

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

JANUARY 22, 2019

6:00 P.M., ROOM 205

WHITE PASS JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

1/22/2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** *Ricky Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were, Mrs. Emerson, Heather Muir, Dr. Zora DeGrandpre, Joe Fenbert, Joel McMahan, Dr. Paul Farris, Angela Bowen, and Nancy Nebeker. Mrs. Muir led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.*
- 2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** *Dr. Farris requested to add D. New Bus Purchase Proposal to New Business. Mr. McMahan made a motion to accept changes to the agenda. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).*
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** *Dr. DeGrandpre made a motion to approve both A. December 18, 2018 Regular School Board minutes and B. January 9, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes as written. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).*
- 4. Audience and Communications:** *(Moved just prior to presentations as Mary Profit was not yet in attendance.) Mrs. Profit shared there will be a community chat event at the TRL on 1/31/19 regarding the future of the library. She also shared that this year TRL and the forest service is planning to expand the story trail to include an event space. Upcoming Books and Blankets will*

host the West African Dance Company. A writing project with White Pass 5th graders is underway complete with a book release TBA. Junior High students are participating in Read Across America and TRL will be hosting a Botanical Drawing Class soon.

5. Budget Overview: *Mrs. Bowen presented the budget*

6. Consent Agenda: *Mrs. Muir made a motion to approve both A. Financial Reports and B. Accounts Payable and Payroll of Consent Agenda. Dr. DeGrandpre seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).*

Dr. Farris explained that RCW 28A.335.130 regarding Real Property allows the district to extract fund out of the sale for closing fees and the cost of doing business prior to depositing it into either the debt service fund or capital projects fund so that those fees do not have to come out of the general fund. Mr. Fenbert made a motion to proceed with the RCW as stated. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

7. Presentations: *ASB representatives were not available.*

School Spotlight – Amelia Donahey, 5th Gr Teacher. Mrs. Donahey and student, Rayna Abbas, presented their class field investigations for the school year. Early in the fall they did an Earth Science and Literacy project regarding Living in the Ring of Fire. Students created informational brochures explaining risks and preparedness actions to take while living amongst volcanos. They had an overnight field trip to Johnson Ridge. In October, students experienced a Forrest Study at Ohanapecosh and LaWisWis. In November, the class hosted LeMay Waste Services and performed a waste search and brainstormed ways to save the

district money by recycling. Ongoing projects include the Solar House Design Lab. Mrs. Donahey explained how she worked with community businesses and organizations to be able to do the whole year of investigations for free or very little money.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Paul Farris. Dr. Farris began by announcing Mrs. Bowen's completion of the accounting certification program she attended in 2018 and recognized her well-deserved accomplishment. Dr. Farris then explained the status of the 3 year strategic plan. He restated the 5 areas of focus, described the various group meetings that were held to gather information about the priorities, and said next steps include sending it to the board, administration and staff for review. Dr. Farris also shared his classroom visit to Mrs. Donahey's class. They were exploring circuits and all were engaged. Maureen Foley earned the WPSD 2018 Gold Star Award for College Bound based on her stellar sign up rate. Dr. Farris closed by recognizing the board members for all of their hard work, involvement, and support.

Secondary Principal's Report – Chris Schumaker. Mr. Schumaker began by also recognizing Mrs. Foley for the award. He offered updates from the MTSS team. Staff collaborated on a discipline flow chart, referral form, and T-Wolf Way posters have been posted in every classroom. A recent CPM Math Night was recently held. Zoe Squires was invited to a 10 day intensive law and trial camp. MacKenzie Lindh lettered in the US Equestrian Riding Program. Knowledge Bowl is headed to Districts. Mr. Schumaker

closed by also acknowledging the board for board appreciation week.

Elementary Principal's Report – Nathan Coutsoubos. Mr. Coutsoubos presented a day in the life of White Pass Elementary. He shared a slide of each classroom and described what was happening in each.

ALE Update – Brian Carter. Mr. Carter stated that currently, there are 9 on site students, and 1 online. Randy Hartley completed his high school requirements by Christmas Break. ALE legislation is moving toward testing provisions for ALE students in an environment that is more suited to the students. In closing, ALE graduate, Joe Greenwood and Mr. Carter have been invited to present at the Pac Mountain Board Meeting.

Legislative Report – Joe Fenbert. Mr. Fenbert stated the legislative session began January 14th. School budget cuts are in headlines across the state. In response to the McCleary Decision, districts are scrambling to figure out how to meet budget requirements. WSSDA talking points center on why and how policy positions might be accomplished. Lastly, the Governor released his budget.

- 8. Old Business:** *Dr. Farris offered the Packwood property potential sale update. He stated that Foster Pepper had discovered conditions set by those who originally donated the property to White Pass School District. Lawyers are in the process of contacting the heirs of the donor(s) which could take some time. Future updates to follow as soon as they are available.*

9. New Business: Darci Rashoff presented the new school district website to the board. She requested the board approve rolling out the website at the earliest convenience. Dr. DeGrandpre made a motion to that effect, adding that staff be trained at an upcoming professional development meeting, but to not delay the roll out in the meantime. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

Dr. Farris presented policy 1113 and proposed action to adopt it, while deleting policy 1114. Mr. Fenbert made a motion rescind policy 1114 and replace with 1113. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

10. School Board Operations: Mr. Fenbert said he is planning to go to WSSDA legislative meeting on the hill. Other board members are checking and will get back to him.

The next school board meeting falls on President's Day. Mrs. Emerson proposed to meet on the day after with a special board meeting at 5:15 just prior to the regular meeting.

11. Board Comments: Mrs. Muir said it's been a great year. She's learned a lot and appreciates the hard work that goes into operating a school. She's excited about all that is happening in Mrs. Donahey's classroom and the new website.

Mr. McMahan wished to clarify dates regarding the next meeting.

Dr. DeGrandpre is excited about the amount of activity presented every time we meet. It is hard to keep that level of momentum going all the time.


Mr. Fenbert said he continues to enjoy working with different teams on projects throughout the district.

Mrs. Emerson closed by appreciating everyone who holds a piece of the pie; everyone's passion and the load that they carry.

12. **Executive Session:** At 7:50PM, The board entered executive session and requested 20 minutes. At 8:10PM, Mrs. Emerson announced the board would like 10 more minutes. The board exited session at 8:20PM where no decisions were made.
13. **Personnel Action:** Mr. McMahan made a motion to accept A through F of Personnel Action. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).
14. **Adjournment:** Dr. DeGrandre made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0). The meeting adjourned at 8:24PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Nebeker

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