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. Oviatt, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher, Mrs. Parnell
Student Representatives: Cedric Nagata, Sierra Owens

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Cook, Substitute Recording Secretary, said her son has left to go to Eastern Washington University to start his junior year in college. He will be studying Business Administration and Accounting.

Student Representative Cedric Nagata said he went to the football game and was lucky enough to get a Homecoming date. He has been keeping up with schoolwork and his brother, Pasqual Nagata (former Student Representative), just went back to college at the University of Washington.

Student Representative Sierra Owens said she has been busy with starting her junior year of high school. The clubs she is involved with, FAA (Agriculture) and FCA, (Fellowship for Christian Athletes), have started up and she has been very involved in those. She went to the football game and she said it was a very fun and spirited night.

Mrs. Parnell said she spent the weekend in Salt Lake City with her youngest son on a tour of the University of Utah. She thinks it has made his short list of colleges that he is looking to attend.

Ms. Fletcher said she went golf ball hunting with our former Superintendent, Conrad Robertson. In approximately three and a half hours, they found 750 balls. Ms. Van Noy said he must be up to a total of 84,422 golf balls. Ms. Fletcher said she is looking forward to going back out with him again tomorrow. She had a lot of fun and it’s kind of like a great big Easter Egg Hunt.

Mr. Edwards said that everyone, with exception of Mrs. Parnell, was fortunate enough to have dinner with our former Superintendent, Conrad Robertson, the night before. Cheryl Layman and her husband Patrick joined them as well. They went to the Italia Restaurant in Duvall. He thought the food and service was awesome. Mr. Edwards said it was also great to see former Board Directors Dan Plugrath and Greg Bawden, who also came out to see Mr. Robertson as well. Mr. Edwards is leaving on Thursday for the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Legislative Assembly in Spokane. He will be coming back late Saturday night. He thinks that out of everything WSSDA does, the Legislative Assembly is the single most important event they do as an organization for us. It solidifies what our focus is going to be, which is to educate kids, not only in the Riverview School District, but in the entire state. Mr. Edwards said that he is proud to serve in this role for our district.
Board Communications (Continued)

Ms. Oviatt said she really enjoyed having dinner with everyone the night before. She leaves on Friday to attend her daughter’s bachelorette party in Chandler, Arizona where Conrad Robertson also owns a home now. She is getting ready for her daughter’s upcoming wedding, which will be held on October 5th at Ms. Oviatt’s home. She said she met with Ms. Van Noy and Dr. Smith to go over Dr. Smith’s evaluation and all went well.

Ms. Van Noy said that she and Dr. Smith are meeting with the Snoqualmie Valley Government Association (SVGA) in Duvall at The Grange restaurant. Dr. Smith will be presenting about the Riverview School District. On Thursday morning Ms. Van Noy be attending the Sammamish Healthy Youth meeting where they will be releasing their statistics for Lake Washington and Issaquah School Districts on the Healthy Youth Survey that was completed recently. Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt will be meeting with Dr. Smith and Earl Bell, President of the Snoqualmie Chamber and businessman, about helping facilitate the Board Advance. On October 4, 2019, the Board will hold a Board Work Study Breakfast on October 4, 2019. Ms. Van Noy said she is running for re-election on the School Board and is busy getting ready to put up signs.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 19-45: To add Consent Agenda Item G. Out of State Travel for Cindy O’Dannel and Wendy Ward (Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

No one signed up or came forward to speak.

Student Representative Report

Student Representatives Cedric Nagata and Sierra Owens presented on the following events happening at Cedarcrest High School in September:

CLUBS

ASB (Associated Study Body) has kicked off the year strong with several exciting events. On August 30th, the new freshman ASB representatives were elected at freshman orientation. ASB also teamed up with link crew for this event to provide a supportive transition for the freshmen into this new chapter of their education. On September 6th they held the annual CHS welcome back assembly, which provided an exciting start to the new school year for all grades. There is also planning for a Riverview Interhigh soon that will serve as a leadership summit for many students in Riverview School district. Two years ago, ASB held their first Interhigh, which was very successful, so the decision to bring it back this year was very popular. Homecoming is coming up in a month on October 19th at the Great Hall at Union Station. Also, they are working on a leadership introduction video to showcase all the ASB and club leaders.

NHS (National Honor Society) has been prepping for their first meeting of the year on September 26th during advisory. There are some slight rule changes they are implementing involving service hours. Students now must volunteer at least three different opportunities to receive their required 30 hours.
Also, NHS is switching to online hour sheets this year, therefore saving paper and making the misplacement or loss of hour sheets less of a concern. Students will now provide contact information on their sheets instead of a signature for verification. There has been email sent out about some early volunteer opportunities, and currently, they are planning the induction ceremony in November and the upcoming blood drive.

**DECA** had their first meeting last Tuesday, the 17th, where they handed out treats and prizes to those who collected DECA diamonds in the week before. They also held elections for two new officers for the VP of membership and secretary positions. They also plan on sending letters of recruitment to freshmen that expressed interest during orientation, and they are currently preparing students for the upcoming leadership conferences and competitions.

**TSA (Technology Student Association)** is starting off the year strong recruiting new officers and preparing to attend their fall leadership sessions in November. Over the summer, they attended TSA nationals in Washington D.C., where Maria Arguellas ran for national office and Ginger Van Valkenburg won 3rd place in Photography.

**Robotics** is currently hard at work in the FTC season. They recruited several freshmen during orientation and have now formed three teams to compete in the FIRST Tech Challenge competitions during the fall and winter. The senior members are helping mentor these freshman teams as well as helping mentor the FIRST Lego League teams at Tolt. They also made an appearance at the first home football game to shoot the t-shirt cannon and plan on showing up at the homecoming game to shoot again. Also, Stealth Robotics alumni Aidan Wilson recently has been working with his dad to create the world’s largest Simon game in Redmond, where there will be an event to celebrate this world record.

**Camerata** recently had their first meeting with new and returning members to prepare for upcoming events. The group rehearsed the National anthem and is planning on singing at the homecoming football game on October 18th.

**Thespian Society** is currently rehearsing for their upcoming fall show: “Almost Maine” which gives many students the opportunity to show their acting skills, as everyone in the play is in only one scene. They also held auditions for thespian society and had over 20 interested freshmen at orientation sign up. In the winter they have their dinner theatre show which is student directed and a show outside of school with CCT (Cascade Community Theatre).

**Link Crew** organized freshman orientation on August 30th, providing all the freshman with a fun experience to kick off their high school careers. They broke off into groups with ASB members and gave tours of the school along with leadership and bonding activities. They also hosted a tailgate at the first home football game to introduce the freshman to high school football and school spirit.

**FFA** has been in full swing already this year. As the club is student-led the officers have been working hard getting as much involvement as possible. They’ve taken the approach to stick to FFA now standing for “Future for Agriculture” instead of Future Farmers of America, since having problems of students taking it as a stereotype of having to be farmers. They’ve kicked off a meeting on September 17th welcoming new members and presenting tons of fun upcoming events, ways to get involved and different competing teams. After school on September 19th FFA put on a tailgate before the volleyball games. It included a BBQ by Mr. Thomas, fun games and a lot of dancing.
Student Representative Report (Continued)

The FFA officers after years brought back the opening and closing ceremonies touching base on the upcoming events including a leadership field trip, bobs corn maze, taste Washington, pumpkin carving for all the CTE teams and haunt the halls ideas. At the meeting to get more people involved voting has been a big thing and the chapter chose the new shirt designs for this school year. As of this year any student in an Agriculture class is on the roster as a member, making involvement a priority to the officers. FFA is ecstatic to start competitions, events, and having their nursery landscape team going to Indianapolis of Nationals. We wish them luck.

RYC is a volunteering and community service-oriented club. It stands for “Riverview Youth Council” who plan volunteer events around Duvall and the Seattle areas. Events they usually do are Camp Unity tent city dinner feeds, power pack creating, cards for people like seniors or veterans, cleaning up or trails or towns and other cool community helping projects. They meet every 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the evenings. Upcoming they will be at camp unity to feed dinner September 28th. They are very excited to continue to serve our communities with smiles on their faces.

FBLA: Our Future Business Leaders of America club is off to a great start. FBLA had its first meeting last week with 60+ students attending. This year’s officer team is looking forward to the upcoming year and what it has in store!

GSA (Gay, Straight Alliance) is a club here at Cedarcrest. This year has a lot in the making for the future. The officers don’t have plans set in stone, but their ideas include; that the week before June to have a spirit week to have an early start for Pride month for those in the LGBTQ community. They plan to have a new drink at the FBLA coffee cart with rainbow stickers on them for the month. Also, they would like to have an Ally sale where they sell pins, buttons, bracelets and stickers for people to show their support. They want to sell those at lunches for a week or so and get the chance to answer questions at that time. Lastly have a partnering with the Film club for a cool project. With many plans made in brainstorming, GSA can’t wait for their time ahead.

Choir: Our choir at Cedarcrest is working on a couple songs for our festival at WSU next month, and they are continuing to work on veteran’s day music for the assembly. They are excited to show their audiences what they’ve been practicing.

RAK is Cedarcrest’s Random Acts of Kindness club, now reaching its 19th year! They put on annual events such as kindness week, personal products drive for hope link, bead buddies and miracle league for disabled children to play fun sports such as baseball, basketball and more. They have a new upcoming event called Hello week. It is happening this October the 21st-25th after homecoming. The week is dedicated to getting the school united through kind acts like saying hello to others in the halls or having Fridays with the placing of nice sticky notes around campus. Outside of their events the club’s goal is to shape Cedarcrest into the nicest school possible by creating a welcoming environment for everyone!

FCA: This club stands for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which is slowly starting to fully kick off. This year the club is sticking to the word fellowship, meaning everyone is included together. They have meetings twice a month with an average of 55 to 70 students attending. This club provides a safe and fun environment to enjoy religion at a public school. Many students have taken action to help having different types of role to make meetings fun, with great teaching moments. The club is completely student led and has many members come up with sermons or getting their chance to give their testimony.
FCA hopes to have a great year and involve more students and get more time to spend together outside of their advisory meetings. Their first official meeting is tomorrow, Wednesday the 25th.

**Equestrian Team:** The Equestrian team is a group of talented horseback riders who compete in various events that test our abilities in different ways. These events include English, such as jumping, dressage, hunt seat, and saddle seat. In hand classes are showmanship and trail. Western performance events like trail and reining. Western gaming events, such as Barrel racing and pole bending. As well as a variety of team/partner events like drill team. The club believes there is an event for everyone, as well as many new ones to try out either competitively, or just for fun as well. The Equestrian Team is having their first meeting Tuesday the 24th to discuss new interest, returning members, and new information for the upcoming season. There is lots of new interest and plenty of excitement coming into the new year. We are looking to grow as a club and recruit many new people. The first practice dates will be set at the meeting. They are hoping to be starting soon!

**SPORTS**

**Football** has high hopes for this season. They are currently 2-1, and talking to many players, they are very confident they will go 7-1 during the regular season. This is a huge improvement over the last couple years, and the team is playing their hearts out to secure a high seed in the playoffs. They believe their next toughest game will be Sehome, but they are focusing on one game at a time to be successful.

**Cross Country** has started off the season strong with a great performance at their meet this past weekend. The girls placed 3rd out of 24 and the boys placed 7th out of 24, which the team believes is a solid start. They see themselves in a good position currently, but they are aware they have a long way to go to meet their expected goals.

**Girls Soccer:** Just had a big win against Mount-Si for the valley cup on Saturday the 21st. The valley cup is outside of the conference, but the girls took home the valley cup for the first time in 3 years after scoring in the second half of overtime to win 2-1. In the conference they are currently at 2 wins, 1 loss and no ties. They hope to make it to state this year and at this rate the girls are confident that they will. The next game is on Thursday the 26th away at Stanwood and have their second home game Saturday the 28th at 2pm against Meadowdale. Right now, Cedarcrest is tied for 3rd place with Arlington and Stanwood in the Wesco conference standings. If they beat Stanwood on Thursday it will improve their standings. With the rest of the season ahead of them, Cedarcrest is determined and hopeful with what comes their way.

**Volleyball:** Started the year off with a bit of a rough season. They had lost to both 3a schools, Arlington and Oak harbor. The team didn’t give up though, instead they came back beating Marysville-Getchell in 5 sets after losing to this school in last year's season. The varsity is a full team of 12 players, 9 of which are seniors. The team has a set goal and determination to defeat Archbishop Murphy for their senior night at home on October 31st, last year the girls went 4 sets against them.

**STUDENT LIFE**

There has been buzz among students this past weekend regarding the marriage of Mr. Starkovich, a math and science teacher that many students have come to appreciate.
Student Representative Report (Continued)

Mr. Starkovich is relatively new, but in his time at Cedarcrest, he has established himself as an exciting and fun teacher. Many students love his teaching style and personality, and we all wish him a happy life as a married man.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Owen and Mr. Nagata for their excellent first report.

Ms. Oviatt mentioned that Jason Frederickson, CHS Assistant Principal, and his wife had their baby and congratulates them on their new baby boy.

Mr. Edwards also commented that Kalee and Spencer Boak had their baby last night. He said he is very happy for Sharon Fowler, Food Services Program Assistant, and their whole family and congratulates them on their new baby.

CONSENT AGENDA

A list of routine agenda items will now be considered in a single motion. Board Members have received and studied background information on all items.

Motion 19-46: To approve the September 24, 2019, Consent Agenda, as amended (Ms. Parnell and Ms. Fletcher). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for September 10, 2019; and Board Work Study Minutes for September 6, 2019, and September 10, 2019.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 209176 through No. 209199 in the amount of $55,282.21 and No. 209202 through No. 209242 in the amount of $165,014.56; and direct deposits of $42,923.28 and $176,242.62 for a total of 219,165.90. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 209200 in the amount of $16,490.00 and No. 209243 through No. 209245 in the amount of $13,212.43; and direct deposits of $42,287.88. ASB Fund Warrant No. 209201 in the amount of $50.00 and No. 209246 through No. 209247 in the amount of $210.00; and direct deposits of $1,529.52 and $505.17 for a total of $2,034.69. Total Payroll for September 13, 2019 was $8,229.37, which includes direct deposits of $6,104.72.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.
Ms. Van Noy noted the generous donations to the Cedarcrest FFA National Nursery Landscape FFA team: $2,000 from the Monroe Garden Club and another $2,000 from the Snohomish County Farm Bureau. She also noted the very generous donation of $6,300 from the Stillwater PTSA to Stillwater Elementary for annual classroom gifts and specialist funds.

Approval of Out of State Travel for Cedarcrest FFA Nursery Landscape Team (with advisors Sarah and Seth Thomas) to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 27 to November 2, 2019 Approval of the Revised School Calendars for 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22.
CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Out of State Travel for Cindy O’Dannel and Wendy Ward to attend the October Coaching of Writing Institute in New York, New York on October 17-24, 2019.

BUSINESS

Resolution #19-05, Capital Facilities Bond for February 2020

Dr. Smith and Meisha Robertson, Director of Business and Operations, were here along with Cynthia Weed from K & L Gates, to briefly go over the resolution to proceed with a capital facilities bond for February 2020.

Ms. Robertson reported that the Board had a Work Study on this last month and there are a few detailed adjustments added to the resolution that would help the community. There are no major changes, just adding some details to the resolution.

Ms. Cynthia Weed, K & L Gates, is a lawyer who has been helping with our bond resolution. Ms. Weed explained that this is the first official step in taking a path toward the potential issuance of a new series of general obligation bonds. This is an election resolution bond under which you actually propose to offer to all the voters a valid proposition to give them if they want these improvements, the size of the bond issue and authorizing a tax levy in order to pay the debt service on the bonds. The resolution authorizes issuance up to $125 million in bonds. This sounds like a lot of money, but all of the bonds would not necessarily be issued at the same time. It is the total cost of all the potential projects that voters will be approving in this ballot proposition.

Ms. Weed explained that the improvements are described on page 2 of Resolution 19-05. The largest substantial cost is a new 650,000 square-foot elementary school. Also included is updating and modernizing safety and security systems at all of our schools, upgrading the Career and Technology Education (CTE) facilities, science classroom upgrades, critical maintenance upgrades and potentially purchasing land near Cedarcrest High School to provide increased parking and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) facilities. It is a large order, but you only go to the voters this one time and then you issue the bonds over several years as you undertake the projects; you don’t sell them all at the same time. You are always managing your levy rates, so they stay within the expectations that the voters expect them to be. The bonds can be sold in multiple series and each series can mature over 22 years. Effectively you sell the bonds now, you build the facilities, and the voters pay for them over the life of facilities, which is basically up to 22 years.

Ms. Weed said the bond election is proposed to be held in February of 2020. There are only a few dates you can have for a bond election and February is the most common date for school districts to go out to the voters. The vote itself will be all mailed ballots. The ballot is mailed out by King County Elections and they are mailed out prior to February 11th and hopefully we will have a positive reaction. The District will be putting together a Pro Committee and potentially a Con Committee, if anyone is opposed to the bond issue. All these proceedings will cause to be delivered to King County Elections, no later than December 11th and that gives King County the opportunity to actually print up and mail out the ballots to get them out to the public. Technically the King County Prosecutor’s Office has the final word on the ballot, so they could potentially make small changes to the ballot. They do not do that very often and usually only small technical changes are made to the ballot. The Board has already had a Board Work Study on this.
Ms. Van Noy expressed how people are always concerned with how much this is going to end up costing. Ms. Van Noy stated how she thinks they have been very conservative to keep this as low a cost to the taxpayers as possible. They had talked about the estimated tax rate of $1.11 per $1,000 assessed valuation, which might even go down to $1.09. They are also expecting it to go under $1.00 with all the new growth. Ms. Van Noy wanted to make sure this is still the estimate.

Ms. Weed responded to keep in mind that the more growth you have, effectively the lower your tax rate goes. The interest rates are at a very low-level right now. Relatively speaking this is about as inexpensive as it can get. There is an opportunity as you schedule your sales to monitor when to go into the market, and what that levy rate is potentially going to be. This way you can manage those expectations with your voters keeping levy rates as level as possible without them jumping up and down. We are also going to be seeking state matching funds for the renovations at Cedarcrest High School.

Dr. Smith said this has been in the works for four years. The nice thing is that we have been able to do a lot of the work in advance, whereas many school districts end up doing it right before the election or after the election. We have worked with the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) with their funding formulas for state matching funds. We do know that Cedarcrest High School is the only project in the district that will qualify for state matching funds. This is not too dissimilar from the last bond when the Riverview Learning Center was the only project that qualified for state matching funds. This was around $800,000 of the $5.2 million price point for that facility, which was very substantial.

Dr. Smith and Ms. Robertson will be setting up a meeting within the next three weeks with Piper Jaffrey, who advises us on bonds. They will give us a fresh set of projections for the rate per $1,000 assessed valuation, as well as views of how our rates and total rates compare with combined levies and bonds to surrounding districts areas, including the Puget Sound area.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Robertson for all her hard work and to Ms. Weed for sticking with us through a lot of growth in our district. We really appreciate you and your work.

Ms. Van Noy thanked the CBR Heery group for their work and coming to tonight’s meeting. CBR Heery is the pre-bond project management group that we have retained through the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) process.

Motion 19-47: To adopt Resolution 19-05, providing for the form of the ballot proposition and specifying certain other details concerning submission to the qualified electors of the district at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2020, of a proposition for the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of $125,000,000, or so much thereof as may be issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of school districts for the purpose of providing funds for the renovation, upgrade and new construction of school facilities, and authorizing the Superintendent and/or the Director of Business and Operations to submit a request for eligibility for the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program. This motion was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Parnell. Motion passed unanimously.
**First Reading, Policy #5065, Unpaid Holidays for Reason of Faith or Conscience**

Robert Gallagher, Director of Human Resources, is revising our current policy and form to bring the language in line with our new 2019-2022 Riverview Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Dr. Smith said we are trying to line things up in terms of evolving laws in this area and what our collective bargaining agreements state, along with making it as consistent as we can across our associations in the district while following the law and what our contracts with our associations guide us to do.

**Motion 19-48:** To approve Policy #5065, Unpaid Holidays for Reasons of Faith or Conscience, for first reading, as presented (Ms. Oviatt and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

**Second Reading, New Policy 4025, Title I Parental Involvement**

Dr. Randy Stocker, Assistant Superintendent, has reviewed WSSDA’s (Washington State School Directors’ Association) recommended policy, as well as OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) guidelines, for Title I parental involvement and adapted it for our district. This would eliminate the procedures for this policy, since it is included in the main policy.

Dr. Smith explained how engagement is different than communication. Engagement is a more active, physical two-way process than this just being sent to people, which equals communication. This is a great step and aligns with everything we are trying to do with equity and access for family, students, staff and everyone.

**Motion 19-49:** To approve Policy #4025, Title I Parental Involvement, for second reading, as presented (Ms. Parnell and Ms. Fletcher). Motion passed unanimously.

**Second Reading, New Policy 5150, Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries**

Robert Gallagher, Director of Human Resources, and Buzz Porter, District Legal Counsel, have recommended adding this policy, which WSSDA (Washington State School also recommends. Our former policy on Sexual Harassment covered a small part of this, but it is recommended to keep the two policies separate.

**Motion 19-50:** To approve Policy #5150, Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries, for second reading, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Oviatt) Motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Superintendent’s Report**

Ms. Van Noy asked our Student Reps to listen to Dr. Smith’s report and think of one question they would like to ask Dr. Smith when he is done.
Superintendent’s Report (Continued)

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- He challenged Student Representatives, Cedric Nagata and Sierra Owens, to find out who the ASB representatives are at our other schools and find out one piece of information or something they are excited about doing at their schools. This is so we can integrate and have elements of what is happening K-12 in our Student Representative reports with a focus on what the high school is doing.
- He attended multiple curriculum nights, including Cedarcrest High School, Tolt Middle School, and Cherry Valley Elementary. A Board meeting was scheduled for the same time as the other schools’ Curriculum Night, so he was unable to attend. Everything he saw was fantastic. A constant theme throughout the school district has been enthusiasm. Nothing great has ever been accomplished without enthusiasm.
- Superintendent’s Cabinet is made up of administrators that reside here at the Educational Service Center (ESC). We decided to start Monday mornings by going out to the buildings - getting out with the students and staff and getting on the ground running. This has been going sensationally well. All of us on Superintendent’s Cabinet spend a good amount of time at the schools, but to have a focused length of time at one or two schools has really been useful and productive, hopefully at the school building level as well.
- He would like to recognize Kathleen Heiman who has been the field representative for WEA (Washington Education Association) Sammamish Uniserv for the Riverview Education Association (REA) for the last 14 years. We are really going to miss Kathleen and she told him that her association with the Riverview School District is the longest she has ever had with any school district. Dr. Smith thanks Kathleen for her collaborative work. Things have gotten better over time and we thank our teacher’s union for that. We just had our REA Superintendent meeting and were introduced to Jada Walker who will be replacing Kathleen. We are excited to work with her. Dr. Smith also wants to recognize REA Vice President, Missy Harvold, who was in the audience. We are glad to have her on board as part of that team.
- School Security Updates. We have hired Joe Ayers as a School Safety Officer at Tolt Middle School and Brad Knowles as half-time School Safety Officer covering schools at Carnation Elementary, Riverview Learning Center and Stillwater Elementary. They are off to a great start. They were engaged in training all summer long and mentored with other school districts’ School Resource Officers. They have taken state level trainings on safety and security. The goal of this program is increased awareness and prevention before anything that is challenging or bad happens through relationships. They are also trained on various intervention techniques that go along with safety plans at schools. There will be active members of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) teams at the schools, which is also very exciting to be a part of.
- He is at the front end of completing goal conferences with all his direct reports, which include two principals, Executive Assistant, Communications Coordinator, and all the directors located here centrally.
- The superintendent’s evaluation has not been totally finalized, but Dr. Smith has been working with the School Board on finalizing his three goals for the year. He is doing something a little new this year. We are going to give updates and be very transparent about evaluations of the Superintendent at the first Board meeting each month. There might be one or two exceptions to that depending on our agendas. We are going to be very consistent so people can see what’s going on with the Superintendent at meeting his goals in real time.
Superintendent’s Report (Continued)

- He attended the PSESD (Puget Sound Educational Service District) Superintendents’ meeting. They went with a new format this year which has been very productive. It is more of a problem of practice instead of “sit and get” kind of format and that has been embraced by the Superintendents.

- We are continuing to work on the property annexation up at Cedarcrest High School and are also moving forward with different aspects of the Big Rock property where the new elementary school is slated to go. Some recent developments with those two properties are:
  - Property at Big Rock Road: We are in the final stages of an agreement for a temporary access road.
  - Up at Cedarcrest we are working with the City of Duvall to annex in three different properties of approximately 63 acres. Those 63 acres are in the final stages of becoming 58 acres, give or take. The arrangement to purchase one of the properties from the owner was not productive or conducive to the owner or the school district, so we mutually agreed that would move off the annexation request. That was a satisfactory process with the owner, and we appreciate his involvement in that.

- We had a Board Work Study on applying for the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Board of Distinction. Dr. Smith said he is very proud of our School Board. This is a very rigorous process that WSSDA goes through each year to recognize school boards and each year the application process is a little different. But they are always looking at gap analysis for what we are accomplishing as a school district and that application has been submitted on time. A highlight of our application was Tolt Middle School’s state award for closing opportunity gaps. That shows a lot of progress that Tolt Middle School is doing to help those students who have been struggling with learning. Kudos to Tolt Middle School!

- In addition to the School Safety Officers (SSOs), Sandy DuVall, who does insignias on clothing and helps a lot of our schools with logos and such, has provided our SSOs with polo shirts, windbreakers, hats, etc. so they can be quickly identified on campus. Those have been distributed and is all complete.

- He has spent a lot of time this school year at the BESST (Behavior Education and Social Thinking Training) program at Cherry Valley Elementary. He is very invested in the success of the program. It is a program that helps students with behavioral challenges and the program is off to a great start this school year. He will continue to be highly involved in supporting the BESST program.

- We had a Board Leadership meeting. The Board Leadership is our Board President, Carol Van Noy and our Board Vice President, Lori Oviatt. We continued to work on the bones of our presentation we will give to the rest of the Board at the Board/Superintendent Advance on October 10th.

- We had a Riverview Schools Committee (RSC) meeting in which he presented components of the Bond. He updated the RSC on public disclosure laws to make sure they are doing the right thing legally within what they are trying to do. The public was invited to attend this meeting and there were a number of people at the meeting that were either interested in information on the bond or possibly joining the committee. That would be up to the committee, not the Superintendent.

- He had a meeting with Teresa Tenney, PTSA Council Vice President. They strategized on different things that could help student learning and student safety and health. One of them is an ongoing discussion on vaping and how can we help educate parents. We already have something in place at the high school, middle school, and the elementary schools to educate students. So, what can we do to help educate parents since this is an epidemic in our country right now?
Superintendent’s Report (Continued)

- Congratulations to Sandy Bechtel, Executive Assistant, for getting out on a vacation! Thank you to Stacy Cook for filling in for Sandy. On that note, we need to schedule a Board Work Study with high school staff, middle school staff, and Buzz Porter on attendance laws and our policy and procedures around those.

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

Student Representative Questions

Ms. Van Noy asked for questions for Dr. Smith from our Student Representatives.

Mr. Nagata asked how the process of Skooler, the school management app., is coming along. A lot of students are confused about it right now because students are not sure if it’s going to be fully implemented soon or if it’s going to be delayed a little bit. Can you give us any updates on the process is going with that?

Dr. Smith commented that this is a phenomenal question. Skooler is not a student information system; Skooler is a learning management system. Looking in the rearview mirror, we feel, and our Director of Information Technology, Chris Collins agrees, there needed to be better infrastructure and more training to begin with in the spring of last year. Our whole Superintendent’s Cabinet is working on this together right now and it is our number one focus along with keeping students safe and healthy. Dr. Smith said he is meeting with all principals by this Friday and they will have a list of tasks or problems that need to be fixed. With any software implementation, you will have issues. We have more than we probably should have with this because of the reasons he stated earlier. Each Friday or Saturday morning, there will be a list of bullets stating, “this is what we have done based on your request this week”, “this is what we have left to do next week.” Teachers, classified staff, parents and students have been great at giving that feedback to the principals and/or Chris Collins. He and his team have been attending Curriculum Nights to give support to parents. Theresa Tenney asked Dr. Smith in their meeting about the plan for parents to be trained on Skooler. Mr. Collins plans on putting together some dates for parents to come to a training at the Educational Service Center.

The other part of your question was when will this be resolved? Dr. Smith said he wants to be conservative and say by the semester for sure, but he thinks that 85-90% of the bugs and fixes will be done within the next month. For security and violations of privacy, we have to have something like this. Skyward is not going away, it is changing to something else and student information system is different than a learning management system. We have not been clear on what that means so we will be working this week on making that distinction clear. We need to state simply what this all looks like. What are we trying to accomplish here and why is it important? That will be done by early next week.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Mr. Nagata for that question and said they have heard a lot from the community about Skooler and know it is a top priority. She is also super excited about Skooler because it is going to provide us with the information protection that we need.

Mr. Nagata said a lot of teachers have been telling the students that it is because of security and the students are totally onboard with that. Mr. Nagata and lot of his friends commented that it looks like Skooler can be really successful; they were just a little confused with the implementation of it.
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Dr. Smith said he was talking with Mr. Ward, Physical Education Teacher at Cedarcrest, about Skooler the other day and how students could literally track their progress on fitness gram from fifth grade all the way through and set goals, which would be confidential just to their account. They would be able to see their progress over time. That is what a learning management system can do.

Mr. Nagata said he was impressed with how it includes the Office 365 apps within your grading system. He also thinks it would help a lot of students with their organization skills as well. He is totally onboard with Skooler!

Sierra Owen asked Dr. Smith about the upcoming bond and if they are going to expand classroom or the cafeteria area at Cedarcrest High School?

Dr. Smith explained that the plan right now is to take the house that is currently there and use it for a small conference center. When you do field work with different science classes, this would be like a classroom that students could go in to start that work and go back and check in. We have $125 million to work with and maybe if we had $250 million to work with, we could build a STEM Center. But right now, it will be for a parking lot and a conference/classroom center. There is a farm below that could be used for storage, CTE (Career and Technical Education) programs, and a drama program. Also, there is a major trail area we can use for our PE classes, cross country, and other student projects. Eagle Rock Multi-Age (ERMA) Program will move to the new elementary site so the classrooms that are there now could be opened for additional classrooms or a specific program for Cedarcrest.

Ms. Van Noy explained how this is kind of a place holder because property is getting scarcer in the Duvall area and more expensive. So, we are thinking ahead to the future and what we are talking to you about right now are things we are planning in the near future. This is property we will be able to use in ways that will be needed at that time.

Dr. Smith gave an example of purchasing the property from Lake Washington Technology on Big Rock Road. We were able to purchase 10 acres, five years ago, today for $1.9 million. The price today would probably have been double that. We are working with the Duvall City Council to annex that property in. He appreciates the city’s work on this.

Ms. Van Noy said Mr. Nagata and Ms. Owen have asked great questions and the Board really appreciates that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the September 24, 2019, Board meeting at 8:13PM.

\[\text{Carol Van Noy}\]

Board President

\[\text{Mr. Anthony D. Smith}\]

Board Secretary

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