

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHITE PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 303**

FROM: DR. PAUL FARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OCTOBER 16, 2018

6:00 P.M., ROOM 205

WHITE PASS JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

School Board Meeting Minutes 10/16/2018

Call to Order: *Ricky Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. She asked Brian Carter to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance as Brad Nelson and the Bucket Drummers had to postpone until next month. Those in attendance were, Mrs. Emerson, Heather Muir, Dr. Zora DeGrandpre, Joe Fenbert, Joel McMahan, Dr. Paul Farris, Angela Bowen, and Nancy Nebeker.*

Changes or Additions to the Agenda: *Dr. Farris asked to add the following to Consent Agenda: C. Contracts for Maintenance and Transportation Supervisors. He also asked to add the following to Personnel Action: C. Scott Draper for Head High School Track Coach.*

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes: Two sets of minutes were presented: *Sept 17, 5:00 PM Special Meeting and Sept. 17, 6:00 PM Regular Meeting. The minutes for regular board meeting had one change: Mrs. Nebeker was asked to change the wording of Personnel Action in D. to "Not including the Superintendent, the following positions will receive a 3.1% salary increase: Administration, Transportation Director, Facilities Director, and District Office Staff. Mrs. Emerson asked for a motion to approve both sets of minutes with the afore mentioned changes to the regular board meeting minutes. Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Mr. Fenbert seconded. Minutes for the Regular Board meeting as amended and the Special Board meeting were both approved unanimously, (5, 0).*

Audience and Communications:

Mary Proffit began by explaining the next steps for TRL. Their board members agreed to not close any of the branches before August 1st, 2019. The Finance Director and District Manager will be holding 2 meetings in every county to go over the budget and ideas about how to serve communities. Community members with knowledge of the like are invited to join committees committed to finding solutions. Mrs. Proffit presented ideas to her supervisors to provide services to Morton and Mineral by altering time management with her staff. She added that TRL would like to move forward with the my TRL project with White Pass students. Each student, K-12, if approved by the board, will have access to library materials with no fines.

Kent Meridian High School. The focus was how to create a positive school culture. They also were involved in creating care kits for the homeless with a variety of toiletries. Homecoming week was September 24th through 28th. The dance was the 29th and was uneventful, behavioral issue wise. October 1st Mrs. Hanks and Mrs. Foley hosted a senior parent night. GEAR UP dinners are in full swing. Mr. Fagin and Mrs. Almquist are participating in a Science and English Fellows program this year. Four staff members from the secondary are serving on the MTSS leadership team. Northwest Rise conference is coming up and will provide a meeting place for rural school teachers to connect. Discipline wise this has been a rough month. Mr. Schumaker presented his statistics.

Mr. Fenbert asked how intake occurs at the DEN? Mr. Schumaker replied that Ms. Olwine supplies data that generates the statistics on the report.

Mr. Schumaker presented several photos of events going on throughout the last month. Safety training has included 2 fire drills and 1 green lock down drill. Administration and ALICE personnel performed a walk through. We are moving forward with the ALICE program. More information will follow.

Mr. Schumaker presented the Hi-Cap program update to the school board. The Board accepted recommendations without objection, unanimously.

Nathan Coutsoubos – Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Coutsoubos focus for the month is math instruction. Bridges in Math is used PK-5th grade. CPM is used 6th-12th. Both curriculums use a bridge as their symbol. They create math thinkers, not doers. The characteristics of both programs are constructivist, hands on activities, small group work, rigorous, transferrable skills, and the programs play well with each other; one building upon the other. Tara Keniston is a CPM certified trainer and is our 5th and 6th grade math teacher. She is a math Fellow. Cindy Neace is our teaching consultant who observes and meets with staff afterward. Mr. Coutsoubos presented our SBA scores over the past 3 years in every grade level. He closed by sharing the NAAEE conference both he and Amelia Donahey were asked to speak at.

Brian Carter – ALE Report – Mr. Carter shared that he has 11 students in WPLA and 1 remote. Their weekly average time on task is 75%. All are passing with at least a 60% or better. Those who scored in the lower ranges have asked to test again to raise their scores which is encouraging that they are taking it so very seriously. 3 students will be taking the PSAT. Anissa Sharrett, the OSPI ALE lead and Liz Quayle, OSPI Compliance Analyst have been visiting with us and providing clarifications with our data collection and compliance with reporting correctly. Mr. Carter attended the WALA workshop October 4th and on October 9th, Phase II of Trauma Informed Practitioner.

Mr. Fenbert inquired about the visits with OSPI and how Mr. Carter feels about how far he has brought the program. Mr. Carter said he feels good. We are one of the smallest programs and therefor function differently. We are learning a lot about funding and claiming. We are unique in a good way.

They would like to bring the community together in a mentorship program and call it Linking out Youth, or the LOY (Louis) Project. Training could be provided and possibly require a yearlong commitment from participants.

Dr. DeGrandpre enjoyed the Hi-Cap presentation and can identify with her own experiences as a young person. Teachers often have to spend time with behavior kids and so the highly capable students take care of themselves. She is excited we are proactively looking at how to help these kids succeed as well. She was also amazed at the turn out from the community for TRL. She sees our community believes in education because our community believes in the community library.

Mrs. Muir enjoyed the 5th grade overnight field trip to Mt. St. Helens. The highlight for her was the GPS coordinates scavenger hunt and the kids took over and did great. She said Mrs. Donahey is doing a great job.

Mrs. Emerson shared opportunities for community engagement. October 26th she invites the board to come to the last football game of the season. She also invites all to the upcoming Veterans Assembly. Mrs. Emerson closed by stating we have some consistency of leadership. We had a seamless beginning of the school year. She sees everyone meeting together, cooperating, and collaborating. Dr. Farris is leading as though he has been here longer than 1 year.

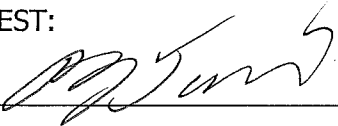
Executive Session: None

Personnel Action: Mrs. Emerson called for a motion to approve A-C of Personnel Action. Dr. DrGrandpre made the motion. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

Adjournment: Mrs. Muir made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0). The meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Nebeker

ATTEST:



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

