



San Juan Island School District Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2025

5:00 pm Open public meeting, high school library

MINUTES

Directors Present: T.J. Heller, John Kurtz, Melanie Hess, Brian Moore, and Barbara Bevens

Superintendent Present: Fred Woods

Admin or Presenter Present: Andrea Hillman, Holly Wehner, Rod Turnbull, Becky Bell, José Domenech, Greg Schuh and the FHHS Jazz Band

Observers Present: Six community members

Recording Secretary: Diana Fearn

CALL TO ORDER Convene 5:00 pm



1.01 Establishment of Quorum - The regular school board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the high school library. A quorum was established with Directors Barbara Bevens, T.J. Heller, John Kurtz, Brian Moore, and Melanie Hess.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.03 Approval of Agenda - Agenda item 2.01 School Showcase was moved to right before the public comment. Director Moore moved for approval of the agenda. Director Kurtz seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

1.04 School Showcase (Presentation) - The Friday Harbor High School Jazz Band performed "Soul Man" and "Faith" to the appreciative Board and audience.

1.05 Public Comment - Local business owner, Michelle Loftus, expressed appreciation for the schools and students she has employed. She also stated a desire for the schools to focus on educating students so that they are ready to be productive members of the workforce. Additionally, she encouraged the Board to be bold and fight for what is right and best for our community rather than solely following the recommendations of the State.

SUPERINTENDENT 2.01 Professional Educators Appreciation Week (Recognition) - Education Support Professionals Week was March 10 - 14 and Professional Educators Appreciation Week will be celebrated May 5 - 9. Superintendent Woods praised the staff at all schools and noted that one of the many wonderful things about our staff is how they attempt to build meaningful relationships with all students. Director Bevens also shared a heartfelt thank you to all the educators, stating, "We are very proud of our staff."

2.02 Superintendent's Report (Information) - Superintendent Fred Woods reported on the progress of filling the limited seats in next year's TK and DPK programs. He stated that bids are due tomorrow for the high school residing project. He will be emailing the Board individually with a copy of Washington Schools Risk Management Pool's suggestions for the contract between San Juan Island School District

and the San Juan County Fire Department to build a structure on the Stuart Island School property. Finally, he updated the Board about the end of the legislative session and reported that although we do not have information on the final impact on our budget, the SPED cap was removed, and some additional money will be received.

CURRICULUM

3.01 Report on the State of Special Education (Exhibit)(Information) – Director of Special Services, Dr. Becky Bell, provided a report on the current state of special education in the district.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS



4.01 Possible Closed Session, RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) (Closed Session) – There was not a closed session regarding negotiations.

4.02 Consent Agenda (Exhibit)(Action) – All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the governing board to be routine and subject to one motion and vote. Directors may request specific items be discussed in more detail or deleted from the Consent Agenda. These items may include the payroll register, accounts payable (AP) check registers, meeting minutes, personnel changes, contracts or grants and other items of business considered routine in nature.

The Consent Agenda included one payroll register (February) in the amount of \$1,153,792.14, and seven accounts payable check registers representing General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$371,062.66, Capital Fund expenditures in the amount of \$12,901.40, and Associated Student Body expenditures in the amount of \$5,324.56, and voids in the amount of \$350.

Additionally, the Board was requested to approve the minutes from the Regular and Special Board meetings on March 26, 2025 and an overnight field trip to the International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, Indiana June 21 - 28, 2025. Director Kurtz moved for approval of the consent agenda. Director Heller seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

4.03 Monthly Enrollment and Finance Report (Exhibit)(Information) – Finance Director Jose Domenech reviewed the April enrollment and March financials for the Board. Additionally, he advised the Board of the upcoming change from the current financial and student education management software, Skyward, to the updated software, Qmlativ.



4.04 Approval of Resolution 25-003, Reduced Educational Program, Certificated Positions (Exhibit)(Action) – The Board was requested to approve Resolution 25-003, Reduced Educational Program. Director Moore moved for approval of the resolution. Director Kurtz seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.



4.05 Approval of Resolution 25-005, Surplus Items (Exhibit)(Action) – The Board was requested to approve Resolution 25-005, Surplus Items. Director Kurtz moved for approval of the resolution. Director Heller seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

SCHOOL BOARD



5.01 Approval of WIAA Resolution 25-004 for 2025-2026 (Exhibit)(Action) – By action of the 1976 Legislature, each School District Board of Directors may delegate control, supervision, and regulation of any extracurricular activity to the WIAA and compensate such entity for services provided. Annual approval of a resolution is required.

The Board was asked to approve Resolution 25-004, Delegating Authority to WIAA. Director Hess moved for approval of the resolution. Director Kurtz seconded the motion. The resolution was unanimously approved.

5.02 Additional Director Reports (Information) – Director Hess shared that the WIAA brought in 16 new amendments this year (all can be found on their website). She mentioned two, a new sport for the first time in over 20 years (girls flag football) and allowing transfer students to have some degree of participation in a sport that they have previously played at their new school (previously they had to wait one full year before they could play their sport at the new school). Director Heller stated that the legislative session ended for the year and there were slight increases in the MSOCs allocation and SPED funding. He finished by promising that the Board will continue to speak with legislators and advocate for our district.

5.03 Review of 2024-2025 Board Calendar (Exhibit)(Information) – The Board reviewed the 2024-2025 board calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

6.01 Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Next Meetings:

Special School Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2025, high school library

Regular School Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2025, high school library



Fred Woods, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board



Date



Barbara Bevens, Board Chair

