



Sequim School District  
Monday February 5, 2018  
Sequim School Board of Directors MINUTES

**AGENDA**

An Open Public Meeting Act work session took place from 5:00-5:55pm presented by Colleen Miller with WSSDA. President Short, VP Kuh, Director Stoffer, Director Henrikson, Superintendent Neal, Assistant Superintendent Parker, Steve Mahitka and two students and Trayce Norman attended. Director Gibson was excused.

**Present:** President Short, Vice President Kuh, Director Stoffer, Director Henrikson, Superintendent Neal, Assistant Superintendent Parker, Hanna Smith, Damon Little, Tea' Gauthun, Nola Judd, Linda Delvernois, Doug Delvernois, Brittany Jensen, Steve Mahitka, Larry Jeffryes, Eric Danielson, Joan Ritchie, Susan Dufner, Tom Kelly, Brittany Murdach, Lilli Hardesty, Cathy Shea, Dave McInnes, John Lorentzen, Laura Lorentzen, Mark Lorentzen, Marcia Garrett, Julie Carrizosa  
Director Gibson was excused.

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**Location/Time**

District Office, 503 N Sequim Ave, Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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**Opening Items**

President Short called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

President Short lead the Pledge of allegiance, read the safety protocol and the Vision and Mission Statements.

**Vision:** Our Community inspires and prepares each student to thrive.

**Mission:** In connection with our community, the Sequim School District empowers staff to inspire hope and provide flexible, innovative learning opportunities in a safe and respectful environment so each student thrives.

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**Special Presentation**

OPA students and Lilli Hardesty presented the Future City project that won the land surveying award four years in a row!

Marcia Garrett reviewed details about the National Board Certification process and recognized the newly certified teachers: Brittany Murdach, SHS; Laura Lorentzen, Haller; John Lorentzen, SHS and SMS; Susan Duffner, Haller, Cathy Shea, SMS; and Phil Zarelli, SMS. Congratulations!!!!

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**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Director Stoffer to approve 1/22/18 regular meeting minutes, second by Director Henrikson, vote taken; motion carried.

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**Agenda Discussion**

Motion to remove executive session from the agenda made by Director Henrikson, second by VP Kuh, vote taken motion carried.

Motion to approve the newly amended agenda by VP Kuh, second by Director Stoffer, vote taken; motion carried.

## **Consent Agenda**

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Motion to approve consent agenda by Director Henrikson, second by VP Kuh, vote taken; motion carried.

General Fund Voucher \$68.00, AP Warrant #189669-#189670

General Fund Voucher \$165, 556.67, AP Warrant #189671-189756

ASB Voucher \$8,896.05 AP Warrant #11101-11114

January Payroll Warrant \$2,301,212.47 #802985-803024

Donation for green fees and golf balls for girls and boys golf teams \$27,726.00

Student of Staff travel N/A

Certificated, Classified or Contracts N/A

## **Public Comments**

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President Short read the guidelines for public comments. No agenda specific comments were made.

Joan Ritchie, Sequim Citizen residing at 363 Spath Road distributed numerous articles to the board.

## **Student Board Representative Communication & Student Recognitions**

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Damon Little

Thank you President Short. Greywolf Elementary School is beginning to kick off their co-curricular activities during the next few weeks! Some of the fun for Greywolf Elementary students includes: Family Math Night, Fifth Grade Variety Show, Family Movie Night, Cursive Handwriting Club, Math Olympiad, Coding for Boys, Coding for Girls, Year Book, Math Homework Club, and Spanish Club. Along with these activities they have some fun activities included within their school day as well. February Ninth is 100's day in honor of the 100th day of school! February thirteenth they will host the Port Angeles Symphony music program. February 24th is Science Technology Engineering and Math Saturday at Greywolf. This Sequim Education Foundation activity is a great day for both Helen Haller Elementary school and GWE students. It costs two dollars at the door and scholarships are available. February 27th is the kick-off for their Cookie Dough Sales. Helen Haller has been busy learning. In fact, they celebrated a lot of found treasures in students this morning. Many students had big growth in reading from their September benchmark to their January benchmark. A third grade class just finished their Roman Unit and is celebrating with a Roman feast; complete with leaf crowns, roman dress and food. Classes have been working on attendance goals since the beginning of the school year. Several classes achieved their goals and Mrs. Cundiff put together some different rewards for them, including Minute to Win It challenges and a read-in. They participated in Operation Valentine where classes made valentines for our troops serving overseas. It is National School Counselor's week so if you see Mrs. Jennifer Saul, their counselor, make sure to say, "Hello!" and thank her for her great work - a side note: she played Martha (the sassy innkeeper) in Irving Berlin's White Christmas in December. They are continuing with their morning reading club every morning before school. Please join their Parent Teacher Organization Takeover on February seventeenth from five through eight PM at the, now family friendly, Oasis. They will be performing their rescheduled "4th grade Holiday Concert," on February 21st at seven o'clock PM in the HHE gym. You can make a whole night of it by joining them at their math night starting at six o'clock in their library. The last couple of weeks have been busy and full of excitement at Olympic Peninsula Academy. Their annual Night of Excellence was well attended. The students did great with their performances which showcased what they learned in their first semester enrichment classes. Afterwards they celebrated with a dessert social. Second semester enrichment classes started last week. Students are very excited to take new classes. The teachers and staff at OPA would like to encourage character growth and development in our students, so they will be having their first ever Character Awards Presentation during lunch on February fifteenth, 2018. Parents are welcome to attend! OPA would like to give a special thank you to the school board for all their hard work and for their support of their program. As it is National School Counselor week, I would like to thank my current counselor, Ms. Fox, my past counselors, along with all other counselors serving the district.

Tea' Gauthun

First semester grades have been posted Sequim Middle School Students performed amazingly. They had a record low number of students fail courses with only **23 of 630 students fail** an S-1 course. That's means an **astonishing 96.4%** of the students passed all their classes. SMS is continuing to Grade for Hope and create success for every child, No Exceptions! Winter sports just got started with Girls Basketball & Wrestling seasons getting underway. The students are thrilled to get winter sports up and going. They had a wonderful day of learning for their staff last Monday. A special thanks goes out to Asst. Superintendent Parker and her team for putting together this event. The theme was a Whole-School approach to the teacher – student relationship. Thank you! 2/12 (Monday) is the first ever combined Parent Night for Freshman, Sophomore & Juniors. 6:3pm in the cafeteria. There will be a general session for all students to cover topics such as graduation requirements, course registration, Skyward, etc. and then some breakout sessions including, FAFSA, college testing, vocational/technical schools, ROTC, Scholarship Notebooks, etc. Operetta Auditions are 2/13, 14, in the Auditorium at 4pm. 2/15 is for callbacks and will be at 6pm. The ASB is sponsoring a blood drive on 2/14 from 8am-2pm and the public is welcome. 22 Band & Choir students will be traveling to All State in Yakima on 2/16.

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## **Board Communication and Other Items**

Director Henrikson thanks the librarians for an amazing family reading night. Thank you for the invitation to the Culinary arts final - the food was wonderful. Requested that more academic and student learning been scheduled. Science, ELA, math, etc. . . President Short suggested Robin connect with Trayce and/or sit in on agenda planning.

Director Stoffer thanked the Culinary arts for the excellent "final" preparations, attended Be True to Your School senior play twice - they raised a lot of money. Thank you Superintendent Neal for the calendar posted in OneNote.

VP Kuh enjoyed WSSDA - team Chartreuse Mother Goose! The WSSDA, WASSA and WASBO conversations were great and more confirmation that we really don't know what's coming down the pipe as far as budget is concerned. Thank you school counselors, would like to follow up with the SEA invitation to have a regular conversation with the board, spoke with Charlie Brandt at Battelle about how we get kids involved in the fascinating work they are doing. Congrats to Director Gibson on the Eagles victory.

President Short commented that reading night was fantastic! Thank you to the Teachers and all who volunteer. Strategic Planning is coming up this Thursday, 2/8 at 7:30am at the Shipley Center. Trayce will send out a Doodle poll for RSVP purposes and post a Quorum notice for all strategic planning dates. Please remember to take the Board self assessment by 2/20.

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## **Reports to the Board**

The Operetta/Drama team has a successful Senior Class play. How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying will be the spring Operetta. SMS will be producing Shrek the Musical Jr. Opportunities for students to be on tech crew, hair/makeup, costume and set design will be available. SMS and SHS have a fabulous parent volunteer group. Phase one of the auditorium has been completed. This including making sure everything was operational. Currently working on a proposal for a sound system upgrade. Everything is in order for the Operetta to be included in the 5th Avenue awards.

Director Stoffer, Tea' Gauthun and Damon Little presented on the Day on the hill.

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## **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Neal attended OPA's Night of Excellence and is scheduled to talk with OPA parents on 2/6 for continued discussion regarding the Capital Levy Project. Neal participated in a TRI-day debrief this morning and thanked Assistant Superintendent Parker and her team for a well executed day of Professional development. We normally have 3-4 days of PD this year, but only had one. Hanna is doing a great job with the Community Truancy Board. A meeting with Commissioner Basden will take place next week. 2242 may require creating two budgets this year. Neal's association is continuing to analyze 2242 and update the district.

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**Board Business (Old/New)**

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At First Reading 5201 Drug-free Schools, Community and Workplace discussed and approved.

At First Reading 4215 Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products & Delivery Devices discussed and approved.

Motion by Director Stoffer for Second Reading & Approval of Policy 5222 Job Sharing Staff Members, second Director Henrikson, vote taken; motion carried.

Motion by Director Henrikson for Second Reading & Approval of Policy 5001 Hiring Retired School Employee, second by Director Stoffer, vote taken; motion carried.

Motion by VP Kuh to appoint Director Henrikson as the Student Board Representative Liaison, second by Director Stoffer, vote taken; motion carried.

Motion by Director Stoffer to create a board finance committee, second by VP Kuh, vote taken; motion carried.

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**For the Good of The Order**

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None

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**Informational Items**

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**Upcoming Board Meetings**

February 5 Regular Board Meeting

February 20 (Tuesday) Regular Board Meeting

March 5 Regular Board Meeting

March 19 Regular Board Meeting

**NO MEETING APRIL 2 - SPRING BREAK**

April 16 Regular Board Meeting

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**Other Items of Interest**

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February 4 National School Counselor Week

February 7 Elementary Report cards home

February 8/9 Report cards home SMS

February 9 Report cards home SHS

February 12 9th, 10th, 11th Parent Night SHS Gym 6:30-8pm

February 16 - NO SCHOOL

February 19 - NO SCHOOL Presidents Day

February 21 Math Night at Haller 6-7pm

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**~~Executive Session removed during agenda~~**

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The board may recess into executive session to consider employment to consult with legal counsel, to consider the position to be taken in collective bargaining, or to consider acquisition or sale of real estate.

The board will meet for approximately 45 minutes to discuss a personnel item with no action

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

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