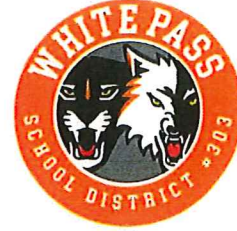


TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHITE PASS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303
FROM: DR. PAUL FARRIS, SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 20, 2020
6:00 P.M.,
WHITE PASS JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING



This month's regular School Board Meeting will be held as a Virtual Meeting Via Zoom, per COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, Governor Inslee's Stay at Home Order, and the Governor's suspension of aspects of the Open Public Meeting Act.: attendance is limited to remote attendance.

Link to join the meeting via computer or smartphone: <https://zoom.us/j/94245502317>

Join the meeting by phone: 415-762-9988 or 646-568-7788

Meeting ID: 942-4550-2317

Minutes 4/20/2020

- 1. Welcome:** Ricky Emerson welcomed White Pass School District board members and zoom meeting participants. She reviewed the virtual meeting protocol. Mrs Emerson then verified that a quorum of board members were present in the zoom session in order to participate. Those present were, Mrs. Emerson, Heather Muir, Joel McMahan, Darla Mullins, Sandra Freitas, Superintendent Dr. Paul Farris, Business Manager Angela Bowen, and District Secretary Nancy Nebeker.
- 2. Call to Order:** Mrs. Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and asked Mrs. Freitas to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** None
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve the March 16, 2020 regular board meeting minutes. Mrs. Mullins seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).
- 5. Audience and Communications:** None

6. Budget Overview: Mrs. Bowen presented to March 2020 Budget Overview.

7. Consent Agenda: Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve A. Financial Report(s), and B. Accounts Payable and Payroll. Mrs. Freitas seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

8. Presentations:

A. ASB Report – Dr. Farris said the ASB is working on budgets for next school year. Due to the pandemic, ASB expects a reduction in at least \$5000.00 of revenues as social distancing rules will likely effect the Packwood Flea Market. ASB elections will be postponed until school is back in session. For now, ASB is assisting in promoting the T-WOLF Way through online, distance learning.

B. School Spotlight – Dr. Farris presented the board with an update regarding Grab & Go Meals for students during the school closure. A work crew made up of kitchen staff, classified staff, including bus drivers, para professionals, and maintenance workers; as well as administrators, board members, and secretaries; have all pitched in to ensure meals are getting to our children. Six locations have been designated as meal drop locations where twice a week, multiple days' worth of breakfasts and lunches are handed out with packets of school work for those families that do not have access to online learning.

C. Maintenance Update – Dr. Farris shared a list of spring and summer maintenance items that are in the works and being prepared including field maintenance, crosswalks and playground lines, and new asphalt work.

D. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Farris stated that the staff is working very hard together, following health and social distancing rules, to provide opportunities for distance learning to occur for all of our students. Guidance from both WSSDA and OSPI is continually being updated. Dr. Farris thanked everyone involved for changing gears quickly in response to the pandemic.

E. Legislative Report – Mr. McMahan said that due to the pandemic, emergency rules have been set in place by Governor Inslee and everything is changing a lot.

F. Principal's Reports –

a) Chris Schumaker, Jr. Sr. High School Principal, shared what his staff is doing to provide remote learning. He added that it is challenging to be a traditional teacher, learning to adapt in remote style learning.

b) Nathan Coutsobos , Elementary School Principal, shared how his staff is adapting. Because the younger children have difficulties accessing online learning without a grown up, physical packets are being given to all, grades PK-3. He said that Mrs. Merriman and Cascade Mental Health are also working to reach out to students forming social and emotional connections.

9. ALE Update: Brian Carter, ALE Instructor, discussed how the ALE program is already using online educational resources. The students have been able to continue, seamlessly, with lessons. Mr. Carter is working to ensure all ALE students have the equipment and internet access they need.

10. Pathways to Graduation: Mr. Schumaker explained that beginning with the class of 2020, new pathways to graduation are possible using various tracks. In the future, 4 pathways will be available where students hone skills in academic areas targeted on their pathway of interest. Pathways will include a college bound track, a career and technical track, a military track, and a trades track. Mr. Schumaker also shared that he, Pretrina Mullins, Maureen Foley, and teachers are working hard to connect with each and every senior ensuring they are on track for graduation with the requirement changes due to the pandemic.

11. Old Business: Mrs. Muir made a motion to approve Policy 3423. Mrs. Freitas seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

12. New Business:

A. **Phone System** – Dr. Farris explained that the district is requesting to access capital project funds in order to replace our outdated phone system with components that can no longer be replaced as well as voice mail systems that cannot be accessed. ESD 113 has presented us with an option that will significantly lower our current monthly phone bill and provide up to date equipment and training. Mr. McMahan made a motion to approve the access of funds. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

B. **Waive First Reading of Policies 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2413, 2418.**

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak and necessary district response in support of seniors and their successful path to graduation for this year, the Superintendent is recommending that the board waive first reading and move to second reading and adoption so that our school district can award competency/mastery-based credit to this year's seniors. Mrs. Emerson recognized each board member's confirmation in agreement with Dr. Farris' recommendation to waive the first reading of the above mentioned policies.

Mrs. Mullins made a motion to approve C, Policy 2402 - English Language Arts; D, Policy 2403 – Math; E, Policy 2404 – Science; F, Policy 2405 - Social Studies; G, Policy 2406 – Art; H, Policy 2407 - Health and Fitness; I, Policy 2408 - Integrated Environmental and Sustainability Education; J, Policy 2413 - Equivalency Credit – Updated; and K, Policy 2418 – Waiver of High School Graduation Credit. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motions passed unanimously, (5, 0).

L. Mrs. Freitas made a motion to approve Resolution 02-20: Resolution 2419R – Emergency Waiver of High School Graduation Credits Resolution which supports Superintendent efforts to implement the emergency waiver of HS Graduation Requirements in response to the COVID-19. Mrs. Muir seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

13. School Board Operations: Mrs. Emerson shared that WSSDA e-clippings are a great way for board members to remain informed with so many updates and changes coming in due to COVID-19

14. Board Comments:

- Mrs. Mullins thanked everyone and recognized Mr. Schumaker and Mr. Coutsoubos for heading up their schools with all the hard work regarding meals, parents concerns, and starting something completely new. She appreciated Mr. Carter for his diligence in continued work.

- Mr. McMahan said that so often he is impressed with this group of people, but this group went from doing a good job to being absolutely incredible.

- Mrs. Freitas echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Mullins and Mr. McMahan, thanking everyone for their inspiring efforts on the policies for this year's senior class.

- Mrs. Muir said she agrees with everybody. Students are receiving great support. There is a lot to adapt to. She recognized the efforts made with the grab and go meals.

- Mrs. Emerson quoted Mr. McMahan and called the White Pass School District staff "Rock Stars" in their schools and communities. Everything has changed. She is amazed at how people are rising to the challenge and collaborating.

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15. Executive Session: None

16. Personnel Action: Mrs. Mullins made a motion to accept the resignation of teacher, Amelia Donahey. Mrs. Freitas seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0).

17. Adjournment: Mrs. Muir made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McMahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5, 0). The meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Nancy Nebeker

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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