

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407**  
**Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**April 25, 2017**  
**Duvall, WA 98019**  
**Educational Service Center – Board Room**

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

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, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, and Mr. Edwards  
Student Representative: Sophie Paradis and Pascal Nagata

**CHERRY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION**

Roxanne Luchini, Principal of Cherry Valley Elementary, introduced Christine Hillestad, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, and her students Jacob Young, Alexis Beck, Greta Garland, Cody Burns, and Robbie Antonsen. They came to talk about the flexible seating they have in their classroom and gave each Board member a different seat to try. They have pillow-sized bean bags, ottomans, wobble stools and wobble cushions, exercise balls, standing desks and stools, on the floor with carpet squares, desk cycles and a teacher chair. They also each have a fidget – things in your hands to do, like silly putty, Rubik's cube, stress balls, etc., that need to stay out of sight. Mrs. Hillestad says this has increased student engagement, because students don't need to sit straight and still. They can let out their wiggles while still listening and looking at their papers. Every day students have four people go in first and pick out where they want to sit and what they want to sit on; this works on a rotating basis. It goes 1-4 the first day, 5-8 the next day, 9-12 the third day, and so on. Everyone has a number and everyone gets an opportunity to go first every other week. This allows students to constantly move and there is no seating chart to worry about. Students regulate their needs to be more successful learners. If a student is struggling with the seating, then they have to go back to a seating chart. The cost and funding for flexible seating is less expensive than traditional tables and chairs.

Ms. Van Noy asked the students which was their favorite seat. Most of them chose the exercise ball. She also asked if other classrooms had this kind of seating. Mrs. Luchini replied that currently four or five other classrooms have a variety of seating.

Mrs. Hillestad said she hopes the district would consider more classrooms like this in the future.

Ms. Van Noy thanked the students, Mrs. Hillestad, and Mrs. Luchini for coming and showing them the flexible seating in their classroom.

**COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC**

## **Student Representative Report**

Ms. Paradis and Mr. Nagata presented on the following events at Cedarcrest High School:

**FFA** competed in State Horse Judging and placed 12th at State. They are preparing for the plant sale that starts next week and are selling plant preview party tickets to help fundraise for the State Convention. They just volunteered at Earth Day in Duvall by giving away free trees. The Veterinary Science team placed 2nd at their last competition and will be going to the State Convention!

**National Honors Society** just finished their change drive and collected almost \$700. This will be donated to their sister village in Kenya. They have a blood drive scheduled for May 30th, so they will be preparing for that soon. Adding to that, they attended WE Day last Friday at the Key Arena.

**RAK's** meeting to vote on new officers is occurring soon. They have a road cleanup happening in May, where they pick up trash off of the streets of downtown Duvall. They have Miracle League Baseball in May as well.

**DECA** is currently competing at the International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California, which lasts from April 25<sup>st</sup> until the 29<sup>th</sup>. However, they are also still in the process of organizing the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Rock Classic Car Show on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Father Daughter Dance on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Riverview Educational Service Center.

**Stealth Robotics** is in the midst of rebuilding their T-shirt cannon base with new specs so that it is easier to drive. They are also busy attending multiple STEM nights at the elementary schools and Tolt Middle School. They will be in the Duvall Days Parade and at the Big Rock Classic Car Show as a vendor.

**Thespians Society** members are currently making final adjustments on their production of "Little Shop of Horrors," which will be performed on April 28-29 and May 4-6 at Cedarcrest.

**ASB** is currently in the midst of planning the Prom Assembly and the relay race of the classes in this assembly. They are also scouting out the venue for potential decorations to put up for Prom, which will be held May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bellevue Art Museum.

**Jazz Choir** is heading to a Jazz Festival at Central Washington University on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Tri-M Music Honor Society** is currently planning a spring talent show to help raise funds to purchase a trophy case for the Performing Arts.

**Choir** is planning their spring tour, as well as finding a date to help advertise for Harmony Explosion, a summer camp at Pacific Lutheran University where they learn barbershop music. They participated in the All District Choir Concert that was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> with performances from all choirs in the Riverview School District.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Paradis and Mr. Nagata for their report.

## **Board Communications**

Mr. Nagata said he recently attended the University of Washington's Student Preview and the Purple and Gold Event and announced he will be attending the university with direct admission into the Boeing Department of Aerospace Engineering and the Honors College. He was one of only 10-15 students from around the world that received direct acceptance into the program! He is currently applying for an internship at SeaTac Airport.

Ms. Bechtel said she took a couple of days off during spring break and headed to Cabo with her husband.

Ms. Fletcher reported that Certificated Appreciation Week is May 1-5 and it looks like it will work best to have Board members hand out Starbucks gift cards to Cedarcrest's certificated staff on Wednesday morning, May 3rd. They will then head to the other schools on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, to repeat the process.

Mr. Edwards said he and Ms. Oviatt attended the leadership meeting with Dr. Smith last Friday. Mr. Edwards has been working seven days a week during this busy tax season.

Ms. Paradis said last Friday she attended WE Day, a fun-filled day with Russell Wilson, sports players, actors, and singers. Buzz Aldrin was there and it was really cool to hear him speak. She went on a Mexican cruise during spring break, which was very relaxing. Other than that, she has been busy with track and homework.

Mrs. Parnell said she checked out Riverview's website and noted there are some amazing things happening around the district. The district is having a Community Job Fair at the Educational Service Center on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, which is being organized by the Human Resources Department. Cedarcrest and Tolt students did outstanding at the State TSA Competition in March and many students will be headed to Florida to compete at Nationals. Kudos to Mark Klune and Tim Kennedy, TSA Advisors. Peggy Filer sent out an email today about the Healthy Challenge, which starts May 8<sup>th</sup>. She is asking people to do three things: walk more; eat more vegetables; and get more sleep. Mrs. Parnell thinks this is a fabulous program and she loves the way Mrs. Filer reaches out to not just the students, but the whole Riverview community.

Ms. Oviatt attended the WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Activities Association) Executive Board meeting in Spokane, which is the first time they've had it in a different place other than Renton. They chose Spokane because it was the kick-off to the Washington Secondary School Athletic Administrators Association's Conference held on April 23-26, 2017.

Ms. Van Noy reported that the Board had a Work Study prior to tonight's Board meeting to discuss the new Strategic Plan for 2017-2020. Thanks to all the goal managers and Colonel Mike Vidos for facilitating this. She reminded Board members that the filing period for Board members running for reelection for 2017 is from May 15-19. Also, WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) Legislative Conference proposals are due by June 22<sup>nd</sup>. It would be nice to create a proposal on our Student Representative Program and Student Voice. Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt will work on this and then get information out to the other Board members.

## **Board Communications (Continued)**

Ms. Van Noy attended a meeting with other Eastside school districts - Northshore, Issaquah, Lake Washington, and Bellevue. They discussed the levy cliff and the reasons they want it to go away. Bellevue actually did a proposal stating they want to control negotiations, rather than having the State, OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction), and the WEA (Washington Education Association) do this.

Mrs. Parnell will be filling in for Mrs. Van Noy at the leadership meeting with Dr. Smith in June.

## **Agenda Adjustment**

**Motion 17-17:** To amend Consent Agenda, Item C. Personnel Actions, to reflect current changes; and add Business, Item D. Resolution 17-03, Final Approval of Cedarcrest High School Science Lab (Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

## **Hearing of the Public**

No one signed up or came forward to speak.

## **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 17-18:** To approve the April 25, 2017, Consent Agenda, as amended (Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Regular School Board Minutes for March 28, 2017; and Board Work Study Minutes for April 7, 2017.

### Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 202864 through 202945 in the amount of \$298,578.25; and No. 203014 through 203087 in the amount of \$207,901.39; and direct deposits of \$49,015.60 and \$84,240.89 for a total of \$133,256.49. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 202946 in the amount of \$6,791.94; and No. 203088 through 203090 in the amount of \$32,332.47; and direct deposits of \$3,092.29 and \$3,364.14 for a total of \$6,456.43. ASB Fund Warrant No. 202947 through 202954 in the amount of \$3,362.51 and No. 203091 through 203115 in the amount of \$6,082.85; and direct deposits of \$6,930.38 and \$5,339.22 for a total of \$12,329.60. Total Payroll for March 31, 2017, is \$2,549,828.25, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 202955 through 202963 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$8,976.14; and General Fund Warrant No. 202964 through 203012 in the amount of \$870,324.00; and direct deposits of \$1,202,578.44. Total payroll for April 14, 2017, is \$50,014.15, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 203013 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$86.61; and direct deposits of \$36,019.30.

### Approval of Personnel Actions.

Mrs. Parnell noted that Joan Turchin, PAT (Program for the Academically Talented) Teacher at Carnation Elementary, is retiring after 30 years. She will be missed! (Continued)

## **CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**

### **Approval of Personnel Actions (Continued)**

Ms. Van Noy also noted that the district had two administrative changes for next year. One is the hiring of Dr. Randy Stocker as the new Director of Teaching and Learning, and Chris Lupo, Principal, transferring from Tolt Middle School to Carnation Elementary School. Ms. Van Noy also commented that it is exciting that we have hired a former NFL placekicker from the Seattle Seahawks and Buffalo Bills to fill in for a PE teacher on leave at Tolt!

### **Approval of Service Contracts.**

### **Approval of Donations.**

Mrs. Parnell noted the sizeable donation by the Cherry Valley PTA in the amount of \$4,050 for a science van. Ms. Van Noy also noted the donations by the Stillwater PTSA in the amount of \$2,000 for Arts Day and student council/safety patrol recognition.

### **Approval of Elementary and Middle School Fees for 2017-2018.**

## **BUSINESS**

### **Professional Learning Leaders Report**

Tracie Kelly, Heather Nelson, and Wendy Ward are all Professional Learning Leaders (PLLs) in our district. They provided a report to show what they have been working on with teachers over the past year. They showed a video showcasing the kind of professional learning they do. Instead of the traditional sit and get type of professional learning, they took all the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in the district and went to Carnation Elementary, the host school. They created a learning lab, where teachers learned about rubrics with writing performance tasks and went really deep into the rubric. Teachers then took that into the classroom and tried out strategies to work on in real time with the students. This is one of the biggest professional learning designs the PLLs are implementing throughout the district. It is very embedded collaboration; working in real time with their students. In the math department at the middle school, teachers have been engaging in learning labs with Dr. Anita Lenges from the University of Washington. This consists of teachers collaborating together around a lesson, around best math practices, and then taking that into the classroom, analyzing student work, making a plan together, and then trying something together and reflecting on that process. It has been very productive. They have a kindergarten learning lab coming up on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Valley and would welcome Board members to attend. The district received a grant for kindergarten manipulatives and will be doing a lab with teachers where they will learn about the tools and plan the lessons that will be implemented that day with the kindergarten students. Embedded professional learning includes learning labs, coaching cycles, modeling best practices, the mentor/mentee program, book studies rooted in classroom practice, and OneNote collaboration.

What is next? Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) help shift the focus from “teaching in the classroom” to “learning in the classroom.” PLCs will be ensuring all students learn (learning for all), a culture of collaboration (teamwork), and focus on results (data-driven decisions). Partnering with the Technology Department has been very rewarding.

## **Professional Learning Leaders Report (Continued)**

Ms. Van Noy commented that the PLLs helped the Board have their best ever RSD Ambassador Program by having the PLLs' work with and train them. She loves the idea of a learning lab and would love to observe one.

Mrs. Nelson commented that partnering with the Technology Department has been very rewarding this year with Jenni Freeburg, an instructional technology leader.

Ms. Van Noy said she has talked to other districts and this program is not available in many school districts, so she believes we are trendsetters and she loves the focus on improving student learning.

Mrs. Ward commented that the feedback from teachers on the learning lab has been so positive and they are energized to actually go into classrooms and see it work. When they try something and see it working with students, they feel they can go back to their own classrooms and try it.

Mr. Edwards commented that the Board interacts with many other districts and they are not doing this. These are districts you would think would be ahead of us and they are asking us to tell them more about professional learning in our district. It is very exciting.

Mrs. Ward said thanks go out to Roni Rumsey, Director of Teaching and Learning, for securing a Transforming Professional Learning grant, as none of this would have happened without all the training. PLLs have received so much great professional learning training and it has really started the ball rolling.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Roni Rumsey for her leadership with this program.

## **Strategic Plan Status**

### **Goal 1: Increase the academic achievement of all students.**

#### **Object 1B. Improve student growth for all students in all areas.**

Task 4: Implement Full-Day Kindergarten. Roni Rumsey, Director of Teaching and Learning, reported that this task was completed very successfully. Some highlights are:

- Kindergarten Lead Teachers: Ellie Materi, Laura McGinnis, Angela Gregorio, and Angie Olson met monthly with Roni Rumsey to plan and discuss progress.
- All kindergarten teachers met monthly:
  - Led by Kindergarten Lead
  - Discussion of assessment, reporting and upcoming highlights
  - Allowed time to plan and ask each other questions
- WA-Kids assessment gave teachers better information about the whole child rather than just academics.
  - Teachers opted to give assessment three times, rather than the one required, so they could track progress as well as discuss using assessment reports for parent reporting.
  - Parent response to these reports were very positive.

## Strategic Plan Status (Continued)

- Due to increased time required for observation, Teaching and Learning provided substitutes for one day of testing per classroom.
- Five parents opted to pull their students out for a portion of the day.
  - Four of the five students have transitioned to all day.
- Systems have been developed to assist with the beginning of the year assessing and family introductions at all schools.
- Teachers have worked collaboratively to ensure there is equity regarding materials in all classrooms.
- Students showed growth above what is being reported statewide.
- Teachers are able to address the whole child and needs centered around social-emotional growth.

Ms. Oviatt commented that her kindergarten granddaughter can now read a book out loud to her. It is great to see that only five parents wanted to opt out of the program.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Rumsey for her report.

Object 1D. Implement the district's 1:1 plan.

Task 6: Provide detailed plan for the 2017-18 roll-out of laptops for all 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. Paul Censullo, Director of Technology, and Chris Collins, incoming Director of Technology, showed how they started the 1:1 in an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math/Science Pilot in 2015-16. Then in 2016-17 they added laptops for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in all their core classes and in math, science, and language arts for grades 9-12. For the upcoming 2017-2018 school year, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have 1:1 take-home laptops and grades 6-7 and 9-12 will have in-class laptops for math, science, language arts, and social studies classes. In 2018-2019, all students in grades 6-12 will have take-home laptops. For the elementary grades, students in K-2 had iPads and in 3-5 computer carts were added. In 2016-17, K-2 had iPads, while more carts were added in grades 3-5. For 2017-18, we continue the same process with iPads in K-2 and more carts added to 3-5. In 2018-2019 there will be iPads in grades K-2 and 1:1 carts in every classroom for grades 3-5.

Ms. Fletcher asked how long students will keep their take-home laptops. Mr. Collins replied that the time span for a laptop is about four years. So Tolt Middle School students will receive a new device when they enter Cedarcrest High School.

Mr. Edwards asked if students will keep their laptops over the summer and Mr. Collins said the district does have a filter and the system updates itself. Whether students keep them over the summer is up for discussion.

Ms. Van Noy asked if having laptops will eliminate the need for hard-cover textbooks. Mr. Collins replied that they are analyzing all the variables that goes with this and if students need to have a hard-cover textbook or a digital textbook. Digital textbooks are always updated, while hard-covers are not. They may run a hybrid model to test this out.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Mr. Censullo and Mr. Collins for their report.

## **Strategic Plan Status (Continued)**

### **Goal 2: Provide a financial process, business practices, and safe facilities to support the improvement of student learning.**

Objective 2B. Establish and implement a prioritized list of projects consistent with capital projects levy financing with the consent of the School Board.

Task 7: Refine final course of action based on public input. Dr. Smith is sharing this information with the Board tonight as a separate agenda item.

Task 8: School Board approval of final course of action. This will be completed later in tonight's Board meeting.

### **Goal 3: Provide Human Resources and Communication practices to improve student learning.**

Objective 3B. Begin implementation of the district's 2016-2020 Communications Plan.

Task 5: Share results of surveys with Superintendent for short-term, mid-term, and long-term planning, as needed. Dr. Smith reported that Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, has shared the results of the Communications Survey with him and Mr. Ward will share the results with the Board at their Work Study Breakfast on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Cherry Valley/Stillwater Boundary Review Decision**

Dr. Smith has reviewed the recommendations with the Board over the last several months at Board meetings. He once again thanked the members of the Cherry Valley/Stillwater Boundary Review Committee, which were: Roxanne Luchini, Jack Madigan, Ruby Perez, Bill Adamo, Sabrina Warren, Boyd Benson, Krista Mattison, Jenna Farnworth, Veronika Williams, Nicole Townsend, Mike Beard, Kristen Federico, and Anthony Smith. The committee's recommendation is to change the boundary between Cherry Valley and Stillwater on Big Rock Road, across from Safeway, extending up the hill east, to 275<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE.

**Motion 17-19:** To approve the recommendation by the Cherry Valley/Stillwater Boundary Review Committee to change the boundary between Cherry Valley Elementary and Stillwater Elementary, effective the 2017-2018 school year (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolution 17-03, Final Approval of Cedarcrest High School Science Lab**

Ruby Perez, Director of Business and Operations, recommended approval of the Cedarcrest High School Science Lab Remodel, which has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract documents. A final inspection has been made by our consultants along with John Mark, Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, and Ray LaBate, Cedarcrest High School Principal.

**Motion 17-20:** To approve Resolution 17-03 – Final Approval of Cedarcrest High School Science Lab (Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **NSBA Conference Report**

The Board and Superintendent shared highlights from the NSBA (National School Board Conference) they attended.

Ms. Oviatt focused around three categories of programs: Maker's Movement, elementary level (mostly K-3), and high school level. The Maker's Movement is a program for students to come in and make things in the classroom. They can be computerized, but they don't have to be. Some kindergartners brought their projects and there were a lot of fun things to play with. They also showed a movie with the students interacting and it was pretty impressive to see the things that they are learning. Future Ready Space was about all the different types of items students are sitting on and rearranging classrooms desks that are whiteboards that students can brainstorm on. She likes where we are heading in the future with classrooms having different types of desks, seating, space, and grouping. Her favorite session was the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership based out of middle school in Arizona where everyone is a leader in their school. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders chosen to speak had to submit an essay and an interview process to attend the NSBA Conference. Six students were chosen to present on this leadership program. One student had major homesickness and didn't think she was going to be able to do it, but she was the one that rocked the presentation. It was interesting to watch the transformation that these students experienced and she would love to see this program here in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Riverview.

Ms. Van Noy thought Captain Scott Kelly was really interesting, especially the ways of viewing things differently in space and how you really need to take several different views of looking at things. Arianna Huffman stressed the importance of sleep and limiting the use of technology. Wes Moore's session was amazing on how two boys with the same name in the same city lived such different lives, depending on the support they had from their families and mentors. Another session she enjoyed was called Hackers. Hackers ways and approaches to building evolves continuous improvement and iteration. Hackers believe that something can always be made better and that nothing is ever complete. They just have to fix it. One of her favorite sessions was about Board PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) with two professors from Montana that authored a section in Phil Gore's book. They said when you take initiatives on in your district, the board needs to be leaders in that area as well. Managing by doing, which is basically what our Board is already doing.

Mrs. Parnell said she got the most out of the general sessions. She attended a Town Hall session, which turned out to be airing of grievances from districts around the country. We have no idea how highly functioning we are until we listen to other districts. Their issues had zero to do with teaching children. She also attended a session called "Reaching Students on the Autism Spectrum and the Parents that Come with Them," which had some great ideas for reaching out and engaging parents.

Ms. Fletcher attended sessions on physical education, movement, and mindfulness and how those programs are helping students. The average attention span is nine minutes! She attended a session called Drums Alive, who do the drum circle. Students have bouncy balls and drumsticks and have to think about the beat and do math lessons, along with complex problems while beating on their ball.

## **NSBA Conference Report (Continued)**

At the trade show, she talked with a vendor using physical movement. He told her that when they know students will be testing, they take them to do a 10-minute movement circle through the PE department to get out their wiggles and to engage their brain prior to testing. Test scores have really gone up and it seems like a pretty cool idea. She also attended a session on mindfulness, which explained that students at a young age need to learn how to calm themselves down.

Mr. Edwards attended sessions on the legislation. With the new President and Secretary of Education, there is a lot of fear and concern about the direction education will be going in our country. Most presenters said “It is what it is,” and “It’s not forever.” Dramatic changes that are being talked about take a lot of time. He also attended a session on textbooks and their future. They are expensive and not changeable, while online and digital books can be changed instantly. This is not going to happen right now, but it will in the near future. As he has commented before, we are fortunate as a Board that we always get along. We do a lot of things better than other districts around the country. A highlight was wearing his Seahawks tie to John Elway’s restaurant in Denver!

Dr. Smith really enjoyed Captain Scott Kelly’s presentation. He tweeted out one of his quotes, “Teamwork makes the dream work.” If you don’t have teamwork, the dream is not going to happen. It is essential in our environment today. He got to get a picture with one of his educational theorist idols Doug Reeves, where he talked about initiatives and an evaluation process of how many a district can competently maintain. How much is too much and how much is not enough. He attended a session on Equity and Access by Tukwila’s Board Director, Mary Fertakis, which was based on research, best-practices, and what works best for Tukwila in breaking down barriers.

## **Dismissal of Student Representatives**

Ms. Van Noy excused Student Representatives Sophie Paradis and Pascal Nagata at 8:33 PM.

## **Enrollment Report**

Dr. Smith reported that enrollment increased between March and April and is up 5.14 students. We now have the highest enrollment in the history of the district at 3,239 FTE. This trend will likely continue next year. Dr. Smith and Superintendent’s Cabinet has permissioned hiring an additional teacher at Stillwater Elementary and two additional teachers at Carnation Elementary for next year. We are committed to having lower class sizes at the kindergarten levels.

## **Superintendent’ Report**

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- A large amount of time has been spent working on next year’s budget with all those involved.
- He has been consulting with other superintendents and heard from Dan Steele that there is a less than optimistic view of the upcoming budget from the State.
- He commented that there has been movement with the administrator positions with Dr. Randy Stocker moving from Carnation to the District Director of Teaching and Learning and Chris Lupo moving from Tolt Middle School to Carnation Elementary.

## **Superintendent' Report (Continued)**

- He is finishing up year two (out of three) of his WASA (Washington Association of School Administrators) board member commitment. He attended a WASA spring board meeting and Leadership Conference on their three guiding lights: trust, advocacy, and leadership. It was very productive and they have a new strategic direction. He also learned more about equity and access.
- He led a fantastic extended Ad Council meeting with high engagement by all the principals and central office leadership. They worked on aligning SIPs (School Improvement Plans) to the Strategic Plan, budget preparations for next year, and the theme of “personalizing student learning with an equity lens.” That is what we are all about.
- He is meeting with the Riverview Schools Committee tomorrow to prepare for the upcoming levy in February of 2018.
- Today he attended Encompass' Rise and Thrive Breakfast at Snoqualmie Ridge. One of the keynote speakers was Bill Krueger, who shared a heartwarming story about his daughter who has mild to moderate autism. They had no idea what they were dealing with and a great job was done by public schools and Encompass to help their family. His daughter has applied and been accepted into law school.
- A shout-out to Dr. Heikkila for hosting the table at the Rise and Thrive Breakfast.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

## **Legislative Report**

Mr. Edwards gave a quick legislative update to the Board. Senator Dino Rossi, who is filling in for the late Andy Hill, will not be running for Senate. Ken Smith, former Northshore School Board Director, is running for this position, as well as Jinyoung Englund (Republican) and Manka Dhingra (Democrat). Both Englund and Dhingra are heavily funded and this could be the most expensive and important race in the state of Washington, since it could shift or retain the current Senate leadership. Mr. Edwards said the legislators are headed into a Special Session since they didn't get their work done on time, which is very frustrating.

## **RECESS**

Ms. Van Noy recessed the regular Board meeting at 8:46 PM for a five-minute break, followed by an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue for approximately 45 minutes.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A legal issue was discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Van Noy called the meeting back to order at 9:30 PM. There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the April 25, 2017, Board meeting at 9:31 PM.

*Carol Van Noy*

Board President

*Dr. Anthony J. Smith*

Board Secretary

**MINUTES PREPARED BY**

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors