CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, Ms. Van Noy, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Fletcher (via Zoom)
Student Representative: Cedric Nagata

MEMBERS ABSENT

Student Representative: Sierra Owens

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Van Noy said she has some updates from the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network. The meeting they scheduled on The Science & Power of Hope has unfortunately been cancelled. She commented that Dr. Smith and his administration team have been doing the best they can.

Mrs. Parnell echoes what Ms. Van Noy said, and she appreciates everyone’s hard work. She was down in Olympia attending the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Nominating Team meeting to make sure we have processes in place. The meeting only lasted 90 minutes, which was great!

Dr. Smith commented that he goes along with what other Board members have already said. Our staff and community have been wonderful. Our staff has really rallied to get everything done.

Mr. Edwards said this is a test and everyone is doing a phenomenal job! WSSDA is having legislative meetings every Thursday regarding what is going on and the WSSDA leadership is meeting to discuss the upcoming NSBA (National School Board Association) Conference in April to see if this will be cancelled.

Student Representative Cedric Nagata reported that he completed in two FIRST Robotics competition and made it to the quarter finals. Then they qualified for nationals! But they will have to wait and see if that happens with COVID-19. Cedric announced that he was accepted into the University of Washington’s engineering program! This is probably where he will go to college next year. On another note, it is interesting being a student here. Last week the news on COVID-19, which was a little bit weird for the students. There are subtle changes – people aren’t going to games, just little bits and pieces. We are just waiting to see what happens.
Board Communications (Continued)

Dr. Smith asked if the district should be sending information out to students?

Student Representative Cedric Nagata said yes, that would be helpful and beneficial for students. This could ease some of the students and that way they are hearing the same message their parents are.

Ms. Oviatt excused Student Representative Sierra Owens from tonight’s meeting. She reported that the Board will have a Board Breakfast Work Study on COVID-19 on March 20th and 27th in the Superintendent’s Office. Ms. Oviatt echoes everyone’s appreciation and leadership. She likes that we are basing our decision from the Department of Health. She is looking forward to the Board Roundtables with students on mental health and wellness.

Ms. Oviatt then presented Ms. Van Noy with a dogwood tree on behalf of the Board to let her know they are thinking of her while she is dealing with her husband’s illness.

Ms. Fletcher said she has been on the road for the last two weeks and is glad to be able to “Zoom” in and keep up to date.

Ms. Bechtel wished Mrs. Parnell a happy birthday and said the interviews for her position are on Thursday. She also announced that the Community Forum on Strategic Planning has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 20-22: To revise Consent Agenda Item A. Minutes, by moving Regular School Board Minutes for February 11, 2020, to the next Board meeting in March. (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

No one signed up and no one came forward to speak.

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 20-23: To approve the March 10, 2020, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mrs. Parnell and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Board Work Study Minutes for February 11, 2020.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 210380 through No. 210443 in the amount of $177,204.92; and direct deposits of $294,401.62. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 210444 through No. 210448 in the amount of $17,481.39; and No. 210457 in the amount of $261,206.89; and direct deposits of $12,959.15.
CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approval of Warrants (Continued)
ASB Fund Warrant No. 210449 through No. 210456 in the amount of $1,500.03; and direct deposits of $6856.95. Total Payroll for February 28, 2020 was $3,305,460.48, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 210458 through No. 210466 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $5,534.98; and General Fund Warrant No. 210468 through No. 210497 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of $1,105,928.27; and direct deposits of $1,599,448.85

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.
Ms. Van Noy commented that she is glad to see we are contracting with Unified Counseling and Larch Counseling.

Approval of Donations.
Ms. Oviatt noted the generous donations from the following:
- Cedarcrest Football Boosters donated $3,000 to the Cedarcrest High School Football for football jerseys.

Approval of Out of State Travel for Meisha Robertson and Patricia Koster
Meisha Robertson, Director of Business and Operations, and Patricia Koster, Fiscal Coordinator, will be attending a Workshop Forecast 5 on April 15-17, 2020, in Irvine, California.

BUSINESS

New Policy 6972, Memorials – Second Reading
Dr. Smith and Sandy Bechtel have reviewed other districts’ policies on memorials and have created a policy that will work for our school district.

Motion 20-24: To approve Policy #6972, Memorials, for Second Reading, as presented (Mrs. Parnell and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

Board Agenda Topics
Board members reviewed upcoming agenda topics and made the following changes or additions:

- Eliminate Board Leadership meeting on March 19th.
- Add two Board Work Studies on COVID-19 on March 20th and 27th in Dr. Smith’s office.
- Reschedule the Board Work Study on Strategic Planning.
- March 24th – replaced the Board Work Study on Strategic Planning with Practice for NSBA (National School Board Association) Presentation, if the conference will still be held.
- March 24th – we have a Student Presentation by Cherry Valley Elementary and we will need to decide if we want the students presenting.
- April 28th – Board Work Study on Changing the Board Meeting Times – see if principals, Ad Team, and union leaders can give their input.
- May 7-17, 2020 and during the month of July – Mr. Edwards will be out of town.
Board Agenda Topics (Continued)

- Cedarcrest Graduation – Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell will be handing out diplomas.
- Riverview Learning Center Graduation – Ms. Oviatt and Ms. Van Noy will be handing out diplomas.
- Welcome Back Event in August – Mrs. Parnell will be taking her son to college in Montana, so she will be unable to attend.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith reported that we are down 2.93 students from February to March, which is a normal enrollment trend for this time of year. If Board members are interested, he can provide a five-year trend, which will provide a more historical prospective. The Board agreed this would be a good value-add.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- The major thing we are dealing with is COVID-19. Thanks to our unions, community, Superintendent’s Cabinet, which includes Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator. We have been busy working on a contingency plan if we have to close schools.
- Superintendent’s Cabinet is now meeting daily.
- He is moving forward with mental health-based counselors, starting in May for elementary schools.
- We have started weekly meetings to plan for a November bond. We are listening, mediating, and need to have a plan for each area. We will talk to each group individually to see what they can do to help. We will delegate more so instead of 4-10 people working really hard, we will have up to 100 people helping out.
- He has been working with Mary Fertakis on creating an equity policy. Ms. Fertakis’ take is that we need to move from the word “fairness” to “need.” We are figuring out what we are going to measure and to have a baseline. All budget decisions need to be based on equity and need.
- Hiring season is underway.
- Molly Lutz, Director of Student Services, has completed the Safety Net grant for reimbursement of students’ needs.
- We are meeting on property acquisition next week with the property owners.
- On Friday, March 13th for the Certificated Professional Learning Day we are switching our focus from professional development to learning activities to address long absences and closures.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the March 10, 2020, Board meeting at 7:40 PM.