

**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 21, 2019

6:00 P.M., ROOM 205

WHITE PASS JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

10/21/2019 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, Joel McMahan, Dr. Paul Farris, Angela Bowen, and Nancy Nebeker. Joe Fenbert was unable to attend. Mrs. Emerson asked Brian Carter to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** None.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Dr. DeGrandpre made a motion to approve A. September 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes, and B. September 30, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (3, 0; Mrs. Emerson was not at the regular meeting and declined to vote).
- 4. Audience and Communications:** There were no audience members who wished to speak.
- 5. Budget Overview:** Mrs. Bowen presented the September 2019 Financial report. She also stated she is finishing up the End of Year report. The file should be submitted to ESD 113 on October 22nd. Following their review, ESD 113 will submit it to OSPI.

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

Mrs. Muir made a motion to approve the Hampton Lumber Mills Donation for Books and Blankets in the amount of \$800.00. Dr. DeGrandpre seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

7. Presentations:

ASB Report – No ASB representative available.

School Spotlight – Mike Holbrook, new Business and CTE teacher, shared about his background as a Business and CTE educator for 14 years, ALE teacher for 1 year, and High School principal for 8 years in the Concrete, Washington school district. He said he is enjoying being back in the classroom. He is currently teaching Typing, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Accounting (students who receive a B or better will also receive college credit through Centralia), and Personal Finance. He is also the FBLA and 9th grade class advisor.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Paul Farris shared that he recently met with Jan Grose and Rick Anthony regarding the potential sale of the Packwood real property. They are sending documents off to Foster Pepper and are getting close to finalizing the sale. He also shared that he attended the GEAR UP West conference and enjoyed several sessions. Maureen Foley is preparing for the GEAR UP College and Career Fair October 31st. He encourages all to attend. Forty-eight representatives from various colleges, professions and trades are expected to be here. The PeEll and Oakville school districts among Morton and Mossyrock have all been invited to attend as well.

Secondary Principal's Report – Chris Schumaker began by sharing various activities happening at the secondary school. Twelve ASB students attended the AWSL conference, Homecoming was a success as well as the recent Lahar drill. Mr. Schumaker also discussed new, more streamlined state discipline and attendance rules and code changes. His staff is going paperless with referrals, using Skyward and SWISS. The Mental Health Counselor has been building relationships with students she is meeting with and there has been a 42% reduction in cell phone infractions. A Hi-Cap Coordinator position has been posted, and testing begins the 2nd week in November.

Elementary Principal's Report - Nathan Coutsoubos focused his presentation on ELA in the elementary. His predecessors implemented curriculum that was assessed well by OSPI. The staff-formed committee is comprised of Erin Shook, Dan Meekhof, Marcia First, and Roanne Fenbert, who is the K-3 Interventions Tosa this school year. Mr. Coutsoubos shared SBA results across the grade levels. He explained Kathy Tully introduced common writing prompts across all grades last year and Amelia Donahey is continuing the program this year.

ALE Update – Brian Carter shared stats including news about 3 ALE students beginning as evening assistant custodians in order to gain work experience. He has streamlined his goals from 7 to 4 for the school year. The state is increasing required hours for ALE students to 28 this year. Mr. Carter closed by sharing skills he is working to teach ALE students from the Trauma Informed Course III.

Legislative Report – Mr. Fenbert was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Farris shared a few updates. The October legislature report presented poverty at the root of the achievement gap as well as racial discrepancies in wage earning. They assert schools are underfunded because of a shrinking tax base. WSSDA legislative priorities include student health and safety (hiring nurses, mental health providers,

security, and a highly qualified diverse staff). Other priorities are to fully fund special education, and the re-establishment of a state-wide implemented salary schedule.

8. Old Business: *Dr. DeGrandpre made a motion to approve A. Policy 5500 regarding Personnel Procurement Cards. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).*

9. New Business: *None.*

10. School Board Operations: *None.*

11. Board Comments: *Mrs. Muir said that it was nice to meet Mr. Holbrook and to hear an overview of the Business program. She is also looking forward to the GEAR UP college and career fair. Mrs. Muir closed by expressing her appreciation to Mr. Schumaker for his work on MTSS, Mr. Coutsobous for the reading intervention at the elementary; her son has been reading constantly at home; and Mr. Carter for his individualized attention in helping students with skills he shared in his presentation.*

Mr. McMahan appreciates the real-world skills being taught in Mr. Holbrook's classes. He commended Mr. Schumaker on the progress made on the graduation cohort dropout rate, and Mr. Coutsobous on testing results showing improvement as students move up in grade levels. He said it shows the staff is doing a good job.

Dr. DeGrandpre also greatly appreciates the real world skills being taught in our district. She said she constantly sees people genuinely caring. Teaching critical thinking skills is huge. She encourages all to hold on to the heart of teaching.

Mrs. Emerson thanked Mr. Holbrook for presenting. She is excited about the new FBLA leadership students. Mrs. Emerson thanked Mr. Schumaker for explaining the reasons behind the Graduation Cohort rate in the 2017-2018 school year. She closed by sharing "if kids find a reason to be here, they'll call it home".

12. Executive Session: None.

13. Personnel Action: Dr. DeGrandpre made a motion to approve A. Curt Atkinson, volunteer JH Girls' Basketball Coach, B. Corby Johnson, JH Girls' Basketball Coach, and C. Heidi Cooper, volunteer HS Girls' Basketball Coach. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve A. Sandra Carter, ALE Para Professional, B. Abigail Buckley, Para Professional pending successful completion of hiring requirements, and C. Katelyn Flandermeyer, Para Professional pending successful completion of hiring requirements. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0).

14. Adjournment: Mr. McMahan made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. DeGrandpre seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4, 0). The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Nebeker

ATTEST:



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:









