

Board Members:	Greg Miller, President; Duane Pegg, Scott Jones, Debbie Carter-Bowhay, and Hillary Bearden.
Administration:	Heather Sweet, Superintendent; Christopher Pollard, Jr/Sr HS Principal; Dr. Cindy Risher, Elementary Principal; and Nicholas French, Director of Teaching and Learning.

- Call to Order:** 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and the flag salute was led by President, Greg Miller.
- Approval of Minutes:** 2.0 It was moved and seconded (DC/HB) that the Board approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020 regular meeting as presented thereby ratifying all actions taken.
- M/C, unanimous.*
- AMC-8 Recognition** 3.0 Brook Priest presented AMC-8 Awards (Math) to the following students:
- Caden Arbona (Top Scoring 5th Grader)
 - Grayson Bearden (Top Scoring 6th Grader)
 - Matthew Wyland (2nd highest score in the school)
 - Raymond Priest (3rd highest score in the school)
 - Syen Van Embden (Highest score in the school)
- Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items** 4.0 None
- Consent Agenda:** 5.0 It was moved and seconded (DC/DP) that the consent agenda be approved, thereby approving items 5.1 – 5.4, which includes: (optional reading)
- Resignation 5.1
- New Hire 5.2
- Board Policy Review – 5.3
- First Reading
- Board Policy Review – 5.4
- Second Reading
- Resignation of Deana Dowd as Paraeducator;
 - Hiring of Deanna Dowd at 21st CCLC Coordinator for OEL;
 - First Reading of Policies and Procedures: none;
 - Second Reading of Policies and Procedures: none on February 11, 2020.
- M/C, Unanimous*
- Finance Reports:** 6.0
- Capital Projects Fund Warrants 6.1 It was moved and seconded (DP/HB) that the Capital Projects Fund Warrants be approved, thereby certifying that the merchandise and services have been received and performed for payment: (optional reading)
- Capital Projects Fund warrants 538457 – 538458 in the amount of \$24,915.25 on February 11, 2020.
- M/C, unanimous*
- General Fund Warrant Void/Reissue 6.2 It was moved and seconded (DC/SJ) that the General Fund Warrant Void/Reissue be approved, thereby certifying that the merchandise and services have been received and performed for payment: (optional reading)
- General Fund warrant 536407 void in the amount of \$380.00; and
 - General Fund warrant 538459 reissue in the amount of \$380.00 on February 11, 2020.
- M/C, unanimous*
- Informational Reports:** 7.0
- February Enrollment 7.1 The official February head count was 596 and the FTE was 586.67. The 2019/20 budgeted FTE was 570.
- Principals' Reports 7.2 Dr. Cindy Risher spoke about:
- Two Paraeducator applicants have been selected for hiring to fill open positions. The applicants need to pass the Parapro test in order to be recommended to the board as new hires.
 - Brittany Madding, Annie Atkinson, and Preston Roper organized a successful science fair during Family Fun Night at the elementary school. There was a good turnout for it being a first science fair held at Ocosta.

- Benchmark assessments have been completed. Dr. Risher will meet with teachers over the next few weeks to review the data.
- The Missoula Children's Theater auditions and play are coming up next week. This will be the last year Mrs. Sweeney will be organizing MCT; Annie Atkinson may be taking on the project next year.
- Read Across America will take place sometime between the end of the month and the first week of March. Mrs. Waara will organize the Family Fun Night for that event. School Board members are invited to read to the students in the classrooms. Scott Jones and Debbie Carter expressed interest in coming to the school to participate.

Mr. Christopher Pollard spoke about:

- Benchmark assessments have been completed at the Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Pollard and the staff will look at the data to see what areas students will need help with moving forward.
- The OEL after school program has a new coordinator, Deanna Dowd. Her vacant Paraeducator position will need to be filled.
- A couple weeks ago, True North came to the school to teach students about the dangers of vaping. Mr. Pollard stated that the vaping problem within the Jr/Sr HS has not been as bad this year, but it is still an issue.
- There is a district boys' basketball game tonight and wrestling regionals are coming up.
- Newer Jr/Sr High School teachers are participating in expanded professional development outside the district. Mr. Pollard said that these teachers are very excited to learn more.
- The school is preparing for student-led conferences and teachers are working on improving the High School and Beyond plans to better align with graduation pathway requirements.
- Students will participate in cyber bullying awareness training on Thursday. The training will help meet e-rate requirements that allow the district to receive discounts on electronics and services.
- The Jr/Sr High School CTE programs have been reviewed and renewed. The Perkins Grant was accepted.
- Senior pictures will be taking place Thursday at 1:30pm at the high school.

Director of Teaching and Learning Report

7.3 Mr. Nicholas French spoke about:

- 17 elementary classes were tested using the Galileo benchmark assessment. 5 classes exceeded expected growth. The other 12 classes maintained the projected growth. No regression was shown in these classes for language/reading.
- On the March 13th In-service day there will be K-12 staff training directed by the ESD. It will focus on PAX to support classroom management and help build positive relationships between students and teachers. This will help teachers work with students that come from lives of trauma and poverty.
- Ocosta was accepted as an OSPI demonstration site for Special Education. Extra training and support will be received over the next two years, including summer training hosted by the University of Washington. Mr. French sees this as an opportunity to highlight the good work Ocosta teachers do, as well as provide more training in areas that can be improved upon.
- The staff at both schools are working on designing lessons that align with state standards. Teams of staff are attending special trainings to bring back information to share with other staff members.
- Part of the Special Education program was designated as "needs improvement" specifically for improving secondary transitions. The Special Education department will be working on improving High School and Beyond plans for students to help them after they graduate.
- Mr. French met with the school counselors and had them watch a training program to support their work in the schools.
- The district's math teachers met for half a day and made some recommendations for improving Jr/Sr High School math curriculum. They will continue to explore modifications to the program.

Superintendent's Report

7.4 Superintendent Sweet spoke about:

- **Goal 1:** Summer school planning as started. Supt Sweet believes there is enough funding for the program to be run the same way it did last year. The administration team is looking into adding a transition Kindergarten class next school year if feasible.
- **Goal 2:** The district is having the certificated In-service Day on March 13th. The Paraeducators may have some of their state mandated training on this day too.
- **Goal 3:** The principals will be having the staff complete an evaluation similar to the one completed by staff for Supt Sweet.

- **Goal 4:** The culinary arts class will be making dessert to take to the senior house on Friday. Tonight is the deadline for the levy vote, with preliminary numbers coming in after 8pm. Levy signs were placed throughout the community and a levy forum was held on February 3rd. There are 9 students that still need immunizations. One student was excluded today, one has an appointment in two weeks, and one has exemption paperwork that is being sent to the school. The others are McKinney Vento students that can still attend school. The administrative team met with the head of the ESD 113 Nursing Co-op to discuss current nursing services and expectations of the district.
- **Goal 5:** Supt Sweet attended the Day on the Hill event on February 9th. WSSDA held a conference for this event focusing on issues pertaining to school districts and needs for legislative action. Supt Sweet will be working on emailing local representative and senators regarding current funding models and changes needed for small rural schools. Supt Sweet and Carrie Forrest will be attending budget training in Pasco next week to work on next year's budget.
- Steve Schmeling continues to work on collecting bids for replacing the failing cooling tower. It looks like only one area company can provide the cooling tower that is compatible with the system in place, so Supt Sweet needs to seek advice to find out if it's still necessary to gather multiple bids before granting the contract to the one company.

- Old Business:** 8.0 None
- New Business:** 9.0 **The Board agreed to hear the 9.0 New Business first prior to the 5.0 Consent Agenda**
- Out-of-State Field Trip Request (Art Club) 9.1 A group of art club students presented a field trip plan for the art club to go to Portland, OR. The trip will be for one day to OMSI (science and art) and Lloyd Center Mall (food).
- Hillary Bearden motioned to approve the out-of-state field trip, Duane Pegg seconded the motion.*
- M/C, unanimous.*
- 8th Grade Class Trip Discussion 9.2 Mr. Whooley and a group of 8th grade students requested Board permission for the 8th grade class trip to go to Defy trampoline park in Olympia.
- Hillary Bearden motioned to tentatively approve the trip to the trampoline park as long as the district's insurance would approve coverage of the activity, Scott Jones seconded the motion.*
- M/C, unanimous.*
- Questions or Comments:** 10.0 None
- Executive Session:** 11.0 Board President, Greg Miller, stated that the Board would recess into executive session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation by the School Board RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and ongoing/potential litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Possible action may be taken upon the return to the open session.
- The Board recessed into executive session at 7:56pm stating that they would return within 5 minutes.
- The Board came out of executive session at 8:01pm.
- Debbie Carter motioned to approve extending Superintendent Sweet's contract for another year, Scott Jones seconded the motion. M/C, Unanimous.*
- The Board recessed into executive session again at 8:02pm stating that they would return within 15 minutes.
- The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:19pm. No further action was taken.
- Adjournment:** 12.0 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

