CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Van Noy, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell
Student Representatives:  Ms. Sophie Hunter, Mr. Pascal Nagata

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Fletcher

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Board Communications

Mrs. Parnell said she will be attending Parent Science Night the 8th graders at Tolt Middle School are having regarding models of the subduction zones.

Mr. Nagata said he is happy the semester is over and really enjoyed attending the Legislative Conference.

Ms. Oviatt reported that she and Ms. Van Noy attended the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Planning Committee meeting for the 2016 WSSDA Annual conference.  There are three topics our School Board could potentially present on:  Strategic Planning Process, Student Rep Process, or the RSD Ambassador Program.  Ms. Oviatt said she also participated in the WSSDA Executive Director calls asking what qualities they would like to see in the WSSDA Executive Director, since Alan Burke is retiring.  Ms. Oviatt noted the following school events:  Cedarcrest Carnival on Thursday, February 11th, along with Donkeys versus Unicorns Basketball Game – the money is going to a local family dealing with cancer.  Tulips and daffodils pots are for sale through Cedarcrest FFA. She commented that the Cedarcrest dessert theatre (Fairytales and Frosting) looked like it was a pretty fun event.  Congratulations to out to Mark Ward, Cedarcrest’s wrestling coach, who was named Cascade Conference Coach of the Year and Parker McBride, CHS wrestler was name Cascade Conference Wrestling Athlete of the Year.  Ms. Oviatt said on Facebook, there is a counter on the Legislature and how much money they owe us and how many days it has been.  She read, “On August 13, 2015, the Washington State Supreme Court did what most of what the citizens of Washington State have done for decades and held the State Legislature in contempt.  This contempt was a little different because it came with sanctions, including a $100,000 a day fine.  Today it has been 180 days, so they owe $18 million in fines.  That money could pay for 360 elementary school teachers assuming the average salary of $50,000 per year or could pay for 5,864,451 Dick’s deluxe burgers.”
Board Communications (Continued)

Mr. Edwards said he went to Olympia the day before the Legislative Conference to attend a WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Legislative Committee meeting to help get things ready. The conference went very well. He also met with Bill Adamo, Director of Business and Operations, to discuss the audit process and some of the changes that he saw this year. Mr. Adamo actually challenged the fees the State Auditor Office had charged the district. The State Auditor’s Office said they were wrong and reduced the district’s fee. It looks like we are going to have another outstanding audit. Dr. Smith and I also attended the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network Gala this past weekend to raise funds for the great work they do in the community. It was very well attended and a lot of fun.

Ms. Bechtel gave valentine goodie bags to the School Board, Superintendent and Student Reps. She noted that she purchased the chocolate heart lollipops from a fifth grader at Carnation Elementary, Oscar Thompson, who made them to raise money for camp. The Board and Student Reps thanked her for the goodies.

Ms. Van Noy wished everyone a happy Valentine’s Day. She attended the WSSDA Board meeting and the Legislative Conference. The conference was very well attended. She noted that we had more pictures of our Student Reps on the WSSDA website than any other district. Ms. Van Noy reported that the Board had a work study breakfast on Friday the superintendent mid-point evaluation and what kind of metric they will be using. She said Ms. Fletcher is excused from tonight’s Board meeting, since she is out of state. Prior to tonight’s Board meeting, the Board had a Work Study on School Start Times, gathering information and doing research. Ms. Van Noy also reported that she will be a judge at Cedarcrest’s Science Fair next Saturday.

Student Rep Report

Ms. Hunter and Mr. Nagato reported on the activities at Cedarcrest High School.

National Honor Society (NHS) is helping with the Tolt Trivia Night this month on the 26th, as well as the STEM nights at Cherry Valley Elementary on February 18th and March 3rd. They also just helped Hopelink start an after-school tutoring program at Duvall Place and they will have a Change Drive coming up in March.

Stealth Robotics is 4 weeks into the First Robotics Competition build season and things are running smoothly. They are currently working on figuring out ways to overcome the obstacles in this year’s game. So far this year’s ideas have included using pneumatics, larger tires than normal to maximize traction, and a pitching machine to launch balls. There are two weeks left in Build Season and their first competition is March 11-13.

Cedarcrest ASB Carnival on February 11th is supporting a student’s family who is experiencing hardships and they will also have donkeys versus unicorns basketball game (on large bouncy balls decorated like animals) the same night. They welcome the School Board to join their cause. It’s a game with community members, students, and staff. Also, March Magnanimity is coming up and Jessica Carlson is leading that. A new component of it will be a club competition to see who can make the most care packages for the homeless, 3 on 3 basketball, and Fun Run.
**Student Rep Report (Continued)**

**Art Club** is still working on the mural! Many seniors and juniors in the club are working to put in their volunteer hours for the National Art Honor Society.

**Random Acts of Kindness (RAK)** has been selected to be in the Epoch Times as a feature on kindness. For this paper, they interviewed Mrs. Filer, Cody Banks, Jake Jewell, Julia Knox, and Sophie Hunter. The article focused on the impact RAK has had on the school as a whole and how it has influenced the students' daily lives. RAK also went to Miracle League Bowling this past weekend with great success! More than double last year’s number showed up and everyone had a blast. Miracle League Baseball is this coming May.

**Science Olympiad:** The team is hard at work meeting weekly after school and on their own time to prepare for the upcoming competition in March.

**Young Americans for Freedom Club:** So far they have had discussions on limited government, celebrated President Ronald Regan's birthday, and have debated election topics. At their next meeting they plan to discuss people’s views on immigration policy.

**Boys’ Basketball** had a let-down loss against Granite Falls on Tuesday, February 5th, with a final score of 71-55. However, they had a signature bounce-back win on Friday against rival playoff team Cedar Park Christian, winning by a final score of 65-61 (after being down by 15 points going into halftime). Boys’ Basketball Senior Night and final home game is tonight against Archbishop Murphy. Their first playoff game is Friday at Shorecrest, Anacortes or Squalicum.

**Girls’ Basketball** won convincingly against both Granite Falls and Cedar Park Christian last Tuesday and Friday with final scores of 54-15 and 50-30 respectively. Girls’ Basketball does not have a Senior Night, due to not having any seniors, but their final regular season game is this evening as part of the quad games.

**Wrestling** had their last regular season meet January 30th and Sub-Regionals were on Saturday where they had quite a few wrestlers qualify for Regionals, as they have a tradition of doing. Regionals takes place Saturday at Shorecrest High School.

**Agenda Adjustment**

**Motion 16-04:** To amend Consent Agenda, Item C. Personnel Actions, to reflect current changes (Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

**Hearing of the Public**

Lisa Taylor and Jun Yamamota, both teachers at Cherry Valley Elementary, invited Board members to Cherry Valley’s Family Engineering Night on March 3rd from 5:15-7:00 PM. They also shared that Cherry Valley’s Arts Alive, which featured local artists and 4-5 teachers as artists, was amazing. This was held on January 28th and Jonna Farley, Cherry Valley Music Teacher, did a wonderful job organizing the event and they had a great turnout. The event always takes place the Thursday before report card day, so the Board is invited next year as well.

Ms. Oviatt said this was a great way to get the community involved at the school.
Hearing of the Public (Continued)

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Taylor and Ms. Yamamota for their invitation.

Leroy Collinwood, Duvall City Council Member, said he attended the wrestling tournament and a many of the boys advanced to regionals. He said not only did Coach Mark Ward win Cascade Conference Coach of the Year and Parker McBride win Cascade Conference Wrestler of the Year, but the wrestling team won first place overall. On a city note, he wanted to thank Board members for their service on the School Board. Service on the school board is one of the most influential positions a person can have in their community. Thank you for the work you are doing, and to our Student Reps, great job - keep up the good work. You are representing your school very well and that is really great to see high caliber students involved in civic matters. We as a city are very happy with the relationship we have with the school district and want to continue to foster that. There is always room for improvement and if there are things we could do better to address any needs you see; we want to do the right thing to keep the partnership alive.

Dr. Smith echoed what Mr. Collinwood said in terms of letting us know and the partnership; we really appreciate it.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Mr. Collinwood for his comments.

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 16-05: To approve the February 9, 2016, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Approve of Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016; and Board Work Study Minutes for February 5, 2016.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 198833 through 198913 in the amount of $195,035.27; and direct deposits of $35,320.14. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 198914 through 198921 in the amount of $196,700.48; and direct deposits of $1,523.44. ASB Fund Warrant No. 198922 through 198935 in the amount of $11,387.34; and direct deposits of $205.84. Total payroll for January 29, 2016, was $2,346,462.12, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 198936 through 198941 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $5,470.88; and General Fund Warrant No. 198942 through 198996 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of $793,196.60; and direct deposits of $1,114,109.93.

Approval of Personnel Actions.
Ms. Oviatt commented that it is sad to see Cedarcrest teacher, Zack Pittis, leaving after working for the district since 2001. It is also sad to see Sue Henrikson, classified nurse, and Laura Smith, Paraprofessional, resigning.

Approval of Personnel Actions (Continued)
Congratulations also go out to Bill Adamo, Director of Business and Operations, who will be retiring next February and Susie Marshall, PARADE Teacher, who will be retiring in June.
CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.
Ms. Van Noy thanked the Carnation Elementary PTSA for their generous donations, as well as donations from Microsoft and Gen Youth Foundation for Tolt Middle School. Gen Youth Foundation also gave a generous donation to Food Services.

Approval of 2016-2019 Riverview Principals’ Association (RPA) Agreement.

BUSINESS


Dr. Smith explained the purpose of resolutions to the Student Reps. Then he stated that, given continued student growth, the district plans to run a bond in 2020 to build an elementary school in Duvall. Currently Cherry Valley Elementary and Stillwater Elementary are at or near capacity. With Full-Day Kindergarten starting next year, the need for more classrooms is here. Dr. Smith thanked the Board for their support and counsel throughout the process to purchase this property.

Motion 16-06: To adopt Resolution No. 16-01, approving the purchase and sale agreement of the Lake Washington Tech Property to the Riverview School District in the amount of $1.9 million, and granting the Superintendent the authority to execute any and all documents necessary to purchase such property (Ms. Van Noy and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Van Noy commented that she is really excited about the district purchasing property and thanked Dr. Smith and Mr. Adamo for their work.

Board Agenda Items

The Board reviewed upcoming items and noted the following:

- For the Board Work Study on Strategic Planning on February 23rd – make sure to invite Mike Vidos
- For the March 4th Board Breakfast Work Study, Mrs. Parnell will be unable to attend
- For the February 23rd Board meeting, add a half hour Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluation

REPORTS

Legislative Conference Report

Mr. Edwards reported that the Legislative Conference in Olympia went very well. Our entire board, as well as the Superintendent and Student Reps attended. Our Student Reps represented our community very well. Mr. Edwards said they were able to visit with all our legislators, except Jay Rodne, who Mr. Edwards talked to at the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network event.
Mr. Edwards thanked Dr. Smith and Ms. Bechtel for their work on the brochure that was given to each legislator. Senator Andy Hill commented that what he really appreciates about the Riverview School District is when our Board meets with him, we always tell our story well. On a side note, one of the things Senator Hill is frustrated with is, with the shortage of substitute teachers we have, it is not easy here to be apply to be a substitute. He is interested in being a substitute teacher in Riverview and previously taught physics at the Riverview Learning Center.

Dr. Smith said after hearing feedback that our website wasn’t very clear or user-friendly for substitute applicants, our Human Resources Department revamped it within 24 hours! It is now easy to navigate and much clearer. Dr. Smith also noted that superintendents have been communicating their frustrations with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) regarding certification. It can sometimes take up to three months for a substitute to receive their emergency certification.

Mr. Edwards also noted that several of our legislators said they really do appreciate the work that we do here in the Riverview School District and it really stands apart from a lot of the districts in the state.

Dr. Smith said there are very few Boards that have their entire Board represented each year at the Legislative Conference like ours. It is impressive having all our Board members and Student Reps attend, along with the Superintendent, and numbers do have an impact on them.

Ms. Hunter said she loved registering to vote with the Secretary of State, who was very easy to talk to. She said the conference was great and enjoyed running into Roger Goodman and having a conversation with him. She commented that everyone knows the Riverview School District and that really comes in handy. She appreciates being on the Board.

Mrs. Parnell said the Legislative Conference was quite a ride. It was fascinating from beginning to end. She was a little overwhelmed with the speed of things and the informal, but great relationships the Board members have with our legislators. Everyone came together when they needed to. This was also her first opportunity to go out to dinner with the Board as a whole and it was a lot of fun.

Ms. Oviatt commented that the Legislative Conference was a good conference.

Ms. Van Noy said thanks to Ms. Bechtel for making the reservations. Thanks also go out to Mr. Edwards for arranging the visits with the legislators. And once again, we had a great brochure to hand out.

**Enrollment**

Dr. Smith commented that enrollment is down 10.06 students from January’s report, which follows the usual trend for the month of February. Our enrollment is still stable and we anticipate a 1% growth next year due to Full-Day Kindergarten increases.

**Superintendent Report**

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- General Items
  - He has finished up all the mid-year reflective conferences with principals and central office directors.
Superintendent Report (Continued)

- General Items (Continued)
  - There are several contracts up for negotiations this year. Now that negotiations are complete with the Riverview Principals’ Association, he has smaller groups to negotiate with. This includes classified exempt employees, directors, and supervisors.
  - Bill Adamo wrote a letter to the City of Duvall today regarding the annexation of district property located behind the ERMA site. Some new questions have arisen from the City, so now the district’s attorney is helping us answer those questions.
  - He is very excited about the purchase of the Lake Washington Tech property and what it means for our district.
  - Earlier this year, a Cedarcrest student came to a Board meeting and requested the Board consider having Honors Biology for freshman. He has been working with Ray LaBate and Chris Lupo on this and is happy to report that an Honors Biology class will be offered for freshman next year at Cedarcrest. Compliments to both science programs at Cedarcrest and Tolt Middle School along with Mr. LaBate and Mr. Lupo for their work on this.
  - He appreciated the Board Work Study tonight on school start times. It is a very complicated issue and he will provide the Board with various scenarios and costs prior to May 1st. Then we can see if and how this fits into our Strategic Plan moving forward.

- Attended the following:
  - Disaster Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting on January 28th. They will be conducting their first table top drill on March 2nd with the Ad-Team to rehearse for an actual simulated event on June 29th at Cedarcrest High School after students have left for the summer. This will be communicated with the community.
  - Wonderful PARADE performances on January 27th and 28th - one was “Alice in Wonderland” with 7th and 8th graders and the other was “An Evening with the Three Little Pigs” with 5th and 6th graders.
  - Enjoyed the Legislative Conference in Olympia. He was impressed with the relationships between the Board and legislators.
  - Athletic Directors’ meeting with Janet Gavigan, Tom Oldenburg, and Jason Frederick on Consolidated Program Review and Title IX.
  - Visited 7-8 classrooms at Tolt Middle School. Thomas Ames was using his Surface to teach a get immediate feedback as students were testing.
  - Snoqualmie Valley Community Center Heart of the Valley Dinner, Auction, and Dance Gala – he thoroughly enjoyed this event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the February 9, 2016, Board meeting at 7:58 PM.

Carol Van Noy
Board President

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors.

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