

ELMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #68
Work Study Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

via Zoom Meetings

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020 06:00 PM

Call to Order

The Elma School District #68 Board of Directors met in a Work Study Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 via Zoom Meetings. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Flag Salute

Board Chairperson Bower led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jamie Bailey, Bernadette Bower, Ryan Cristelli, Stephanie Smith, and Jody Thompson.

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Smith, Greg Scroggins, Carrie Vessey, Kari Eaton, Kim Weld, Laura Nelson, Liz Farrar, Wendy Beldin, Melinda Tuttle, Marilyn Curl, Rich Rasanen, Margaret Young, Debbie Woodruff, Cheyenne Roberts, Julie Crawford, Karen VanNoy, Bobbi Smith, Jeff Monroe, Jennifer Monroe, Deanne Woita, Kim Bouchard, Maria Cruz, Susan Vento, Mary Roberts, Caleb Bogar, Christi Kershaw, Sunshine Perry, Denise Boling, Tracey Key, Lisa Arnold, Rob Ohashi, Lori Carossino, Jessica Burgher, Kelly Rasanen, Kaycee Oatman, Jeri Bogar, Kevin Acuff, and Kendis Goldsmith.

GUESTS: Murray, Sean J, Mandie Mezzell, Jeff Lambert, Lori Ann Hansen, Kina Delimont, Megan Parker, Alex Lambert, T Sanders, Lacey McMeekin, Tiffinni, and Tonya B.

Consent Agenda

Business

* Donation of \$3,600.00 from Elma PTA for Student School Supplies

Personnel

Hires

Retirements

Kevin Acuff - Superintendent

Leave Requests

Resignations

Kyle Dunn - HS Asst Football Coach

Taylor Peek - HS Competition Dance/Drill Coach

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2020

Approval of Vouchers

GF Vouchers: #158938 - #158963 Totaling \$77,869.30

PPT Voucher: #158937 Totaling \$3,267.00

ASB Vouchers: # - # Totaling \$

Payroll Vouchers: # - # Totaling \$

GF Voucher: #158964 Totaling \$1,098.53

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Ryan Cristelli to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

Board Chairperson Bower thanked the Elma Elementary PTA for the donation of \$3,600.

Communications and Comments

ETO

EESP

ECOPA

ADMIN

Persons to be Heard

Good News

Superintendent Kevin Acuff shared the Grays Harbor County Commissioners voted to give CARES Act money to schools, which works out to be about \$75,000 for our district.

Reports

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Acuff shared that small pods of students are continuing to come in to school and athletics are also continuing. The district is also continuing to purchase and distribute PPE as we continue to receive new safety guidance. The information is being covered in the weekly safety meetings by the safety committee to handle current student in person levels and when we are able to add more students.

The superintendent also reported that he emailed the staff today sharing his retirement letter and read it during the meeting.

Dear Elma School District Board of Directors,

I am writing to inform you of my intent to retire at the end of the current school year on June 30, 2021. Although the thought of this saddens me to know that I will not continue to work directly with you and with our wonderful staff, I know that it is the correct path for me.

These past 14 years as high school principal and superintendent have been the most gratifying of my career. I want to express my gratitude and admiration for the administrative team and their belief in the power of learning and serving others. I also would like to thank the members of the board, both past and present for working to make this district extraordinary.

This is a great school district, its greatness comes from the people who work and live here. I have never, ever seen a community with a bigger heart. That heart is reflected in the efforts, beliefs and commitments to serve kids on the part of our staff. They have produced results that are not just good, but among the best in the state. Some districts achieve results with students who have few barriers to learning. This district is achieving results with students who face the greatest challenges to success in school. To reach those students takes skill, expertise, collaboration, and perhaps most important, the attitude that we learn with our students. That is exceptional.

I have treasured being a part of this growth. It has been my honor to serve as superintendent and I wish each of our great people the best, both collectively and individually.

Sincerely,

Kevin Acuff

Student Representative Report

No report.

Work Study Session

1. Discussion of Policy & Procedure 3510 - Associated Student Bodies

Superintendent Acuff explained that this is a law passed by the legislature that waives or reduces the cost of an ASB card and other fees associated with activities to our students and families based on family income. This would effect approximately 70% of our student body with an estimate of cost around \$15,000.

Board Member Jody Thompson asked if there were additional forms that needed to be filled out.

Superintendent Acuff said that we do not need to report to anyone about the reductions in fees largely due to the fact that the state did not fund this law. The district will not be getting reimbursed.

Ms. Kershaw said that all of her CTSO's are working on becoming national chapters and those fees would be waived.

Eric Smith said that right now there are two ways to qualify, which are the household income survey and a direct certification from DSHS.

2. Discussion of Policy & Procedure 5202 - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Mandated Drug And Alcohol Testing Program

Transportation Supervisor Caleb Bogar shared that this policy and procedure increases the amount of testing that is done quarterly.

3. Discussion of Policy & Procedure 6970 - Naming Schools and Facilities

Board Chairperson Bower shared that Jeff Lambert, son of Bob Lambert, had reached out to her and asked to consider naming the baseball field after his dad. Mr. Acuff had shared with her that our policy and procedure would need to be adjusted to be able to name or rename any facility.

Superintendent Acuff shared this update will add that any building or facility could be named instead of the current policy of new buildings only.

Board Chairperson Jamie Bailey asked if we were able to determine if the baseball field already has a name.

Board Chairperson Bower said that we do not know the name of the field or if there is one.

Superintendent Acuff shared that the baseball field is part of the land that is trying to be annexed into the city and that Jim Stark may be the person with the answer to the name of the field.

Unfinished Business

1. Approval of Policy & Procedure 3510 - Associated Student Bodies - 1st Reading

Motion made by Jody Thompson, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

2. Approval of Policy & Procedure 5202 - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Mandated Drug And Alcohol Testing Program - 1st Reading

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Ryan Cristelli. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

3. Approval of Policy & Procedure 6970 - Naming Schools and Facilities - 1st Reading

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Jody Thompson. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

4. Discussion of Reopening Plan

Superintendent Acuff shared the latest data from the state. He shared his screen with the state data dashboard and shared that the rolling average was 8 cases. That number is roughly double of what it needs to be to be in the moderate category. Positive case rate is above 5% again. This is the fall spike and he has reminded all buildings to be very vigilant in taking precautions against Covid-19. School employees would probably be in the second round of vaccines against Covid-19, which could be in February or March.

Board Member Thompson asked what the health department has said about reopening.

Superintendent Acuff said that Grays Harbor County Health Department has not been making those types of statements in regard to schools. They are working more on the disease tracking. Dr. Bauscher will not be back in the meetings until the numbers are closer to moderate. He also reminded the Board that the letter that was sent out gives dates that they will look at the numbers to determine when the district can return to in person learning.

Board Member Bailey asked about how many kids are doing in person learning now.

Elma High School Principal Rich Rasanen reported that there are about 10 kids per day that are coming in and that number is continuing to rise. This does not include the special education students that have been coming in.

Elma Elementary Assisitant Principal Greg Scroggins shared that the elementary is serving 25-35 kids daily, which includes Special Education, ELL, and struggling students.

Elma Middle School Principal Sunshine Perry shared that there are 20 special education kids daily, 5-10 kids in for appointments, and virtual appointments are continuing.

East Grays Harbor High School Principal Julie Crawford reported that on Monday and Wednesdays there are 4-6 students and on Tuesdays and Thursdays there are 3-4 students that come in to the building.

New Business

1. Approval of Hi-Cap Program

Highly Capable Program Administrator Greg Scroggins introduced Teacher Melinda Tuttle and thanked her for her hard work in building the Hi-Cap Program.

Teacher Melinda Tuttle shared a presentation on the goals of the program, future plans, and shared pictures of students engaged in some of the activities from last year.

Board Chairperson acknowledged that Elma Timberland Regional Library and our Hi-Cap Program are working together on STEAM activities.

Board Member Ryan Cristelli asked what the plans are for going back into the classroom in small groups.

Ms. Tuttle said that she would meet with Mr. Scroggins to determine if small groups would be appropriate to have come in now.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Stephanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

2. Approval of Class of 2025 Booster Fundraiser

Booster Representative Melinda Tuttle explained that they would be selling Christmas ornaments online in lieu of dances for fundraising this year.

Motion made by Jody Thompson, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

3. Presentation and Approval of 2019-2020 End of Year Report and CTE Program Evaluation

CTE Director Christi Kerhsaw shared last year's CTE program overview. It has also been presented to the CTE Advisory Program. \$175,000 in grants were secured last year with a majority of that going to shop improvements. This year's goal is to pursue less grants. The business lab was also updated.

Motion made by Jody Thompson, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

4. Approval of Elma CTE District Wide Plan

Ms. Kershaw reviewed the 5 year district wide plan that the Board received in their packet.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Jody Thompson. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

5. Approval to Continue Current Dual Credit Articulations with Community Colleges and to Continue to Pursue New Articulation Agreements with the Current Colleges and Other Colleges Across the State

Ms. Kershaw shared that the district has done this for many years and would like to continue to pursue new dual credit opportunities.

Superintendent Acuff shared that this is one of the things that shows up on the school report card to increase our standing as a school. This is a great thing for our kids and the state recognizes it as well.

Motion made by Jody Thompson, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

6. Approval for CTE Advisory Committee Members for 2020-2021

Ms. Kershaw shared the CTE Advisory Committee Members for 20-21 and invited any of the board members that were previously involved to reach out to her if they would like to do so again.

Motion made by Stephanie Smith, second by Jamie Bailey. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

7. Approval of Pursue Grants for 2020-2021

Ms. Kershaw requested approval for the Carl Perkins Grant, CTSO travel, and Ag Coop grants.

Motion made by Ryan Cristelli, second by Jody Thompson. Board Member Smith thanked Ms. Kershaw for all of the work that has been put into writing grants as it is a lot of work. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

8. Approval of Business Communication and Adv. Ag Leadership/Communication to Satisfy Equivalent Credit for iConnect

Ms. Kershaw explained that this approval is to give seniors an equivalent credit for the iconnect credit that is required for graduation by completing business communications or advanced ag leadership.

Motion made by Jamie Bailey, second by Jody Thompson. Motion passed unanimously, motion carries.

9. Discussion of Renaming Baseball Field

Superintendent Acuff shared Policy and Procedure 6970 - Naming Schools and Facilities and he recommended that the Board follow the procedure, which includes having a committee name the facility.

Board Chairperson Bower would like to have a committee to discuss renaming the field. The board members agreed that a committee would be a good idea.

Superintendent Acuff asked the Board to give him recommendations as to who they would like on the committee and asked for a board member to be on the committee as well.

It was agreed upon that Board Member Ryan Cristelli be on the committee.

Budget Report

Business Manager Lisa Arnold reviewed the budget report that was sent with the board packet. She asked the Board if the district would like to pursue the rollback for \$9,000 in administrative fees to the taxpayers. After explanation and discussion, the Board did not want to pursue the administrative fees of \$9,000.

Future Agenda Items

Curriculum Adoption Policy
Health Curriculum 6-12 Adoption
ELA Adoption Committee
Anti Racism Committee
Equestrian Team/Club Status
Executive Session

The meeting entered Executive Session at 7:35pm for personnel for 20 minutes with no action to be taken. At 7:55pm, Board Chairperson Bower announced an additional 10 minutes. Meeting reentered the regular meeting at 8:05pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.



Board Chairperson



Board Secretary

11/24/2020

Date

* Additions to Agenda