

The special meeting of the Board of Education, White Salmon Valley School District, Klickitat and Skamania Counties, White Salmon, WA was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at the Health & Wellness Center, located at 1455 NW Bruin Country Rd., White Salmon WA 98672, and via a ZOOM public meeting per Senate Concurrent Resolution 8402 (2021), extending the Governor's emergency proclamations, including 20-28 "until the termination of the state emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.210 or until rescinded by gubernatorial or legislative action, whichever occurs first." Present: Chairman Paul Mosbrucker, Alan Reitz, William Gross, Laurie Stanton, Superintendent Sean McGeeney, and guests.

**Board Training Facilitated by ESD 112:** Dr. McGeeney introduced ESD 112 Superintendent, Tim Merlino and Marnie Allen, Assistant Superintendent of ESD 112. Tim provided an overview of the training and held introductions. In addition, Tim provided a brief COVID update to the board. Tim and Marnie led the board through training and discussion on the following topics:

- a. Board Governance
- b. What does a Board Member do and not do?
- c. Norms & Expectations

**Goals Setting/ Visioning:** The Board discussed current and potential measurable goals that will be the basis that will drive the work of the Superintendent.

**Engaging in the Work of the District:** Dr. McGeeney invited the board to engage in the work of the district in each director's areas of expertise and passion. The board discussed and shared the areas they have interest in pursuing.

At 11:55 a.m. Chairman Mosbrucker announced that the board would adjourn for one hour. The board reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

**Action Planning for 2021-2022 School Year:** Dr. McGeeney shared and discussed several items with the board that may need attention or action in the coming school year.

- a. Updating Board Policies: The district would like to work with WSSDA to review all policies with potential updates.
- b. Work or Study Sessions: The board discussed holding special sessions for one hour, prior to regularly scheduled board meetings, to learn more about and discuss topics and areas of interest.
- c. Mid-Year Retreat: Dr. McGeeney discussed the option of holding a mid-year board retreat, as additional time that could be set aside for further discussion and updates later in the year.
- d. Venue for Meetings 21-22: Dr. McGeeney presented the idea of continuing to hold meetings in the Columbia High School Library.
- e. Other: Dr. McGeeney and the board discussed Strategic Planning, updating and digitizing employment applications, as well as moving to the Board Docs platform.

**Board Input on Procedural Items:** Dr. McGeeney asked for input regarding the following items; admin board reports vs. in-person attendance, student board representation, bargaining, hiring report as part of the consent agenda, and board member reporting as an agenda item.

**WSSDA Conference:** Dr. McGeeney reminded the board of the WSSDA Conference dates and encouraged all to attend.

**Items of Interest to the Board:**

- a. **COVID Response:** Dr. McGeeney updated the board on the latest masking guidelines, reporting from the local health department, and Learn to Return self-testing. Districts are still waiting on guidance around athletics.
- b. **Other:** Facilities: Dr. McGeeney discussed the age of the district facilities and the need to begin planning for replacement. Dr. McGeeney also shared that he has been working with a security analysis company, DriftNet Securities.

At 2:43 p.m. Chairman Mosbrucker announced the board would adjourn to exempt session, closed to the public, for 30 minutes to discuss Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), and that no action would be taken upon their return. The board reconvened to open session at 3:15 p.m.

At 3:16 p.m. Chairman Mosbrucker adjourned the meeting with a motion by Alan Reitz. Seconded by Laurie Stanton. Carried.

ATTEST:

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Chairman

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Secretary