

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2020

Call to Order

President Heather Fralick called the Regular Board Meeting of the Shoreline Board of Directors to order via conference phone and Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020. Rebecca Miner, Superintendent; Curtis Campbell, Public Information Officer; and Kathie Schindler, Executive Assistant, were attending this meeting from Room D105 of the Administrative Offices at the Shoreline Center.

Roll Call

Present: Heather Fralick, President; David Wilson, Vice-President; Sara Betnel, Member; Meghan Jernigan, Member; Rebeca Rivera, Member; and Michael Crosson, Shorecrest Student Representative. *(Since this meeting was being conducted telephonically among the board members, President Fralick had each director state they were present.)*

Absent and Excused: Cynthia Ruelas, Shorewood Student Representative.

Land Acknowledgement

Director Jernigan expressed appreciation for the *Since Time Immemorial* curriculum, which is an amazing online educational tool for our students in Washington State. The curriculum contains a wealth of lessons from our Coast Salish ancestors. She shared that she and her children had explored the curriculum earlier in the day so she wanted to highlight it as a resource for parents and community members. It is a collection of knowledge that encompasses all of the Washington State Tribes; it is incredibly useful and timely. She was grateful for the opportunity to use this land acknowledgement as a means of directing the community's attention to this curriculum.

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Comments

President Fralick began by stating: "Please let the record reflect, given our unique circumstances of being in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are meeting via telephone and joined by members of the community who may be listening remotely." She then asked Superintendent Miner to share a few words about these unique circumstances.

Superintendent Miner reiterated that on March 24, Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation, which in part, referred to the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act. He prohibited school districts from conducting open public meetings in person as a result of the novel coronavirus pandemic, and required districts, at a minimum, to provide telephonic access to meetings. It also prevented districts from taking action as defined in RCW 42.30.020, unless those matters are necessary and routine or are matters necessary to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and the current public health emergency. This order is set to expire on April 23, 2020 and there is optimism that the Board can gather together again soon after that to resume regular business.

For the record, President Fralick noted that community members were given notice of the change to the meeting format. They were also notified by email of the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or telephonically and to submit written comments until noon on April 13. Those comments were received by the Board via email earlier in the afternoon (April 13). She thanked the community members for taking the time to submit their comments. *(The comments were also posted to the electronic board packet for April 13 under "agenda" on the District's website.)*

President Fralick moved to suspend the provision of Board Procedure 1441P allowing for community members to address the Board.

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MOTION NO. 32: President Fralick moved that the Board suspend the provision of Board Procedure 1441P allowing for community members to address the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson. A roll call vote followed and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 30 Regular Board Meeting were approved as submitted after a roll call question regarding any additions or revisions.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda was presented for approval:

- a. Parkwood Elementary School Replacement Project – Approval of Change Order #06 – Allied Construction Associates, Inc.
- b. Parkwood Elementary School Replacement Project – Approval of Change Order #07 – Allied Construction Associates, Inc.
- c. Approval of Personnel – Certificated
- d. Approval of Payroll and Vouchers

President Fralick asked each director individually if there were any agenda items they wanted pulled for discussion or a separate vote. There were none.

MOTION NO. 33: Mr. Wilson moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, items 5a through 5d, which is attached hereto and becomes a part hereof. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jernigan. A roll call vote followed and the motion carried unanimously.

As of April 13, 2020, the Board, by a unanimous vote, approved for payment, those vouchers described as follows: March 2020 Payroll Warrants #446936-446978 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$12,282,831.93; Reconciliation of Warrants Issued Between March 27 and April 3, 2020 - General Fund Warrants #83136-83171, 192001001-192001028, 83181-83185, 83186-83221, and 192001030-192001057, totaling \$669,965.80; Capital Projects Fund Warrants #83172-83180 and 83222-83223, totaling \$13,840,065.23; and Student Bond Fund Warrants #192001029, 83224-83226, and 192001058-192001062, totaling \$2,385.00; and Private Purpose Trust Fund #70 Warrants #83227-83228, totaling \$1,886.00 for a grand total of \$26,797,133.96.

Reports and Presentations

First Reading: New Policy 2418, Waiver of High School Graduation Credits

Maria Stevens, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented.

In 2014, the Washington State Board of Education and the Legislature established new minimum credit requirements of 24 and Personalized Pathways for graduation for the Class of 2019 and beyond. In 2016, the State Board of Education, at the direction of the legislature, created 2-credit Waiver for High School Credits. At that time, leadership at the two high schools as well as at the district level reviewed and determined that there wasn't enough clarity to implement a new policy. In February 2020, the State Board of Education updated with greater clarity and guidance. The District is now ready to move forward with new Policy 2418, Waiver of High School Graduation Credits.

Districts are authorized to waive up to two credits of the 24-credit graduation requirements (WAC 180-51-068), according to written district policies. Students with the waiver may graduate with 22, rather than 24 total credits, although students must earn the 17 foundational (core) subject area credits. In response to board member questions earlier in the day, the following was provided: "Of the 22 total credits, 17 must include the following:

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- 4 English credits
- 3 Math credits
- 3 Science credits
- 3 Social Studies credits
- 2 Health and Fitness credits
- 1 Career and Technical Education credits
- 1 Art credit

Credits that may be waived are the:

- Seven elective credits (four electives and three Personalized Pathway requirements—one of two arts credits and both world language credits)

Student circumstances that districts could identify as considerations for the waiver could include: homelessness, limited English proficiency, medical conditions, disabilities, inability to retake classes or enroll in remedial classes free of charge or any other individual student circumstance that directly compromises a student's ability to learn.

Ms. Stevens reviewed the process for accessing the waiver:

- Students/guardians must file the District's Application for Waiver of High School Graduation Credits;
- The Application for Waiver of High School Graduation Credits must be submitted 30 school days prior to the scheduled graduation date.

This policy will not impact the Class of 2020 but it will affect the Class of 2021. There have been other provisions that have recently been made available to assist the Class of 2020 in view of the current health crisis. Earlier in the day, the following information was provided to the Board by Ms. Stevens: "The State Board of Education (SBE) has provided other Emergency Graduation Rules for the Class of 2020. These rules were approved at the April 8, 2020 Special SBE meeting."

President Fralick asked board members individually (by district number) if they had any questions regarding this presentation. Director Betnel recognized that this was patterned after WSSDA's sample policy; however, she asked if there could be more clarity written into the last sentence of the policy, where it speaks to the 17 required subject credits. As written, when first reading that sentence, it sounds like only 17 credits are required for graduation. She expressed concern that this might not be clear to students and parents that might apply for the waiver. Director Rivera agreed. Ms. Stevens reiterated that this was the sample policy and the accompanying procedure, as well as the actual application form, do provide more clarity. Additionally, the school counselors are an excellent resource that would be assisting students/parents in the process.

Director Jernigan stated that in view of the current health crisis, there might be additional factors that could be considered on behalf of students, e.g. a death in the family, loss of stable housing but not necessarily homelessness, job loss, etc.

Board Requested Discussion

All board members were asked individually if they wanted to propose any items for future discussion. There were no topics proposed at this time.

Adjournment: 7:26 p.m.

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Heather Fralick, Board President

Attest: May 18, 2020

Rebecca L. Miner, Secretary
Shoreline Board of Directors

All documents referenced in the minutes may be viewed in the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours.