

MINUTES
of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT #216
6:30 p.m.
January 8, 2018

I – PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order:

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Bryan Stanwood, President of the Board of Directors, at 6:30 p.m. at Enumclaw High School.

B. Roll Call:

All board members were present, excluding Mr. Gamblin, who arrived at 7:00 p.m.

II – WORK BOARD STUDY SESSION

A. Enumclaw High School Presentation

Mr. Lee welcomed the board of directors to Enumclaw High School. He explained that this work study may differ from what the board has experienced previously, in that this meeting would take place throughout multiple areas of the building. Mr. Lee added that he felt it more important to *show* the board EHS values, rather than to just use words. He explained that many students and staff members would be involved in the presentation, to showcase how EHS values the whole child, and really takes the time to ensure the staff is always growing to be of best support to each student.

Mr. Lee began by welcoming the current ASB president, Kenny Herbst, and a fellow high school senior, Austin Willson, to describe to the board how EHS is working to increase student involvement in building a positive atmosphere. Kenny explained how increasing school spirit was a main goal of his while running for his ASB presidency. He described packed student body sections at football games, basketball games, school dances and even a tailgate prior to a water polo match, that have brought unity to the student body this school year. Using social media and word-of-mouth to draw larger crowds has been essential this year, with the current EHS construction causing a loss of the generally used intercom system. Kenny stated that he hopes that this trend of excitement for school pride will continue to next year and beyond. Austin added that the leadership class used a week in January to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the theme “Be the Change.” The week was full of daily themes and challenges to urge students to come together using “dares” to encourage positive interactions. Student response was incredible and some even suggested continuing the trend for an entire year.

Student board representative, Peyton Brucher, gave kudos to her fellow classmates for their involvement in spreading school spirit this year, stating that Kenny has done a great job trying to incorporate all students in the fun.

The board was then directed to the new high school gymnasium where they were greeted like all-star athletes complete with the drama of dimmed lights, loud music, cheerleaders and an

announcer. Horticulture students even presented each member with a handmade corsage/boutonniere. Mr. Lee then introduced Mr. Paul Scott, choir director, to describe the performing arts program of EHS.

Mr. Scott explained to the board that they would be witnessing two performances, one by the choir, and another by members of the EHS band. He emphasized that these performances were meant to show a “moment in time” of what occurs on a daily basis with the performing arts program. The students are constantly learning new music and are not always concert ready, as the board may have previously witnessed. The choir then shared a small portion of a piece they are currently working on, titled “*Tap-Tap.*” Mr. Scott is hoping to coordinate a meeting, in person or via skype, so the students can interact with the composer of the music. Band director, Ben Barker, then introduced the EHS large brass ensemble, who just received a superior rating (the highest possible) during their regional performance.

Assistant Principal Paul Iacobazzi took the stage to thank the board for their attendance. He explained that during his 11 years in his role, he has had the opportunity to work with many incredible educators who focus on ensuring that all students have the necessary tools and supports to succeed. He welcomed special education educator, Lindsey Ryan, to discuss how EHS reaches those students needing extended supports. Mrs. Ryan informed the board that EHS is currently serving 196 students with IEPs (individualized education plans). These plans include a wide variety of supports to ensure that every student is given a fair chance to succeed. Mrs. Ryan asked two of her senior students to speak to the board. The first student, Chase Clough, described to the board that not only is he given extra guidance for general school courses, but he was also helped to create a résumé, which landed him a summer job and a paid skills internship! Another student, Taylor Boyd, described her experience with an IEP since kindergarten. She highlighted that the smaller class sizes, one-on-one attention, paraeducator assistance and extended time have promoted her academic progress, and she will proudly graduate this spring.

Ryan Picinich, ILC teacher, was introduced and described that students in his programs have a variety of individualized needs. Not only does the staff provide additional supports, but the students provide supports to each other as well. He welcomed his student, Desiree, who told the board that she was very pleased with the fun projects she is able to work on during her school day. She also informed the board that she participated in the EHS Special Olympics and had a great time.

Mr. Lee then introduced Sui-Lan Ho’okano, the cultural program manager, stating that nothing happens unless someone cares deeply, and if someone cares deeply, the possibilities of success are endless. Sui-Lan explained that her role with the district is to build healthy relationships and promote a collectiveness that can be embraced by all. She stated that her position is not a job, but a journey that she leads with her heart. Sui-Lan described her students as her heart, and welcomed one of her students, Lucas Daniels, to speak to the board. Lucas exclaimed that Sui-Lan has brought life into the cultural program at EHS. He was proud to announce the cultural program’s role during the homecoming parade, and the district’s passing of the resolution to adopt Indigenous Peoples Day. Both Lucas and Sui-Lan are proud of the inclusiveness occurring.

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Phil Engebretsen, then led the board on a tour of the new “Hall of Champions,” showcasing different areas paying tribute to historical state championships, EHS Hall of Fame athletes, and “Alumni in Action,” who are previous EHS athletes currently competing at the collegiate level. He thanked the board and voters for approving this addition to the gym in the recent Bond.

Assistant Principal and CTE Director, Kim Herd, continued the tour by leading the board through the CTE wing. The board first took a stop at the EHS coffee stand (Buzzy’s) where they were able to place orders with a student barista, Kennedy Lewis, who described her work experiences as those that would build her resume for future positions outside of the high school. They were then guided through the culinary arts classroom, where students, Cameron Serba and Jarom Warren, of Ms. Lang’s class gave a tour of each of the cooking, cleaning and storage stations. Mr. Wallace continued the tour through the video production and digital media classrooms, complete with a new green room that was created during the remodel. The tour ended with Mr. Berryhill and Mr. Kilmer and the students involved in the construction of the tiny house. The board was shown the trailer that was built to carry the house, and the newly constructed framing, walls and roofing sections to complete the shell of the house. The tiny house will be showcased during the STEM Expo event this Thursday at the Enumclaw Expo Center.

After returning to the leadership classroom, Mr. Lee thanked the board for their time and stated his theme for this year was “the road to success is always under construction.” He stated that he hoped everyone enjoyed the journey through the renovated portions of the building, and he was excited for next year, when the tour could include the brand new construction.

The board thanked Mr. Lee and his staff for including the tour, staff members and so many students in the presentation.

B. Legislative Conference Update

Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Merrill attended the legislative conference in Olympia during the last weekend in January. They discussed the topics of the McCleary Funding Plan, and how the experience factor for the certificated instructional staff in each district will potentially impact recruiting. Graduation requirements were also discussed. Mr. Nelson informed the board that Washington State is now one of just two states left that link standardized testing to graduation requirements. Lastly, the board discussed the upcoming Levy. Currently, Enumclaw has had 18.6 percent of voter ballots returned, and Black Diamond is at 20.6%.

C. Superintendent Update

Mr. Nelson reminded the board of the STEM Expo occurring this Thursday from 4:00-7:30 p.m. at the Enumclaw Expo Center. Food trucks will be present and the CTE students’ tiny house will be present.

Career day is next Thursday, February 15th at both Enumclaw Middle School and Thunder Mountain Middle School.

Mr. Nelson then took some time to discuss a recent incident at Enumclaw Middle School relating to a rumor, regarding potential violence, which spread quickly through the community. Mr. Nelson placed an emphasis on his thankfulness for the relationship that the district has with the first responders of the community. This event has prompted more discussions to further improve the communication and partnership between the police department, fire department, and the district, as well as the communication from the district to staff and families.

III EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was needed.

IV — BOARD PROCESS DEBRIEF

The board debriefed the meeting.

V — ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors