



EASTMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Eastmont School District Board of Directors was called to order by Board President Whitney Smith at 5:30 p.m. in the Grant Elementary School Cafeteria at 1430 1st Street SE, East Wenatchee.

Along with limited seating that followed safety protocols for first come first serve in-person attendance for the public, a Webex link was provided on the District's website for public participation at:

<https://eastmont206.webex.com/eastmont206/j.php?MTID=mde903f7bfce2d831791884ba7153439>

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Whitney Smith, Board President
Cindy Wright, Board Vice President
Joy Dawe, Board Director
Jason Heinz, Board Director
Meaghan Vibbert, Board Director
Garn Christensen, Board Secretary/Superintendent
Kayla Brown, Executive Director HR

Participating Remotely:

Brandy Fields, District staff presenting, community members, and two media personnel

APPROVE AGENDA/MODIFICATIONS

Superintendent Garn Christensen reported Consent Agenda Item G. Transitional Kindergarten was added to the Consent Agenda this morning, WSSDA Board Member Aurora Flores will speak during Board News, and Charles Leitch will also participate in the Board Training this evening.

MOVED by Director Vibbert and SECONDED by Director Wright to approve the revised Agenda for January 10, 2022. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Instructions for public comment were provided on the Agenda. Public Comments could be made to the Board in three ways: 1) By calling (509) 888-4698; 2) By writing and sending regular mail to the Administration Office; and 3) By email to schoolboard@eastmont206.org. There was no public comment.

INFORMATION

A. Staff Years of Service Recognition.

The Board recognized the following staff:

- Shannon Duncan with 20 years in August 2020
- Katie Luttrell with 25 years in August 2021

B. Board News.

Director Vibbert shared her appreciation for how District administration handled the last day of school before winter break and their thoroughness. Director Heinz shared he recently attended an athletic tournament and was complimentary of Mr. Russ Waterman and how well the event was run.

WSSDA Board of Directors, Director Area 7, Ms. Aurora Flores introduced herself, shared she is a current Manson School District Board Member and has 4 grandchildren that are attending or graduated from Eastmont. She shared information about opportunities and activities for the Board to participate within WSSDA.

C. Superintendent News.

Superintendent Christensen was very complimentary of not only our own Maintenance Director and our crew who worked practically non-stop to remove snow and prepare all of our school grounds. He also thanked the Douglas County PUD and the Airport staff who helped assist us with snow removal. In turn, we were able to then assist Wenatchee School District as well in preparation for school opening on Monday.

BUILDING AND PROGRAM REPORT

A. Grant Elementary School Staff Recognition.

Director Vibbert recognized Grant Elementary staff for the following accomplishments:

1. Grant Site Council led the staff to rewrite and update: Mission (WHY do we exist?), Vision (Gives Directions), and Collective commitments (HOW must we behave to achieve our vision?).
2. Grant staff is implementing research based reading instruction and curriculum known as structured literacy in response to the needs of students - School Wide 43% of students are at the intensive level in reading, and the highest numbers of need are in kindergarten (75%) and first grade (49%).
3. Grant's vision is to value and build relationships throughout the school community. From a recent survey, 100% of staff feel welcome and respected at school and 90% of students and parents report that staff care about them.
4. Grade level PLC teams (K-4) focused on one specific ELA and Math growth goal last year. Every grade level showed growth in student achievement in their selected goals and 60% of the goals were met with achievements of 92%-100%.

B. Grant Elementary School Building Report.

Principal Kirsten Mittelstaedt and Grant Elementary School staff shared information on their recent challenges and accomplishments. They answered questions from the Board.

C. Brief Tour of New Construction.

The Board also took a brief tour of the new construction.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes. The Board of Directors approved the minutes from the hybrid regular meeting held on December 13, 2021.

B. Payment of bills and/or payroll. The Board of Directors approved the following checks, direct deposits, or wire transfers listed on check summaries dated January 10, 2022:

Warrant Numbers	Total Dollar Amount
7124949-7124950	\$166.56
7124951-7124970	\$1,033.89
7124971-7124986	\$7,123.75
7124987-7125225	\$659,501.93
7125226-7125264 and 900129406-900130286	\$6,400,021.99
7125265-7125287	\$1,075,625.20
7125288-7125288	\$179,985.65
7125289-7125289	\$39.00
7125290-7125290	\$17.00
7125291-7125375	\$176,404.75

C. Approval of personnel action. The Board of Directors approved the Personnel Action Items dated January 10, 2022 as presented.

D. Approval of school improvement plan. The Board of Directors approved the School Improvement Plan for Grant Elementary School.

E. Approval of policy. The Board of Directors approved the following policies for second reading/adoption:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>
3000 Students	Policy 3143, along with Deleting Policy 3144, Policy 4314, and Policy 4315	District Notification of Juvenile Offenders - draft updated title: Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm
3000 Students	New Policy 3225	School-Based Threat Assessment

F. Review of student enrollment update. The Board of Directors received the Monthly Student Enrollment Update.

G. Approval of proposal. The Board of Directors approved the Proposal to Start Transitional Kindergarten for the 2022-23 School Year.

MOVED by Director Wright and SECONDED by Director Heinz to approve Consent Agenda Items #A-G. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Superintendent Search – Verbal Update and Next Steps.

Bill Jordan, Northwest Leadership Associates gave the Board an update and next steps on the Superintendent Search. The Superintendent Search Interview Observer Panel was discussed and interview dates were identified.

B. Verbal Report on Superintendent's Annual Goals.

Superintendent Christensen provided a verbal report on his progress implementing the District Strategic Improvement Plan for his 2021-22 Annual Goals.

BOARD TRAINING

Superintendent Garn Christensen and Charles Leitch, J.D. provided School Board Roles, Responsibilities, and Liabilities training.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Director Wright and SECONDED by Director Heinz to adjourn the meeting. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

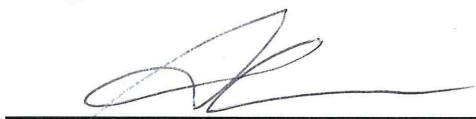
Approval:



Chairperson

1/24/22

Date



Secretary

1/25/22

Date