

**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
JUNE 17, 2019
6:00 P.M., ROOM 205
WHITE PASS JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING**

Minutes: 6/17/2019

1. **Call to Order:** *Ricky Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Mrs. Emerson, Heather Muir, Joel McMahan, Joe Fenbert, Dr. Paul Farris, Angela Bowen, and Nancy Nebeker. Dr. Zora DeGrandpre was unable to attend. Mrs. Emerson called upon Mr. McMahan to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

2. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** *Dr. Farris requested the following additions to the agenda:
Presentations 7.G - LOU Crew
Personnel Action 13.E - Discovery Team Members and Crew Leaders for Summer 2019*

3. **Approval of Minutes:** *Mrs. Emerson requested the following addition to the May 2019 minutes:
In 13. Personnel Action, end of 2nd paragraph, "Mr. McMahan seconded the motion. The motion passed, unanimously, (4, 0)."*

Mr. Fenbert made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

4. **Audience and Communications:** *Referring to the Audience and Communications sign-up sheet, Mrs. Emerson invited Shelli Bordeaux, Bob Bordeaux, and Beth Coleman to speak.*

Mrs. Bordeaux presented a letter regarding posting of school board minutes to the district website that she requested be entered into the June 2019 minutes (see attached).

Mr. Bordeaux inquired about updates regarding the potential sale of the Packwood Real Property.

Ms. Coleman presented many end of year happenings especially regarding the outgoing senior class; their trip, scholarship awards, and celebrations.

Mrs. Emerson thanked Mrs. Bordeaux, Mr. Bordeaux and Mrs. Coleman for their communication and closed the comment portion of the agenda.

5. **Budget Overview:** *Mrs. Bowen presented the May 2019 Budget. She reported that we need to have the White Pass School District Budget Hearing in July as budgets need to be adopted by August 1st. She will*

post the legal, 2 week notice in the Journal. The F203 report, with enrollment information, has just been released causing us to postpone the budget hearing from June to July 2019. One of the new considerations for this next year's budget is School Employees Benefits Board or SEBB, which will be mandated statewide as of January 1st. The challenge facing all school districts as they prepare annual budgets is that the funding rate and cost has not yet been determined by the state and likely will not be determined by the time budgets must be adopted.

Mrs. Emerson identified the revised date for the Budget Hearing be held July 15, 2019 at 5:00PM with possible action to occur in the directly following, Regular School Board Meeting, July 15, 2019 at 6:00PM.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Mrs. Muir made a motion to approve A and B of Consent Agenda: Financial Reports and Accounts Payable and Payroll. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

7. **Presentations.**

- A. ASB – None, as no representative was in attendance.
- B. School Spotlight – Martha Almquist, High School. Dr. Farris explained this presentation has been postponed until the fall.
- C. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Paul Farris began by offering an update regarding the Packwood Real Property. In June of 2018 the board generated a resolution with intent to sell the property due to the fact that it will no longer be used as a school. Following the resolution, two public notices on July 7, 2018 and July 11, 2018 were posted regarding a community hearing to be held July 18, 2018. After the positive feedback from the community, the board decided to move forward with the sale and accept bids. One bid was received from the White Pass Country Historical Society. Foster Pepper performed a Title search and discovered that one acre of the property was originally donated with the stipulation that if the property is no longer a school, then the donated property be given back to the heirs of the donor. Foster Pepper mailed letters to the 27 descendants of which 4 released their interest and 23 did not respond at all. Dr. Farris met with Jan Grose, White Pass Country Historical Society president, to give her an update. The White Pass Country Historical Society board has communicated to Dr. Farris their decision to move forward with the current title. As it stands, White Pass School District will hold an additional public hearing and place notices in the paper. Foster Pepper will create a new Purchase and Sale Agreement. The school board continues to move forward on this potential sale with a goal of closing the sale in November of 2019.
Dr. Farris closed by sharing photos of the various end of year activities including senior pranks, a band concert at the Roxy, 8th grade graduation and National Honor Society induction, Senior class graduation, the last day of school, and a Washington D.C. trip for Morton and White Pass students.
- D. Principal's Reports:
Pretrina Mullins, on behalf of High School Principal Chris Schumaker, who is chaperoning the D. C. Trip, discussed happenings for the secondary 8th grade and senior class graduations, Hi Cap field trips, Track State events, June discipline, and two new employee recommendations. She also recognized Mr. Schumaker for having completed his Superintendent program through Seattle Pacific University and said he wishes to thank Dr. Farris, the school board, and staff for their support.

Elementary Principal, Nathan Coutsoubos, expressed his report focus for this month is End of Year. Among some epic field trips, the South West Washington Dance Center presented Cinderella; preschool and kindergarten held graduation ceremonies; staff and leadership students hoop shoot; school wide field day; annual senior walk; attendance assembly; 6th graders beat the state averages with ELA and math SBAC testing; and staff pass-the-panther.

- E. ALE Update - Brian Carter said the word of the month is "Together". Together, ALE students prepped for testing. Together, the LOU Crew is growing and strengthening. Together, the 8th grade completed P.E. requirements. Together, Bryce Wood graduated the ALE program and received acceptance at Centralia Community College. Last, but not least, together, the ALE program participants enjoyed an end of the year picnic and hike at Grove of the Patriarchs.*
- F. Legislative Report – Joe Fenbert said the WSSDA legislative session summary was recently released. Some items that stood out to him were a focus on social and emotional health and that we are in the early stages of defining it. Also of note were staffing models, 14 annual hours of para educator support and training, additional reporting requirements and the removal of high poverty road blocks to participating in extracurricular activities, and the de-linking or modified graduation requirements. Lastly, with upcoming SEBB in 2020, school boards will no longer negotiate staff benefits, the state will determine benefits, and there will be no more local input to pricing and staff benefits.*
- G. LOU Crew Group – Mr. Fenbert appreciated Mrs. Judd's art classes that collaborated on a promotional flyer. The group is looking to modify the volunteer coaching application for their purposes. They are also discussing, fiscally, where to run the financial operations of the group. More info will follow in July.*

8. Old Business:

- A. Dr. Farris said he didn't have anything else to add regarding the Packwood Real Property that wasn't already expressed in his superintendent's report.*
- B. Dr. Farris is requesting school board approval for the strategic plan. Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve. Mrs. Muir Seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).*
- C. Dr. Farris explained that Shane Dotson has obtained three vehicle quotes for a Ford Fusion and through some investigation into school fleet programs, we can purchase a brand new vehicle for about \$50.00 more than a used option. The projected purchase will occur in October and it will become the primary drivers-education vehicle as well as be used for staff travel transportation.*

- 9. New Business:** *Dr. Farris referred to John Kelly's building condition report from May's board presentation and said that White Pass School District needs to replace phone and surveillance systems. Joe Toal and Shane Loucks are in the process of obtaining quotes for school board approval.*

10. School Board Operations: None

11. Board Comments:

Mr. McMahan had no comment.

Mrs. Muir enjoyed the overnight Mt. Rainier Field Trip and said it was a pleasure to be able to hand her daughter her diploma at graduation.

Mr. Fenbert wanted to acknowledge the Brother Woods program and the Adirondack chairs they are making for sale.

Mrs. Emerson played a video of graduating senior, Elisa Meza singing at Baccalaureate. She appreciates the community, school board, and staff for embracing every kid. There is potential locked in every one of them adding that Ms. Meza thanked two particular teachers for their positive support, teaching and encouragement over her 3 ½ years at White Pass.

- 12. Executive Session:** Mrs. Emerson stated the board will enter executive session to review the performance of a public school employee RCW 42.30.110 (g) at 7:15PM and are requesting 15 minutes. At 7:30PM Mrs. Emerson announced the board is requesting 5 more minutes. The board returned at 7:35PM. No actions or decisions were made in executive session.

Upon return from executive session Mrs. Emerson read aloud a note from district secretary, Nancy Nebeker, stating the April 2019 minutes had not previously been posted on the school website because at the May 2019 regular school board meeting, the April minutes were approved pending an amendment which required signing by the board at the June 2019 meeting prior to posting on the website.

- 13. Personnel Action:** Mr. Fenbert made a motion to approve both A. Michael Holbrook, and B. Jet'aime Cole of personnel action. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed, unanimously, (4, 0).

Mr. Fenbert made a motion to approve C. Taylor Weist and D. Steve Hanson of personnel action. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

Mr. Fenbert made a motion to approve E. Discovery Team Members and Crew Leaders (see attached) of personnel action. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

- 14. Adjournment:** Mr. McMahan made a motion to adjourn at 7:50PM. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Nebeker

ATTEST:



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:


