

SHELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 309
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, MARCH 27, 2018
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The Shelton School District Board of Directors met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on March 27, 2018 in the Shelton High School Library.

Board members present: Chairman Keri Davidson, Sandy Tarzwell, Sally Karr, Dan Cooling and student school board representatives Mark Christensen and Samantha Samples.

Staff members present: Superintendent Dr. Alex Apostle, Alison Nutt, Brenda Trogstad, Bob Trondsen, Pam Farr, Glenn Shorten, Jennifer Deyette, Karen DeWitt, Robert Herron, Linda Arnold, Ricardo del Bosque, Pat Cusack, Stacey Anderson, Ann Cuoio, Sheila Iversen, Mario Juves, Luanne Bigbear, and Jenna Coots, among others.

Others present: Gordon Weeks, Chief Darrin Moody, Dale McDaniel, Casey Brown, Julie Martinez, Jennifer Moore, Brayden Moore, Randy Lewis, and Tina Stevens, among others.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Samantha Samples and Mark Christensen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sandy Tarzwell made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Dan Cooling seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Jenna Coots is a parent of three children in the school district and a district employee. She commented that we all agree that if students don't feel safe at school they can't be successful and she understands the fear driving the decision to add two additional School Resource Officers in our schools. But she believes we are militarizing our schools by placing armed officers in our buildings which will have a negative impact on students and especially students of color. She feels a better use of funds would be to bring in more trained mental health professionals. Jenna then read letters from two CHOICE students regarding the need for mental health services.
- Casey Brown commented that he did not feel putting police officers in our schools was a good idea and felt their presence would cause anxiety for students. He also felt what is needed is more mental health support.
- Julie Martinez is an employee of the Squaxin Island Tribe and a tribal tutor at Shelton High School. She was asked to speak on behalf of the Squaxin Education Department asking that the tribe be informed with Indian Education is being discussed at a school board meeting.
- Randy Lewis commented on a past experience and said there are two ways to gain notoriety – to create something or to destroy something. He felt it should be made illegal for the news media to publish notoriety by publishing names. He also felt that School Resource Officers would be deterrents to crime and we need to be prepared.

REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS

4.01 – Report from ESD 113:

Dr. Dale McDaniel, ESD 113 Area 3 School Board Representative, explained about the ESD and the services they provide to the 44 school districts they serve. Shelton participates in many of their services, some provided at no cost and others the district pays a fee for.

4.02 – Overall summary on the plan for transition:

Robert Herron reported on the plan for transition after reconfiguration and the end of the bond projects in the fall of 2019. A master plan schedule was created which is a culmination of a year of planning meetings. All the construction projects have been built into this master schedule which has dates of when we begin moving at every campus. All responsibilities are broken down by school and location. Every room in every school is included in the master schedule and the man hours anticipated for each activity. Robert anticipates the master plan schedule being available online to the public in a summary format by the end of April or early May.

4.03 – Asset Prevention Program:

Robert Herron also reported on the OSPI Asset Prevention Program update for Evergreen Elementary and Olympic Middle School. Evergreen and Olympic Middle School fall under this program because we received state matching funds when the schools were built and the state requires information on the assets they invested their money in. When Robert submits his annual report to OSPI he must list the date the school board was provided with this information.

4.04 – Title VII Indian Education Grant review:

Ann Cuoio gave an update on the 2017-18 federally funded Title VII Indian Education Grant which was approved last spring by a committee of parents, tribal council members and students. Bordeaux currently serves 55 Native American students; Evergreen and Mt. View both serve 49 students; Oakland Bay and Olympic Middle School both serve 48; Shelton High School 85; and CHOICE 29.

The grant is divided into five sections:

1. Coordination of Services for Native American Students
2. Coordination of Professional Development
3. Dissemination and Use of Assessment Data
4. Indian Education Formula Grant Objectives
5. Budget
 - 327 students @ \$218.23 (2017 Form 506)
 - Total grant award = \$71,362
 - Additional district funds supporting the program - \$103,239
 - Grant funds 3,510 annual hours of tutoring time
 - Salary for 2 tutors = \$46,362
 - Benefits for 2 tutors = \$22,464
 - Supplies, travel, postage, education = \$2,500

There are new requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for serving Native American students which were approved in January which is going to require sincere effort between the school district and tribes to make sure the goals/objectives are clear and are

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monitored as we move forward. We cannot do it alone and need the tribes moving right along step by step with us, as well as parents. We are waiting for the tribes to give us information that we can share with the board so when school starts in the fall we are ready to move forward as a team.

Item 4.05 – Native American Program review:

Pam Farr reviewed a list of curriculum and trainings the district offers in support of Native American students/programs dating back to the 2010-11 school year, including a Since Time Immemorial curriculum matrix and PEI field experiences. She also spoke about the work of the Native Education Work Group (NEWG).

Item 4.06 – School Improvement Plan for CHOICE High School:

Stacey Anderson reviewed the School Improvement Plan for CHOICE which included school/department goals in the following areas:

1. Graduation Matters Shelton – Target 100% Graduation.
2. Student achievement for all students – raise test scores and overall student achievement. Address areas of disproportionality in our test scores.
3. Professional Development – Differentiated Instruction, Language Acquisition, Project Based Learning.
4. Increase attendance 90%+ in all schools and address issues of disproportionality.
5. Maintain a safe and security teaching and learning environment. Address issues of disproportionality.
6. Capitalize on our staff and community strengths to continue moving our schools into the 21st century.

She also reviewed assessment scores, graduation rates and school climate survey data.

4.07 – School Improvement Plan for Shelton High School:

Jennifer Deyette presented the School Improvement Plan for Shelton High School. There goals are similar to those listed above for CHOICE but because they have to maintain accreditation they also have to have SMART Goals. Jennifer also reviewed assessment scores, graduation rates and school climate survey data.

4.08 – Family and Community Involvement Center:

Dr. Apostle, Brenda Trostad and Ricardo del Bosque toured the Transit Center for possible rental space for a Family and Community Involvement Center. We can rent 755 sq. ft. of space for a computer room for \$943 per month. The district has its own tables and computers. There is potentially an option to use the gym for activities and kitchen to make meals for McKinney Vento students. The district currently rents gym space at the Transit Center for P.E. classes for CHOICE students. Ricardo is traveling to the Vancouver School District in May to observe their Family and Community Resource Center.

4.09 – Budget status report:

Brenda Trostad gave the February 2018 budget status report and reviewed the balances in each fund. Our average enrollment for the year is 4,239 students September through March which is 164 FTE above budget. Brenda will put together an analysis of where we stand with the Drake Scholarship Fund for board members.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Sandy Tarzwell made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Sally Karr seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0. The board:

- Approved minutes from the March 13, 2018 regular board meeting;
- Approved the personnel report (see Attachment #1);
- Approved General Fund Warrant No. 130143830 in the amount of \$48,741.20;
- Approved General Fund Warrant No. 130143831 in the amount of \$256.53;
- Approved General Fund Warrant Nos. 130143832 through 130143847 in the amount of \$52,844.37;
- Approved Associated Student Body Fund Warrant Nos. 130405620 through 130405624 in the amount of \$8,322.86;
- Approved Associated Student Body Fund Warrant No. 130405625 in the amount of \$66.08;
- Approved Associated Student Body Fund Warrant No. 130405626 in the amount of \$165.84;
- Approved Private Purpose Trust Fund Warrant No. 130700062 in the amount of \$250.00; and
- Approved Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 130200076 through 130200079 in the amount of \$22,248.70.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6.01 – Proposed acceptance of the bid for Package C:

Brenda Trogstad reported that there were two bidders for Package C. The low bidder, Construct, Inc., came in approximately \$400,000 under the architect's estimate which is significant. Robert Herron has conducted a thorough reference check on Construct, Inc. and it is recommended the bid be awarded to them. Jeff Feeney has also worked with them in the past. Sandy Tarzwell made a motion to award the bid for Package C to Construct, Inc. Sally Karr seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

6.02 – Proposed safety and security plan:

At the last board meeting board members heard a presentation from Dr. Apostle and local law enforcement regarding a safety and security plan to hire two additional School Resource Officers. Chief Darrin Moody and Brenda Trogstad are presenting a proposal tonight to hire two additional School Resource Officers from April 1, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year to be paid at the officer's overtime rate for a cost to the district of \$35,952. The City will bill the district monthly so that we can analyze the costs. Shelton Police officers, and possibly Mason County Sheriff's officers, have volunteered their time on their days off to rotate in these positions. During the 2018-19 budget process we will look at this again for the long term and also look into grant funding, etc.

After further discussion amongst board members, Sandy Tarzwell made a motion to approve the plan from April 1, 2018 through the end of the 2017-18 school year. Dan Cooling seconded the motion. Sally Brownfield, who was unable to attend the board meeting in person, was now on speaker phone and voted yes to the proposal. The motion then passed 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Apostle reported on the following:

- Last Thursday every staff member in every school and department received training in terms of safety and security in regards to building plans and run/hide/fight. He visited all seven schools and said the principals did an outstanding job.
- The Most Inspiring Student Awards Ceremony is May 24th at 6:00 p.m.
- He has spent most of his time the last few weeks on the possible Family and Community Resource Center and safety and security planning.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Tina Stevens is the secretary for the Indian Education Parent Committee. She said there has been a lot of discussion about academics which is a big portion of what we are looking at moving forward but she does not want the cultural aspect to be overlooked. This is what keeps some of the students coming to school every day. She also spoke about a large number of other tribes besides the Skokomish and Squaxin that are not being represented.
- Randy Lewis spoke about the Washington State Treasurer saying there would be extra money available at the state level and what better place to put that than SRO's and other needs of school districts regarding safety and security.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Samantha Samples:

- Samantha is focusing on finishing her requirements for graduation.
- Before attending CHOICE she attended Shelton High School and did not want to go to school, but now she looks forward to going to CHOICE and the relationships she has with her teachers.
- She is in a Native American English class which has improved her knowledge because she is learning about her culture.

Mark Christensen:

- Mark commented how quickly the school year is wrapping up.
- Shelton High School just finished next year's ASB elections which he has been involved with since his sophomore year.
- Senior presentations are April 27th.
- This Thursday there is a track meet at North Thurston.

Dan Cooling:

- Dan thanked everyone in the district for what they do and commented on the excitement level he gets from seeing all the new programs.

Sally Karr:

- Sally commented that board members will need to look through senior scholarship notebooks soon and decide about the board's Drake Scholarship Award.
- She would also like a calendar of the end of year events.

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Sandy Tarzwell:

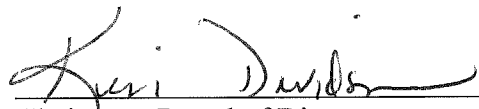
- Sandy attended the memorial service of a young man who was the grandson of a former board member and said the district was well represented.

Keri Davidson:

- Keri agreed with Dan's comments on the hard work the staff puts in every day.
- The time and effort put in by the teachers during conference week was amazing and she appreciates what they do.
- Today she spent two hours at a Board of Health meeting as the school board representative. She said it was eye opening to hear the different Department of Health representatives tell of things from their perspective.
- She is very happy with the bid for Package C and is excited for the remaining bids to go out.
- We will be doing agenda setting next week by e-mail since it is spring break.

ADJOURN

At 9:00 p.m. Sally Karr moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Cooling seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.


Chairman, Board of Directors


Secretary to the Board