CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Van Noy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Van Noy, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Oviatt, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Edwards
Student Representatives: Ms. Amanda Korn, Ms. Sophie Hunter

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Dr. Smith read the Governor’s Proclamation that January 2015 is School Board Recognition Month. He also presented Board members with certificates and umbrellas as gifts of appreciation.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Board Communications

Mr. Bawden thanked Janet Gavigan and Kaye Wetli for their presentations at the Riverview Ambassador Program prior to tonight’s meeting. He said the Board had a work study last Friday. He was pleased the flooding didn’t cause us to cancel school last week.

Mr. Edwards said he missed the last Board meeting because he had the flu. Last Saturday and Sunday he attended the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Legislative Committee meeting in Olympia. It was a good meeting and he will go over this during Reports.

Ms. Fletcher was out of town for the last Board meeting and she attended a school board meeting at her alma mater in Illinois. She does not envy them, since they have to cut $3.6 million from their budget over the next three years. She acknowledged and thanked Valve Software Company for donating a server to Mike Miyoshi’s class, which should be up and running as first semester closes.

Ms. Oviatt wished everyone a happy New Year and gave Sandy Bechtel a card and gift certificate for her birthday, compliments of the School Board. Last night she attended the Sea-King Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Executive Board meeting on behalf of Washington School Directors’ Association (WSSDA) Interscholastic Activities Committee (IAC) appointment. She was elected to attend the IAC in District 2, which is actually not where our schools play. So, she gets to hear what Sea-King, King-Co, and Seattle Schools deal with, such as discipline issues with coaching/athletics and recruiting issues.
Board Communications (Continued)

Ms. Oviatt said the meeting was run very well and she got a chance to meet a lot of good people that are keeping our student athletes safe and making the right decisions. She loved the colorful thank-you e-mail from Heather Sánchez at Cherry Valley Elementary. She thought the district did a great job of keeping the community informed about the weather-related issues that were going on and appreciates all the early hours our Transportation Department puts in during the challenging weather times. Congratulations to Tolt Middle School for winning Best in State in the Verizon Innovative App Challenge. They came up with an original mobile app concept that incorporates STEM and addresses a need or problem in our area. Their app was named iVolunteer and the next step is to move on to Best of Region.

Mrs. Van Noy wished everyone a Happy New Year. Last week she attended the King County Early Learning Symposium, which was a really great conference. King County Executive Dow Constantine spoke, as well as Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, President of Save the Children Action Network Mark Shriver, and Co-Director for the Institute for Learning and Brain Sciences Dr. Patricia Kuhl. Tomorrow night Mrs. Van Noy presents to the Renton School Board for United Way’s Parent-Child Home Program. She announced the Seahawks won and is sure we will all be watching the game next week. She will be attending Cascadia College with Roni Rumsey next week for the college’s board meeting.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 14-80: To amend the Consent Agenda, Item C. Personnel Actions, to reflect current changes. (Van Noy and Edwards) Unanimous.

Hearing of the Public

No one came forward to speak during Hearing of the Public.

Student Representative Report

Ms. Korn and Ms. Hunter provided the following information on Cedarcrest clubs and sports:

Clubs

ASB: While Donkey Basketball is still in the works, ASB is busy helping to plan this Friday’s assembly. This is the first ever Diversity Assembly. It will be helped by Cedarcrest’s new Diversity Club. Instead of a guest speaker, this assembly will consist of many different groups performing dances from their culture. This assembly is in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

GSA: GSA is opening the first ever Diversity assembly this Friday. They continue to hold weekly meetings on Thursdays, and are now decorating their new question box to put in the library. This will provide a way for all students to ask questions about GSA. Their next item on the agenda is to talk about the possibility of getting gender-neutral bathrooms.

NHS: Foodball was a major success! The winner of the pizza party was Mr. Armstrong’s class with 270 items! There were more than 2,000 cans collected from CHS alone. In March they have their “Free the Children” change jar, which is another competition.
Student Representative Report (Continued)

FBLA: FBLA is getting ready to compete on February 13th at Evergreen Community College. They are also planning a spaghetti dinner at Tent City.

DECA: DECA attended a competition this past Thursday. A total of 63 students participated and they expect 15-25 students to move on to State.

TSA: A Cedarcrest TSA member is currently working on the REF Auction poster design, as well as the CHS play poster design. They just started collecting the projects for State last Friday. Tolt TSA moved on to the next round out of 1,000 teams for the app challenge. The winner will have their app designed by engineers.

FFA: January and February are a busy time filled with many floral competitions. February 9th-13th they have their annual chocolate rose sale during lunch. They have a flower and garden show in Seattle on February 11th. They are holding a Chili Feed at CHS on the 12th. And on the February 23rd-27th they will hold their FFA spirit week!

Literary Club: They are now holding a book drive for Seattle Children’s Hospital.

Band: They are about to start their annual Toy Drive.

Choir: They are now taking auditions for the Talent Show and they are starting singing grams.

RAK: RAK collected six boxes and two bags full of coats to donate to Hopelink. RAK is planning a new activity with Miracle League Bowling within the next couple of weeks. This is the first time the club will be joining the bowling league and everyone is really excited! They are also planning a trash pick-up after school. Last Friday, some students stayed after and cleaned the teacher’s windows. They are also finishing up the planning for March Magnanimous Week.

Robotics: Last Sunday was the final FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) competition for this year at Everett High School. At the beginning of the day, one of the FTC teams started in 26th place overall and then ended up in 11th place. Huge improvement! Now, the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) season has kicked off. They have started the brainstorming process and are looking forward to their first competition in February. In preparation for this upcoming build season, the team is hosting a fundraiser at the Northwest Art Center this Saturday from 4:00-8:00 PM. So come and support our robotics team!

Sports

Boys Basketball: Boys basketball is doing pretty well this season. On Friday they beat Granite Falls! They are 4-1 in the conference and 5-6 overall. Varsity is on a four game win streak with wins over Christian Park Cedar, Lakewood, Sultan, and Whidbey. Junior Varsity just won their first games against Sultan and Whidbey.

Girls Basketball: Girls basketball is also doing well. They are 2-3 in the conference and 4-6 overall.
Student Representative Report (Continued)

Wrestling: They had a Sky Valley Invitational last Saturday at Sultan. Parker McBride won the Sultan tournament and the match against Eastside Catholic over winter break. They are 3-0 against Bothell and Lakewood right now. This is also the first year we have had female wrestlers on the squad.

CONSENT AGENDA

A list of routine agenda items were considered in a single motion. Board members received and studied background information on all items.

Motion 14-81: To approve the January 13, 2015, Consent Agenda, as amended. (Edwards and Fletcher) Motion passed 4-1 in favor.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2014, and Board Work Study Minutes for December 5, 2014, and January 9, 2015.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 194960 through 195036 in the amount of $100,286.59; and No. 195059 through 195187 in the amount of $371,295.10 and direct deposits of $41,765.60, $1,217.66, and $25,022.36 for a total of $68,005.62; Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 195037 through 195039 in the amount of $3,297.08 and No. 195188 through 195192 in the amount of $30,144.71 and direct deposits of $52.49; ASB Fund Warrant No. 195040 through 195057 in the amount of $16,278.66 and No. 195193 through 195208 in the amount of $6,198.04 and direct deposits of $15.00, $99.40, and $687.75 for a total of $802.15. Total payroll for December 15, 2014, was $24,920.91; includes General Fund Warrant No. 195058 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $297.07; and direct deposits of $19,227.94. Total payroll for December 30, 2014, was $2,118,824.75; includes General Fund Warrant No. 195209 through 195217 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $7,320.13, and General Fund Warrant No. 195218 through 195269 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of $709,923.42 and direct deposits of $1,019,723.82.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.
The Board thanked the Eagle Rock Multi-Age PTA and Cherry Valley PTA for their generous donations.

Approval of Budget Status Reports for November, 2014.

Approval of Cedarcrest High School Student Fees for 2015-16.
This was being presented at this time because the Cedarcrest student course catalog is printed in January in order to be ready in time for registration.
CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Mr. Bawden questioned why the Cedarcrest ASB card fee was being raised from $45 to $50, when the Cedarcrest ASB budget has a large carry-over each year.

Dr. Smith said more information is needed on the cycles for expenditures. He has requested the high school prepare a schedule for replacing/purchasing items, which will help with planning and understanding of the budget. He will report back to the Board at a later date with this information, as well as examples of who pays for what (ASB versus Athletics), and how our ASB card fees compare with other schools in our area.

The majority of the Board members agreed to approve this, since Dr. Smith will be providing them with more information as requested.


Approval for Out-of-State Travel for Dr. Smith to San Diego for the AASA National Conference for Education on February 26-28, 2015.

BUSINESS

Board Agenda Topics

The Board discussed future Board agenda topics and agreed to add/modify the following dates:

- February 6th Work Study to focus on Legislative Strategies
- February 24th Work Study from 5:00-6:30 PM – change this from K-5 Data: Key Metrics of Success to Strategic Plan – review vision, mission, goals, etc.
- Add March 24th Work Study from 5:00-6:30 PM for Strategic Plan – goal managers providing their objectives to the Board

Mr. Edwards will be on vacation from February 13-21. Mr. Bawden will not be able to attend the April 4th Community Forum and the April 14th Board meeting. Ms. Fletcher will also be unable to attend the April 14th Board meeting. The remaining Board members will discuss if they want to keep the April 14th Board meeting, since it is during spring break.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith said the January enrollment report shows we are down 11.26 students December to January, which directly correlates with past years at this time. The decline is K-12 in general and not centered at any particular grade level.
Superintendent Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- He attended the holiday concert at Cherry Valley Elementary.
- He attended the Cedarcrest wrestling meet versus Sultan.
- At the last Ad Council meeting on December 17th, they looked at the attendance procedures, particularly K-8. Heather Sánchez is leading this committee and they are looking at modifying their K-8 attendance procedures. They are also working on reducing the number of extended vacations for families. They have looked at surrounding districts and we are not very clear on what our expectations are. Changing the attendance procedure will make it more consistent and best for students, given the high expectations with Common Core State Standards.
- He thanked Mr. Bawden for his consult during the flooding on January 5th. The State DOT does not allow King County to post information about the status of State highways, which is why SR-202 and SR-203 are not mentioned on the King County website under Road Closures. The State DOT website prioritizes which roads to post and SR-202 and SR-203 are not high on their priority list. Dr. Smith now understands why Conrad drove the roads in the district during severe weather conditions. If SR-202 closes, the district would need to be closed. On Tuesday, January 6th, Jenny Bullard, Transportation Supervisor, found SR-202 to be closed at 3:00 AM, while Dr. Smith drove it at 3:50 AM and found it was in the process of opening. This initiated a two-hour late start on Tuesday, rather than having the district closed.
- He added information to staff regarding road status prior to them coming to work and then while they were in the work place in the afternoon. He received great feedback from staff about this. Mr. Bawden informed him that it takes about seven hours from when the river peaks in Carnation to then peak in Duvall.
- On Thursday, January 8th, Representatives Chad Magendanz and Jay Rodne visited our district. Thanks to Mrs. Van Noy and Mr. Edwards for being there. Dr. Smith kept his message simple – what districts are expected to fund locally now is too much and it needs to change – the State needs to fully fund McCleary. This seemed to resonate with the Representatives.

Mr. Edwards said we have really good representation in the House of Representatives. Both Representatives Magendanz and Rodne were more than impressed with our district. We do things that are really innovative. It was unfortunate that they ran out of time before they saw the Riverview Learning Center (RLC). Mr. Edwards told the Representatives that when Senator Andy Hill was here, he felt the RLC was a jaw dropper. They were interested in coming back to our district.

Mrs. Van Noy said Dr. Smith showed them the Random Acts of Kindness video. It was a great reminder that this is about kids, teaching, learning, and was a great start. Both Representatives were glad to be here and Dr. Smith did a great job touring them around.

Dr. Smith said Representative Rodne commented that the culture here was really special.
Legislative Report

Mr. Edwards passed out a packet of information to the Board. In September at the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Legislative Assembly, they ranked 89 proposals in priority ranking for the 2015 Legislative Session. The WSSDA Legislative Committee then consolidated the priorities and listed them as follows to present to legislators at the WSSDA Legislative Conference in March:

- Amply fund K-12 education
- Facilitate facilities
- Enable great teaching and learning
- Fully fund programs and services that are required by law
- No new mandates

We have very good relationships with our legislators and want to show real life examples of how the issues affect our district.

Mr. Edwards also reported that he is getting prepared to head out to the NSBA (National School Board Association) Advocacy Institute in Washington, DC. Before he goes there, some key issues were sent to him and he needs to be prepared to talk about them. They are: Elementary and Secondary Act Reauthorization, The Child Nutrition Act Reauthorization, and federal funding. Specifically, he needs to tell legislators how existing law impacts our district.

Mr. Edwards also said with Republicans taking control over the Senate, Senator Patty Murray lost her seat as Senate Budget Committee Chair. Now she is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Education Committee. She is going to be fighting for what we need and it will be interesting to see what happens with No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

RECESS

Mrs. Van Noy recessed the regular Board meeting at 8:15 PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss one personnel item for approximately 11 minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

One personnel item was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Van Noy called the meeting back to order at 8:36 PM. There being no further business, Mrs. Van Noy adjourned the January 13, 2015, Board meeting at 8:37 PM.

[Signatures]

Carole Van Noy
Board President

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Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors.