

Ferndale School District No. 502
School Board Regular Meeting September 27, 2016
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Members present: Kevin Erickson, Andrew McLaurin, Lee Anne Riddle, Candice Wilson, Ben Bagley, Jeremy Knapp
Members absent: Hugh Foulke

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 Call To Order

Dr. Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed audience members. There were 19 audience members present. The meeting was held at the Vista Middle School Library, 6051 Vista Drive, Ferndale, Washington.

Present from the administration were Superintendent Linda Quinn, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Support Services Mark Deebach, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning Scott Brittain, Executive Director of Human Resources Paul Douglas, Executive Director for Student Services Jill Iwasaki and Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Mark Hall.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 2.01 Meet and Greet

A board member was available from 6:30-7:00 p.m. to meet and greet the public.

Information: 2.02 Recite Pledge of Allegiance

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Information: 2.03 Report on Opening of the 2016-2017 School Year

Superintendent Quinn reported to the board on the opening of the new school year. She said everything went well. The district did well in its projections for student enrollment. All elementary schools, except Eagleridge, were on projection. Eagleridge came in 32 students over projection. The district was able to hire a substitute kindergarten teacher for Eagleridge to help with the overage. In general, kindergarten classes are a little larger than anticipated, but none are over 24 students. Middle school enrollment is up a bit—4 to 5 over predictions. Some secondary physical education and music classes are at 42 and 43. As we go into October, enrollment should balance out. In addition, secondary students received their class schedules prior to the start of the school year which was helpful to students and parents.

Mr. Deebach reported that the construction on Washington Street near Ferndale High School did not seem to have a big impact on students and staff getting to/from school. The project is nearing completion which is anticipated to be next week.

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Information: 2.04 Public Comment

Dr. Erickson recognized audience members who may have comments. No comments were received.

Also, Dr. Erickson let audience members know the other ways that they can communicate with the school board. The board has a webpage (their contact information is listed on that page) and also a comment form to receive feedback from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Lee Anne Riddle moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Action (Consent): 3.01 Approved Minutes

Approved minutes of the August 8, 2016 Special Meeting, August 30, 2016 Public Hearing and August 30, 2016 Regular Meeting, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Action (Consent): 3.02 Authorized Vouchers

Authorized Voucher Transmittals:

GENERAL FUND

Vouchers 263832-263906, 263916-263970, 263984-264007, 264012-264106 & 264123 in the amount of \$1,070,759.95

GENERAL FUND PAYROLL

Warrants 506057-506098 dated August 31, 2016 in the amount of \$1,311,505.94; and electronic deposits in the amount of \$2,539,386.96 for a total of \$3,850,892.90.

A.S.B. FUND

Vouchers 263907-263915, 263971-263983, 264008-264011 & 264107-264120 in the amount of \$36,046.81

PPT FUND

Vouchers 264121-264122 in the amount of \$50.00

Action (Consent): 3.03 Approved Classified Staffing for 2016-2017

Approved the classified staffing for 2016-2017, per the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Action (Consent): 3.04 Approved Hiring of Staff

Approved the hiring of personnel, per the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

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Action (Consent): 3.05 Approved Supplemental and Personal Services Contracts
Approved supplemental and personal services contracts, per the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Action (Consent): 3.06 Accepted Resignations and Retirements of Staff
Approved resignations and retirements per the list attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Action (Consent): 3.07 Authorized Interagency Agreement between the District and the Opportunity Council for Early Intervention Services Contract and Early Support for Infants & Toddlers Program (Head Start/ECEAP)

Authorized the agreement between the district and The Opportunity Council to support the infants and toddlers program, by providing early intervention services, as attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

The agreement will provide early intervention services to all eligible children, ages birth to three-years of age, residing within the boundaries of the district. Funding that the district provides to The Opportunity Council are dollars that the district receives from the state to serve these students.

Action (Consent): 3.08 Authorized Agreement Between the District and Bellingham Technical College for Running Start Program

Authorized the agreement between the district and Bellingham Technical College for Running Start Program, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Action (Consent): 3.09 Authorized Travel

Authorized the following travel:

1. Ferndale High School Choir Teacher Kay Hageman, chaperones and approximately 45 choir students to perform in Disneyland and participate in Disney Youth Program Performing Arts workshop April 21-24, 2017. Estimated expenses of \$51,600 will be paid by the District Music Budget, Choir ASB Club account, fundraising and students.

2. Ferndale High School Band Teacher Steve Menefee, chaperones and approximately 75 band and color guard students to participate in the Disney Magic Music Days Parade, a concert performance, and cultural and historical recreation June 2-5, 2017. Estimated expenses of \$68,000 will be paid by the District Music Budget, Band ASB Club Account, fundraising and students.

3. Ferndale High School Band Teacher Steve Menefee, chaperones and approximately 85 band and guard students to participate in the Tumwater Festival of Bands October 7-8, 2016 in Tumwater, Washington. Estimated expenses of \$4,400 will be paid by the ASB Band Account.

4. Superintendent Linda Quinn to attend the School Research Nexus Conference October 12-14, 2016 in Laguna Beach, California. There will be no expense to the district.

Action (Consent): 3.10 Accepted August 2016 Fund Balance Financial Statements
Accepted the Fund Balance Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2016, as attached hereto and made part of the minutes.

4. TEACHING AND LEARNING

Information: 4.01 Reviewed the 2015-2016 Smarter Balance Assessment Data
Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning Scott Brittain and Executive Director for Teaching Mark Hall provided a report on the recently released 2015-2016 Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) Data.

Mr. Brittain conveyed the Smarter Balance is still new to the district. We teach, we test, we teach, we test again. Custer Elementary School for example looked at interim block tests. They inform instruction and we see better results from students. In addition, this year our schools will look at conducting fall and spring MAPs testing. Mr. Hall added elementary schools have been giving MAPs test for the last 16 years. Eventually, they would like to phase these out and use the interim tests instead.

Mr. Brittain said teachers are able to drill down in the data and find out what needs to be a focus which is actual claims. A claim is a specific target. Teachers can develop their instruction accordingly. He reported this is the fifth year that the district has participated in the SBAC. The state pays for SBAC testing.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES

Action: 5.01 Authorize the Development of Professional Plans to Achieve Endorsement
Executive Director for Human Resources Dr. Paul Douglas presented the circumstances regarding the rationale for teaching out of endorsement and putting a plan together to support teachers. He explained that teachers must be endorsed in the area they teach. He explained the district has a teacher shortage in certain areas. Last year, the district hired a veteran K-8 teacher who is not endorsed in the middle school subject matter they teach. The district will help put a plan together to support the teacher getting the endorsement. The teacher will be appropriately endorsed by the end of this school year.

Lee Anne Riddle moved to authorize Human Resources and Teaching and Learning staff to develop plans to assist one middle school teacher in becoming endorsed in the area they are teaching this year.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kevin Erickson, Andrew McLaurin, Lee Anne Riddle, Candice Wilson

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Action: 5.02 Authorized the Contract Between the District and Public School Employees (PSE)

Executive Director for Human Resources Dr. Paul Douglas presented the contract between Ferndale School District and Public School Employees (PSE) for the board's consideration. He reported that negotiations with PSE went very well. Highlights of the contract include:

- discussion about education for para-educators, how they can be involved in learning instructional best practices. For those persons getting a two-year degree, they get a one year advancement on the pay scale.
- extra training by paying them to stay and attend staff meetings.
- a wage study will be conducted this school year.
- a review will be done of the evaluation process.

Lee Anne Riddle moved to authorize the contract between Ferndale School District and Public School Employees (PSE) for 2016-2019, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kevin Erickson, Andrew McLaurin, Lee Anne Riddle, Candice Wilson

Information: 5.03 Contract Between the District and Ferndale Education Association (FEA)

At the board's August meeting, members approved the two-year contract between the district and Ferndale Education Association. For the board's information, attached is a complete contract document.

6. BUSINESS

Information: 6.01 No items

7. SUPPORT SERVICES

Information: 7.01 Continued Discussion about Capital Projects Bonds

Superintendent Linda Quinn and Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services Mark Deebach continue their conversation with the school board about running a capital projects bond. The board asked the administration to find a person or firm who could assist with putting together a plan for facilities. The district has hired Strategies 360 to do that work. Strategies 360 will be at the School Board's October 10 study session to talk about a plan with school board members.

8. GENERAL

Action: 8.01 Revised School Board Policy No. 3246 Use of Isolation, Restraint, Restraint Devices and Reasonable Force (First Reading and Final Consideration)

Executive Director for Student Services Jill Iwasaki presented School Board Policy No. 3246 Use of Isolation, Restraint, Restraint Devices and Reasonable Force, for first reading and final consideration by the school board. Since the law was changed, a revised policy is necessary.

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Andrew McLaurin moved to revise School Board Policy No. 3246 Use of Isolation, Restraint, Restraint Devices and Reasonable Force, as attached hereto and made a part of the minutes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Kevin Erickson, Andrew McLaurin, Lee Anne Riddle, Candice Wilson

Information: 8.02 Report from the Legislative Assembly

Dr. Erickson reported on his attendance at the Washington State School Directors' Association Legislative Assembly held September 23 and 24. He reviewed the handout he provided to the board which is attached and incorporated into the minutes.

Dr. Quinn reported that Whatcom County Superintendents will be meeting with legislators on October 17 to talk about education priorities.

Information: 8.03 Our Diverse Community

Executive Director for Student Services Jill Iwasaki reported to the board on the district's English Language Learners program. The district has two teachers who teach ELL classes. Also, it has a family outreach program for elementary age students. The district is hiring three new para-educators to support this group. This year, there is an increase of 18 ELL students in the program which is at approximately 325.

Ms. Iwasaki reported there are 616 native students in the district representing 17 different tribes—460 of which are Lummi. The district has four advisors, advisory and language classes, and clubs for native students.

She reported the Multicultural Advisory Committee is planning a World Culture Festival for next spring.

Information: 8.04 Board Members and Superintendent Sharing

At this time, school board members and the superintendent shared informational items.

Dr. Quinn reported on the commencement date for Ferndale High School. The options are 1) hold it at Ferndale High on a Saturday or 2) hold it at Civic Stadium on a Monday or Tuesday. Ferndale High School's Principal Jeff Gardner is survey the senior class and their parents. School Board Member Ben Bagley said many high school students did not know about the survey. he is working with Mr. Gardner and the senior class officers to discuss options available to them.

Mr. Deebach said the district will be running Operation Green Hornet next week. This is a large scale emergency exercise which will begin at Horizon Middle School. Over a dozen agencies will participate in the exercise.

Ms. Wilson invited those present to attend the play "What About These Promises" which is about the Point Elliot Treaty. It will be presented at Whatcom Community College October 14 and 15.

Information: 8.05 Public Comment

Dr. Erickson recognized audience members who may have comments. No comments were received.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Information: 9.01

At 9:16 p.m., the board convened into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter, specifically performance of an employee.

Dr. Erickson reported that no action would be taken during or following the session.

At 9:26 p.m., the board reconvened into open session and immediately adjourned.

Board President

Board Secretary