

Ferndale School District No. 502
School Board Special Meeting January 31, 2017
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Members present: Hugh Foulke, Andrew McLaurin, Lee Anne Riddle, Candice Wilson

Meeting called to order at 5:06 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 Call To Order

Ms. Riddle called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and welcomed audience members. The meeting was held at Vista Middle School, 6051 Vista Drive, Ferndale, Washington. There were no audience members present.

Present representing Ferndale Schools were: Linda Quinn, Lee Anne Riddle, Andrew McLaurin, Hugh Foulke, Candice Wilson, Mark Hall, Scott Brittain, Jill Iwasaki, and Paul Douglas.

Present representing Lummi Nation were: Jana Finkbonner, Bernie Thomas, Lawrence Solomon, Joseph Hillaire and Connie Martin.

2. GENERAL

Information: 2.01 Welcome and Introductions

Superintendent Linda Quinn and Lummi Nation Superintendent Bernie Thomas presented opening remarks. Those present introduced themselves.

Dr. Quinn noted that January was School Board Appreciation Month. She said board members are an inspiration to all of us. They do this work for kids. They provide role models for kids of people respecting each other. We are working to do a better job of honoring, celebrating and serving our native students in our schools.

Mr. Thomas congratulated school board members and thanked them for their service. He said the district and nation has cultivated a fabulous relationship over the last few years. We are on a mutual quest to learn more about each other and problem solve around issues. He said it's come a long way since he started the Lummi Nation school in 1981. We get better at what we do and we together support our students.

Information: 2.02 Video Presentation by Lummi Nation School Board

Lummi Nation School Board presented a video featuring their school and community. It was created for the visit of Secretary James Cooley to Lummi Nation this past year.

Information: 2.03 Art Lesson Presented by Ferndale High School Class

Ferndale High School Art Teacher Terry Fitzgerald and four art students provided an art lesson to the school board. Those in attendance teamed up to draw one another's portrait.

Information: 2.04 Video Presentation by Ferndale School Board

Ferndale School Board presented a video that they prepared for the WSSDA Conference in November 2016. It focused on the programs the district has established to support native students.

Connie Martin expressed her thanks for the videos. These programs help students heal from past trauma. Students need to be "okay" when they walk in the door of our schools. She said she graduated from Ferndale High School in 1968, before the Bolt Decision. As we move forward it's important to work together to stand up for "all of our children." We start healing and walking together in a good way. We as a community need to make this work. We don't live alone in this world. We can't survive without each other. These are historic times for us.

Ms. Wilson added our stories remind us where we came from and where we are going. We have a lot to share and embrace. She said she is proud to say "I'm a Lummi Tribal member."

Information: 2.05 Sharing

No further items were shared at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary