

Superintendent Henderson reported that the WSSDA Region 5 meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 12, at 6 p.m., and that it will be conducted remotely.

Teaching and Learning

Harbor Learning Center

CTE Director Lynn Green and Principal Lisa Griebel provided an update on planning for the Harbor Learning Center to be located at the Hopkins Building. Components of the program include Harbor High School, expanding Harbor High to include Grades 7-8; Grays Harbor Academy; the Open Doors GED program, and potentially a Grays Harbor College program for adults seeking to complete their educations. There was discussion about how the pandemic has underscored the need for diverse programs that recognize different learning styles and unique circumstances.

Open Doors Application

CTE Director Lynn Green presented the district's application to OSPI to operate an Open Doors GED program at the Harbor Learning Center.

AHS Master Schedule

AHS Principal David Glasier provided a report on the new master schedule that will be implemented for 2021-2022 as AHS returns to the semester system. A key feature is the new "I Period," which will be provided before first period instead of the traditional Advisory Period for all students. The I (Incentive) Period will provide students with time to make up work or access additional help, while students who are caught up will have self-directed time outside of the classroom.

Financial Services

Fiscal Status Report: Elyssa Louderback, executive director of business and operations, presented the Fiscal Status Report for March.

New Business

Resolution 2021-01 Emergency Waiver of Credit

A resolution authorizing the district to comply with State Board of Education requirements for the emergency waiver of credit during the 2020-2021 school year was approved.

Policy 2402 ELA Mastery-Based Credit

A new policy, 2402 English Language Arts Mastery-Based Credit, was introduced for first reading.

Policy 2403 Math Mastery-Based Credit

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Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements

An update to the policy governing graduation requirements to reflect new state requirements and the return to a semester system was introduced for first reading.

Surplus Equipment and Materials

The board declared surplus items recommended by the Maintenance and Technology departments because they have exceeded their useful life or are no longer needed in the district.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, to be conducted remotely with notice and access provided under the emergency provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Personnel Report

Following an executive session, the board approved the personnel matters and an adjustment to the Substitute Salary Schedule.