
**Board Members:** Greg Miller, President; Duane Pegg, Scott Jones, and Hillary Bearden. (Debbie Carter-Bowhay was absent from the meeting.)

**Administration:** Heather Sweet, Superintendent; Dr. Cindy Risher, Elementary Principal; and Nicholas French, Director of Teaching and Learning. (Christopher Pollard was absent from the meeting.)

### Call to Order

1.0 The meeting was called to order at pm and the flag salute was led by President, Greg Miller.

### Approval of Minutes

2.0 It was moved and seconded (DP/HB) that the Board approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 regular meeting as presented thereby ratifying all actions taken.

M/C, unanimous.

### Student Recognition

3.0 Mr. Wade Iseminger and Mr. Ball recognized three 6th graders for their achievements in the classroom:

- Grayson Bearden
- Amy Camargo
- Judah Adams

### Organization of the Board/Board Recognition

#### Election of Officers

4.1 A brief discussion was held regarding who was interested in the presidency and vice presidency.

Scott Jones nominated Greg Miller as president and Greg Miller nominated Scott Jones as vice president.

**Scott Jones motioned to approve Greg Miller as President,** Hillary Bearden seconded the motion.

**Duane Pegg motioned to approve Scott Jones as Vice President,** Hillary Bearden seconded the motion.

M/C, unanimous.

Ms. Sweet then read Governor Jay Inslee’s proclamation for School Board Recognition Month.

### Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

5.0 None

### Consent Agenda

6.0 Hillary Bearden discussed the wording in policy 3225 (page 1, 3rd paragraph) and procedure 3225P. She requested clarification as to whether or not the wording is necessary. The board agreed they would discuss potential changes to 3225/3225P for the second reading.

#### Payroll AP

6.1 It was moved and seconded (HB/DP) that the consent agenda be approved, thereby approving items 6.1 – 6.6, which includes: (optional reading)

- Payroll Accounts Payable Warrant 538334 in the amount of $668.27;
- Payroll Accounts Payable Warrant 538335 in the amount of $10,779.67;
- Payroll Accounts Payable Warrants 538336 – 538337 in the amount of $3,360.62;
- Resignation of Christy Zelepuza as Paraeducator;
- Hiring of Zachary Richmond as Custodian and Kimberly Stoll-French as Accounts Payable;
- First Reading of Policies and Procedures 3225, 3225P, 4314, 4314P, 6220P;
- Second Reading of Policies and Procedures: none; and

M/C, Unanimous

### Finance Reports

7.0 It was moved and seconded (DP/SJ) that the General Fund warrant void be approved, thereby certifying that the merchandise and services have been received and/or not performed for payment: (optional reading)

- General Fund warrant 538269 voided in the amount of $489.60;
General Fund warrant 538248 voided in the amount of $41.36;
General Fund warrant 538243 voided in the amount of $2,805.45;
General Fund warrant 538190 voided in the amount of $300.00;
General Fund warrant 538338 reissue in the amount of $300.00;
General Fund warrant 538206 voided in the amount of $235.00; and
General Fund warrant 538339 reissue in the amount of $235.00 on January 14, 2020.

M/C, unanimous

Informational Reports: 8.0

January Enrollment 8.1 The official head count was 596 for January and the FTE was 589.35. The 2019/20 budgeted FTE was 570.

Principals’ Reports 8.2 Dr. Cindy Risher spoke about:
- The elementary continues to modify student and paraeducator schedules to fit the needs of the classrooms and school.
- There are currently two vacancies for paraeducators, one Paraeducator needed for kindergarten and one Paraeducator needed for special education.
- Benchmark assessments are coming up for students (MAP and Imagine Learning). MAP testing will continue to be used until Imagine Learning is fully implemented.
- Dr. Risher plans on having all elementary teacher and paraeducator evaluations finished by the end of February.

On behalf of Christopher Pollard, Mr. French spoke about:
- The Jr/Sr HS had an anti-vaping assembly for small groups with help from True North. Students asked many questions and seemed interested in what they were learning.
- A Character Strong (the Social/Emotional Learning platform) speaker came to the school today. The speaker is a musician/rapper and his speech was well received by the students.
- The Knowledge Bowl team took 2nd and 5th place.
- The Jr/Sr HS is looking for more support with math tutoring with help from Grays Harbor College.
- The food drive was successful.
- There are transition field trips coming up for the special education students that will introduce students to colleges and resources available to help them with continuing education. The district is looking to combine multiple groups into the field trips to share transportation costs. Student groups that would go with the SpEd students include migrant and bilingual students.

Athletic Director, Kevin Hatton,:
- Right now, 112 students are participating in the winter season. This is a strong turnout for sports compared to previous years.
- Family ID electronic athletic registration has proved very useful. All required documents are online. Coaches and athletes get notices of expiring physicals 60 days in advance. This has been a great resource for the coaches too.
- March 2nd is the start of spring sports.
- Baseball field-use agreements with the city will be worked on and be reevaluated for a multi-year use agreement vs single year agreement.
- Last week, 40+ helmets were shipped out to be refurbished for next season. Some helmets will need to be replaced due to expiration.
- Mr. Hatton received a packet of amendments to WIAA rules that he will share with WIAA rep, Duane Pegg. With new rules, Ocosta will be at the bottom end of the 2B program. Larger schools with high free/reduced lunch numbers may qualify for lower WIAA participation levels, possibly affecting the schools Ocosta will be playing.

Director of Teaching and Learning Report 8.3 Mr. Nicholas French spoke about:
- The professional development classes being offered to staff focus on adjusting curriculum to help students.
- Special education corrective actions (442s) have been submitted for the district.
- The iTeam process has been standardized across the district so that everyone will follow the same steps for student intervention.
- Mr. French organized two after school professional developments. Using the Marzano standards, the classes have been focused on teaching and lesson design.
- The Imagine Learning is being used as a diagnostic test and it has an online curriculum support that is based on what students struggled with on the test.
- $20,000 was received from an inclusion grant to bring system changes in special education. Professional Development and training will be brought to the district to help teachers.
Mr. French is working with the high school to refine the master schedule. The goal is to make a schedule that focuses on following graduation pathways.

Superintendent Sweet spoke about:

- **Goal 1:** Students are taking mid-year benchmark tests using MAP and Imagine Learning to monitor the students' progress since the beginning of the school year.
- **Goal 2:** The district will have an all certificated staff in-service day on March 13th. The Paraeducators may also have state mandated training on this day as well.
- **Goal 3:** The Center for Educational Effectiveness Survey results have been received for the district. Mr. French will be doing a more formal presentation on the survey results at the next board meeting. The roll-out plan is to discuss it with the board now that the administrators have seen it. The district staff will then get it February 12th to review the data. Any questions the board may have can be directed toward Nick French.
- **Goal 4:** Supt Sweet continues to attend Senior-house lunches every Friday with someone from the admin team. She continues to attend the city council meetings. The district is 1 of 145 districts running an EP&P Levy in February. Press releases have been sent to the Daily World, Jodesha Media, and Alpha Media. An informational flyer will be available at sporting events and possibly be distributed throughout the community. The district also intends on mailing out an informational postcard prior to the election. Approximately 20 students remain out of compliance with missing immunizations. Supt Sweet called families on January 10th. Dr. Risher will remind parents again on February 5th via a phone call. Exclusions will begin February 10th if these students do not get their required vaccinations.
- **Goal 5:** The board’s Superintendent evaluation will be completed during an executive session at the February 11th school board meeting. At the end of January, the board will see the results of the staff survey that was sent out to the district. A self-evaluation will be done by Supt Sweet as well.
- Steve Schmeling is looking into quotes for replacing the cooling tower. To save money, Ocosta may be acting as the contractor and hiring out to multiple companies (electrician, plumber, Sunset Air) to complete the project. Steve has ordered the new heat pump for the high school classroom. There are thirty heat pumps in the high school that are all over 34 years old, so it is anticipated that many of the pumps will need to be replaced in the near future. The heat exchanger also had to be replaced.
- **Goal 6:** Day on the Hill is taking place February 9th and 10th. This is an opportunity for meeting legislators at South Puget Sound Community College. Board member Scott Jones stated that he may be able to attend both days and would like to go.
- **Goal 7:** When Dr. Risher takes maternity leave this spring, Nick French will be supervising the elementary with Michael Cummings as the acting principal.
- **Goal 8:** The state legislature required districts to be in compliance with reporting ASB financial data on websites. Ocosta has gathered the information, posted it all on the district website, and is now in compliance.

**Old Business:**

**9.0** None

**New Business:**

**10.0** None

**Questions or Comments:**

**11.0** Scott Jones asked what the graduation rate is looking like for the year. Mr. French said that the staff is working on looking at graduation pathways and keeping students on track, but he did not know the numbers of students at risk of not graduating at this time.

**Executive Session:**

**12.0** Board President, Greg Miller, stated that the Board would recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The Board recessed into executive session at 8:12pm stating that they would return within 20 minutes. No action will be taken.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:32pm.

The Board recessed into executive session again at 8:32pm stating that they would return within 10 minutes. No action will be taken.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:48pm.

**Adjournment:**

**13.0** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Greg Miller, President

Heather Sweet, Board Secretary

Kristin Griffith, Board Clerk