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...*BoardNotes*

During its regular meeting on Oct 23, 2018, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

HONORED A PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBER

There was a moment of silence for Mark Nesse, who passed away a week ago. Mr. Nesse was a warm, giving man who served the community well, including a tenure on the Everett Public Schools Board from 1992 to 1999. He always had the district and the community in his heart, and he will be greatly missed.

HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

Four community comments were heard by the board. One comment was about increasing paraeducator salaries, one was about recognizing Emma Yule. Another was voicing concern over recent changes in before- and after-school care, and the fourth expressed concern over cell phone use in the classroom and flexible due dates for assignments.

SHARED COMMENTS

Directors LeSesne, Andrews and Mitchell all commented on how great the High School and Beyond events were the previous week. Director Andrews also commented on seeing a lot of high school reunions recently which reminds her of the great social connections the district makes for students – strong bonds in community.

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard district highlights, good news, and construction updates in the [Superintendent's Report](#).

HEARD REPORT ON 2018-19 COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The board learned about the [communication plan](#) which includes the message themes, plans and strategies for this year. This included information about how communications measures effectiveness, ADA compliance efforts and annual goals.

HEARD ABOUT AND DISCUSSED LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The board had the opportunity to discuss legislative priorities, which had been edited since the last board meeting. They approved the [2019 legislative](#) priorities as written. The top priorities are:

- Modify the levy cap, which was reduced by the Legislature to \$1,500 per student from the voter-approved \$2,500.
- Reinstate a statewide salary mix factor to fairly fund basic education salaries

- based upon teacher experience and education.
- Fully fund special education by increasing the per-student funding and reducing the threshold to access safety net funding.
 - Fully fund the new School Employees Benefit Board (SEBB) system, which is scheduled to take over benefits administration in January 2020.

Nondiscrimination statement

The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability.

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