

Sedro-Woolley School District
801 Trail Road, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

MINUTES

August 26, 2024

Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Support Services Building
317 Yellow Lane, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

The Sedro-Woolley School District Board of Directors met for a regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. School Board members present: Eric Johnson, Danielle Russell, Brandon Bond, Brent Schiefelbein, and Lindy Mullen Doyle. Administrators present: Superintendent Miriam Mickelson, Assistant Superintendent Brian Isakson, Executive Director of Human Resources Daniel Lee, Executive Director of Education Support Services Tony Smith, Director of Student Support Services Mike Schweigert, Sedro-Woolley High School Principal Kerri Carlton, and Big Lake Principal Matt Lutes. There were 12 guests present.

Call to Order/Flag Salute:

At 6:01 p.m., President Johnson opened the meeting with the flag salute.

Approval of Agenda:

President Johnson asked for any revisions to the agenda. Brent Schiefelbein moved and Danielle Russell seconded to approve the regular and consent agendas as written. Motion passed 5/0.

Consent Agenda

Danielle Russell moved and Brandon Bond seconded to approve the consent agenda.

A. Misc.

1. 2024-25 School Board Meeting Schedule (revision)
2. 2023-24 School Year Interpreting Costs

B. Contracts/Agreements

1. 2024-25 Running Start Agreement with Bellingham Tech
2. 2024-25 Contract with NWESD for Student Assistance Professional
3. Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with WSIPC for IEP Translation
4. 2024 Right Response Payment Agreement
5. 2024-25 ILA with Skagit County for SSW or LMHC
6. 2024-25 Contract for Services with Sendan Center
7. 2024-25 Agreement with PSESD for Fiscal Services
8. 2024-25 Interlocal with SV YMCA for Preschool Services
9. 2024-25 Agreement with Communities in Schools of Whatcom/Skagit

C. Donations

1. Donation from Sedro-Woolley Rotary to SWHS Music Program \$1,500
2. Donation from Banner Bank to District \$500

3. Donation from Soroptimist of SW to District \$500
- D. Minutes
1. Special Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2024
 2. Special Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2024
- E. Void Warrant #147710
- F. Void Warrant #147036
- G. Personnel

NEW EMPLOYMENT/CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT:

PSE 2023-24

Autumn Pawlowicz	FAE Summer Program Bus Driver (5.5 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/08/2024 through 08/08/2024	TRANS
Shelby Murdock	ESY Bus Driver (3.5 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/29/2024 through 08/15/2024	TRANS
Tracee Adkerson	ESY Bus Monitor (4.5 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/29/2024 through 08/15/2024	TRANS
Shelby Murdock	ESY Bus Monitor (1.5 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/29/2024 through 08/15/2024	TRANS
Sasha Rehagen	ESY Paraeducator 04 (6.5 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/29/2024 through 08/15/2024	AA
Tammie Reichlin	ESY Bus Monitor (3.5 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/29/2024 through 08/15/2024	TRANS
Kimberley Prince	ESY Bus Monitor (3.5 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/29/2024 through 08/15/2024	TRANS
Mackenzie Grimm	ESY Bus Monitor (1.25 hrs/day, 4 days/wk), eff. 07/29/2024 through 08/15/2024	TRANS

PSE 2024-25

Sabrina Peninger	Paraeducator 06 (6.5 hrs/day, 5 days/wk), eff. 09/03/2024	EVG
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SWEA-EC 2024-25

Bobbi Ahrenius	Assistant Coach Girls' Soccer, eff. 08/26/2024	SWHS
Brooke Madsen Thompson	Assistant Coach Girls' Soccer, eff. 08/26/2024	SWHS
Janine Van Liew	Head Boys' Tennis Coach, eff. 08/19/2024	SWHS

LEAVES

Carly Boyd	Principal (8 hrs/day, 5 days/wk), Maternity LOA, eff. 11/21/2024 through 01/24/2025	SSHS
Cassidy Johnson	1.0 FTE CTE Teacher, Maternity LOA, eff. 10/07/2024 through 03/03/2025	CMS
Emily Olson	1.0 FTE 3 rd Grade Teacher, WA PFML/Medical & Unpaid LOA eff. 08/26/2024 through 06/13/2025, pending Dr. statement every 12 weeks	CENT
Haylee Bajema	Paraeducator 04 (6.5 hrs/day, 5 days/wk), Unpaid Maternity LOA, eff. 09/03/2024 through 11/29/2024, return on 12/02/2024	CMS
Samuel Hughes	Paraeducator 04 (6 hrs/day, 5 days/wk), Unpaid Personal LOA, eff. 09/03/2024 through 05/09/2025	CMS
Angela Ochs	1.0 FTE PE Teacher, unpaid leave, 8/26/24 through 9/29/24	SWHS
Kelly Stilwell	1.0 FTE SLP, medical leave starting 8/27/24, returning 9/9/24	AA

RESIGNATIONS

Wanda Ross	Paraeducator 04 (1 hr/day, 5 days/wk), eff. 06/17/2024	MP
Wanda Ross	Campus Safety (4 hrs/day, 5 days/wk), eff. 06/17/2024	MP
Angela Ochs	Site-Based Leadership Team, eff. 08/31/2024	SWHS
Ethan Brown	Head Boys' Basketball Coach, eff. 08/07/2024	SWHS
Samuel Hughes	Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, eff. 08/08/2024	CMS
Samuel Hughes	Head Boys' Basketball Coach, eff. 08/08/2024	CMS
Samuel Hughes	Track Assistant Coach, eff. 08/08/2024	CMS
Chad Wesson	1.0 Transportation Coordinator	TRANS

RETIREMENT

Ruth Valley Segovia	MLL Home Visitor/Trainer, eff. 09/01/2024	AA
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INFORMATION:

- Stephanie Villanueva, S3 Secretary at Special Programs, position eliminated due to budget constraints – transfer to Transportation S3/S5 Secretary, eff. 08/01/2024
- Kristi Muna, from 1.0 FTE 2nd/3rd Grade to 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher, eff. 09/03/2024 – BL
- Jael Crouse, from 1.0 FTE 5th Grade to 1.0 FTE 5th/6th Grade Teacher, eff. 09/03/2024 – BL
- Cameron Houtsma, from 1.0 FTE Kindergarten to 1.0 FTE Foundations Kindergarten, eff. 09/03/2024
- Kelsey Kennedy, from 1.0 1st grade teacher to 1.0 2nd grade teacher, SAM
- Kellie Georgio, from 1.0 3/4 split grade teacher to 1.0 3rd grade teacher, SAM
- Christina Henriquez, from 1.0 3/4 split grade teacher to 1.0 4th grade teacher, SAM
- Jaydee Schmidt, from 1.0 5/6 split grade teacher to 1.0 5th grade teacher, SAM
- Jamie Johnson, from 1.0 2nd grade teacher to 1.0 1st grade teacher, SAM
- Zoe Brunson, from .5 Strive/.5 BE 1st Grade support to .5 Strive/.5 BE 2nd Grade Support, SAM

Motion carried 5/0.

Presentations

Gates Outdoor Activity Center – Principal Matt Lutes provided an update on the Gates Outdoor Activity Center.

Board Report:

President Johnson provided the Board's school and community activity report:

- Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club Meetings
- Sedro-Woolley All-Class Picnic
- Reading and Resources Night
- Meeting with community members

Board Comments

Director Mullen-Doyle reported that she will be attend the General Assembly in September and would like to have input from the other board members. Director Mullen-Doyle also reported that a community member approached her and requested the school board write a statement opposing the Goldeneye Battery Energy Storage System Project. President Johnson asked if the board could have a presentation on this matter from an outside entity at a future meeting.

President Johnson reported that he and Director Mullen-Doyle met with the Chairwoman of the Upper Skagit Tribe and Dr. Mickelson to discuss the land acknowledgement read before every meeting. At this time, the land acknowledgement will no longer be read. The Upper Skagit Tribe will continue to collaborate with the district on ways to acknowledge the tribe.

Informational Items:

Dr. Mickelson presented procedure 5254P to ELT to solicit for their feedback. If the school board approves policy 5254, 5254P as presented will be the accompanying procedure. This is informational for the board. No action is necessary.

Agenda Additions:

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m., Brent Schiefelbein moved and Lindy Mullen Doyle seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5/0.



~~Eric A. Johnson, Board President~~

Danielle Russell, Vice President



Dr. Miriam Mickelson, Superintendent

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Miriam Mickelson reported that the district held their third annual Reading and Resources community event. At this event, children were able to receive free backpacks, school supplies, and books, along with free haircuts, to help the students get ready for the new school year.

Superintendent Mickelson also report that the district held their annual staff kick off this morning. President Johnson welcomed the staff along with keynote speaker Dr. Robert Gates.

Joli Valentino, with PSESD, provided the June and July 2024 Financial Reports.

Public suggestions and comments:

- Scott Heiner – concerns about budget shortage and public trust

Public Hearing for 2023-24 Proposed Budget Extension:

President Johnson called for a public hearing starting at 6:44 p.m. for the proposed budget extension. Comments and suggestions:

- Scott Heiner – concerns with public trust
- Mike Casey – appreciation and gratitude to the board and administration for their work and dedication to the district
- Tim Howland – trust and support of the board and administration
- Larry H. – support of the schools and the work of administration to support all kids

President Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

New Business:

Brandon Bond moved and Brent Schiefelbein seconded to approve the 2023-24 Budget Extension. The budget extension increases the 2023-24 General Fund by \$650,000 and the Capital Projects Fund by \$766,021. The motion carried 5/0.

Policy #5254 Staff Expression was presented to the board for first reading. This policy is a new policy written by WSSDA with an interest to maintain an orderly and effective work environment, while balancing employees' First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and diverse viewpoints and beliefs. This policy will be brought to the board for second reading and action on September 9, 2024.