CHEHALIS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020

1. Call to Order - Regular Session

Board President State called the Regular Session to order at 6:30 p.m. using Zoom format, as required by the Governor's proclamation related to the open public meetings act regulations during COVID-19. Mrs. State then led the flag salute. President State commented on the WICOR information as informative and the school district would do what needs to be done in regards to COVID until county health numbers are down. Mr. Vander Stoep commented on the Health Department and AVID. Mrs. Daniels commented that the slow start of school was good.

Meeting Attendees:
Board Members
Colleen State, President
Brennan Bailey, Vice President
Vicki Daniels, Board Member
Larry Petersen, Board Member
J. Vander Stoep, Board Member

Staff, Students, Public
Dr. Christine Moloney, Superintendent
Dr. Brian Fox, Assistant Superintendent
Heather C. Pinkerton, Director of Business and Operations
Trisha Smith, Director of Teaching and Learning
Gayle Meister, Admin Support Secretary/Recording Secretary, District Office
Lynn Wakefield-Rickard, CEA President, Teacher, Orin C. Smith Elementary School

   a. Public Comment

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2. Reports

   Superintendent Report
Superintendent Moloney reviewed the action items on the agenda including the PSE Agreement (Transportation), first reading of board policy 2170 - Career and Technical Education, Donations from DaySpring Church, Valley View Health Center and Engwerson Endowment, and personnel items. Superintendent Moloney talked about the connectivity update and an update on returning to face-to-face instruction. She introduced Dr. Robert Mohrbacker, President of Centralia College, and thanked him for their partnership with Chehalis School District. Dr. Mohrbacker thanked the board and shared the college's fall quarter hybrid mode of operation, citing the always open, never closed policy with some remapping of the campus to accommodate guidelines. He shared Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five. The goal of the program, he stated, was to increase childhood literacy and kindergarten readiness.

   Administrative Report
Principal Bob Hunt, Lintott Elementary School, talked about the recent Lintott orientation day and the challenges and opportunities which the delay of school presented. He shared that all the previous hard work paid off and school has been going well. They are excited to start the transition from distance learning to face-to-face instruction and are prepared and ready.

   Budget Status Report
3. Approve Minutes

Mrs. Daniels moved, Mr. Petersen seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020, Special School Board Meeting. *Motion passed 4-0.*

4. Approve Consent Agenda

Mr. Vander Stoep moved, Mr. Petersen seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. *Motion passed 4-0.*

1. Warrants
   - PR Warrants - $6,825.73
   - Electronic Deposits - $1,628,625.02
   - PR Taxes - $590,104.16
   - PR Retirement - $543,017.88
   - PR Child Support - $3,329.20
   - PR/AP Checks - $676,271.45
   - PR/AP-ACH - $425
   - General: 48128719-48128751, $78,972.91; 48128752, $72,011.11; 48128753-48128782, $48,556.39; 48128804-48128836, $122,450.43; 48128837-48128849, $603,398.75
   - AP Comp Tax: 201900062, $22,679.83
   - APACH Direct Deposits: 192000384-192000405, $5,982.27
   - ASB: 48404294-48404295, $3,256.41; 8404296, $2,901.62; 48404297-48404298, $2,422.53
   - Private Purpose Trust: 48700288-48700294, $25,500

5. New Business

   a. PSE Agreement
      
      Mrs. Daniels moved, Mr. Petersen seconded, to approve the 2020-2023 PSE Transportation Collective Bargaining Agreement between Chehalis School District and Public School Employees of Washington. *Motion passed 4-0.*

   b. Board Policy
      
      Mr. Petersen moved, Mrs. Daniels seconded, to approve a first reading of the following board policy: *Motion passed 4-0.*
      
      - 2170 BP - Career and Technical Education

   c. Donation(s)
      
      Mrs. Daniels moved, Mr. Vander Stoep seconded, to approve Donations as listed. *Motion passed 4-0.*
      
      i. Orin C. Smith Elementary School
         
         - $565.00 approximate value of backpacks and school supplies from DaySpring Church

      ii. Chehalis School District
         
         - $2,335 approximate value for 467 pairs of socks for needy students from Valley View Health Center
         - $89,388.00 from Ingwersen Endowment

   d. Personnel Items
      
      Mrs. Daniels moved, Mr. Petersen seconded, to approve Personnel Items as listed. *Motion passed 4-0.*
      
      i. Hiring of Classified Staff
6. Announcements

   Sep 19  Board Work Session, 8-10 a.m.
   Oct 20  Regular School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

   President State adjourned the Regular Session at 7:27 p.m.

   Colleen M. State  
   Board President

   [Signature]
   Board Secretary
Troy Thornburg for the temporary Special Education Paraprofessional Specialist position at W.F. West High School, M-F, 6.5 hrs/day, effective September 1, 2020, through June 11, 2021.

The following temporary Educational Paraprofessionals at Green Hill Academic School effective August 31, 2020: Nolan Wagner, 7 hrs/day, M-F; Mark Stevens, 7 hrs/day, M-F; Kawika Emsley-Pai, 7.5 hrs/day, M-F; and Kirsten Saari, 14 hrs/week.

Raquel (Kelly) Robinson as temporary Educational Paraprofessional Specialist/ELL at W.F. West High School, 6.5 hrs/day, M-F, effective September 1, 2020.

Katia Slinger as permanent Educational Paraprofessional Specialist/ELL at Lintott Elementary School, 7.0 hrs/day, M-F, effective September 1, 2020.

The following temporary educational paraprofessionals/Special Education:

**Orin C. Smith Elementary**
Tiffany Pluard, start date 9/11/2020, 6.25 hrs/day (4th year hire)
Tamara Martinez, start date 9/11/2020, 6 hrs/day (4th year hire)
Elizabeth Laffrenchini, start date 9/11/2020, 5.5 hrs/day (4th year hire)
Erica Simper, start date 9/9/2020 through 6/11/2021, 6 hrs/day
Katie King, start date 9/10/2020 through 6/11/2021, 5.5 hrs/day
Teresa Jordan, start date 9/11/2020 through 6/11/2021, 5.5 hrs/day

**Chehalis Middle School**
Kelley Rowe, start date 9/8/2020, 5.5 hrs/day (4th year hire)
Jessica Husted, start date 9/8/2020, 5.5 hrs/day (4th year hire)
Bonnie Nesheim, start date 9/8/2020 through 6/11/2021, 5.5 hrs/day
Corinne LaVasseur, start date 9/11/2020 through 6/11/2021, 5.5 hrs/day
Sara McAllister, start date 9/11/2020 through 6/11/2021, 5.5 hrs/day
Lisa Duvis (1:1 sped nurse), start date 9/14/2020 through 6/11/2021, 6 hrs/day

**W.F. West High School**
Angela Gelder, start date 9/8/2020 through 6/11/2021, 5.5 hrs/day
Teresa Botten, start date 9/8/2020 through 6/11/2021, 5.5 hrs/day

**VISIONS**
Tammy Rasku, start date 9/8/2020 through 6/11/2021, 6 hrs/per day
Johnny Troy, start date 9/8/2020 through 6/11/2021, 6 hrs/per day
Heather Collins, start date 9/11/2020 through 6/11/2021, 6 hrs/per day

**Special Education/Student Support**
Maggie DePuye-Phillips, start date 9/1/2020 through 6/11/2021, 6-8 hrs per week

**ii. Hiring of Certified Staff**

- Out-of-endorsement for the following teachers for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - Dennis Lysiak - History, Health/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Elementary Curriculum
  - Steve Staaden - English
  - Katie Haubrick - English, Math
  - Sean Hadaller - Math, Fine Arts
  - Sarah Joslin - English
  - Wendy Neal - Molecular Genetics

- Robert Lee Young as Dean of Students/Guidance Counselor at Green Hill Academic School, on a 1.0 FTE provisional contract, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Jerry Cunning for a .5 FTE position at Lewis County Alternative School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Beatriz Mendez as teacher, at Chehalis Middle School, on a 0.25 FTE provisional contract, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
18:57:00 From Kristi Tracy: Will ALL kids get the opportunity to come in, even small groups? SPD, age, class, shouldn’t matter. ALL of our kids deserve to come in. They all need it for one reason or another.

19:05:09 From Kristi Tracy: DOH has released guidance that allows cohorts of 15 to come in. This is acceptable for child care, sport camps, and college prep schools. Would be nice for parents to be able to choose how their children receive education. A hybrid model can give many kids the best of both worlds. Politics and scare tactics should be set aside and we all need to be putting kids first. We are all here because of the kids so let’s do right by them.

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From Eric Brooks: I recommend looking at San Diego and how they are reopening. They're in a California "red" phase and still are finding ways to have in-person instruction.

19:18:22 From Eric Brooks: what is the plan if the public turns adverse regarding levies and bonds? I'm hearing a lot of heated discussions on the parent side and they are ready to show salt into the fields.

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18:46:58 From Laura Stajduhar: Thank you for your attention to the educational success of our kids. As many school districts in larger per capita enrollment are resuming hybrid-in-person models, I'm concerned with the lack of initiative of the Chehalis school districts to resume in-person learning for the majority of our students. For example, the Newport Mesa Unified School district in California will resume in the next few weeks. Their enrollment is 22,000 student compared to the approximate 3,000 in Chehalis school district. The risk to the students with lack of in-person leaning is far greater than the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Please be transparent with your decision to maintain distance learning in light of risk versus benefit scenarios. Both teachers and student which are deemed as high-risk associated with COVID-19.

18:47:34 From Laura Stajduhar: Illness should be paired together to find successful outcomes and those that are not high-risk should return to in-person learning.

18:57:00 From Laura Stajduhar: Can post the data, research or publications that are used to guide your decisions?

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From RJ: I’d like to see regular updates on how many kids are actually Zooming into class each day. How many all falling through the cracks. And why aren’t we spending more time getting our schools OPEN. It seems like all your efforts are to keep these kids home for months.

From RJ: it sounds like the education the kids are getting is NOT EQUITABLE.

From RJ: we SHOULD be talking about FACE to FACE today!!! Not in the future.

From RJ: How many children are you losing permanently because kids aren’t Real Time in classroom learning?

From RJ: When will you hold a board meeting where taxpayers/parents can actually have a socially distanced in person meeting.

RJ,

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From Kelsi’s iPhone: I wasn’t prepared for the comments via chat. I will email some comments to the board. I would like to suggest our district do something similar to Centralia School District where a meeting for Q and A is done weekly. I think that would be helpful during this time and a positive way to engage with parents.

From Kelsi’s iPhone: I’d like to see the district start to make steps sooner rather than later to give families the option for in person learning. As wonderful as our teachers are doing and the distance learning is leaps and bound above the spring- I don’t think anything replaces in the classroom. I’d love to see us get very creative in this and even in smaller groups than we previously planned to start if necessary.

From Kelsi’s iPhone: thank you to the teachers, admins, IT folks and everyone working so hard right now to make the best with what we have. I know you’re working very hard and making the best of this situation- sincerely want to say thanks!!

From Kelsi’s iPhone: will there be a separate meeting soon where the public and parents can engage with the board?

From Kelsi’s iPhone: Is data available for how many kids are logging in each day and how many aren’t?

From Kelsi’s iPhone: I was highly impressed with the orientation. very well organized!

From Kelsi’s iPhone: I’m honestly concerned there will be more pulling their kids with no in person learning options. if funding is already a problem now- I don’t see it getting better. it’s an honest piece of this conversation.

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18:39:12 From Kristi Tracy: Will there be a chance for public comment or is that only allowed by chat?

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18:41:22 From Lynn Wakefield: chat only

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1 message

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To: Lynn Wakefield-Rickard <lwekefield@chehalisschools.org>

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To: sloanige_B@hotmail.com  

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