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BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on October 13, 2020, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

RECOGNITION

There was no recognition this evening.

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a district update from Dr. Saltzman. Oct 19 there will be another Let's Connect at 5 p.m. He shared his appreciation for the meetings he has had with ASB groups and looks forward to the ones remaining. And he thanked those who contributed to the new web site.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Mitchell shared about the WSSDA conference and the legislative update as well as the regional meeting. She shared [WASSDA legislative priorities](#). Director Berg was on the Instructional Review (IR) with Emerson today and really appreciated it, and is excited Emerson is a Spanish immersion school. She congratulated and thanked the district for the new website. Director Nicholls thanked Mike Gunn and operations for supporting the work to get new reader boards at some schools. Student rep. Pilch-Bisson attended an ASB meeting also and shared there are mixed experiences with remote learning. Student rep. Hussein met with Dr. Saltzman about ASB and shared positive things ASB is doing to try and engage students. Director Mason appreciated the family survey turnout and the way it informs district decisions. She appreciates the great technology team and the new website.

HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

HEARD THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING UPDATE

The board of directors was provided [a presentation](#) on social-emotional learning within the district's multi-tiered system of supports, including systems-level preventative and responsive tools supporting students' social and emotional learning.

DISCUSSED THE CAPITAL LEVY PLAN

The board heard [an update](#) on factors related to timing of a future capital levy, and was asked to provide guidance to staff regarding the preferred time to run a future capital levy election, and the primary focus will be on whether to run a capital levy in 2021 or 2022 and in February or April. The board agreed to wait until 2022 and to engage the community in the process of determining what will be on the levy.

There was a break from 6:30 – 6:45 p.m.

HEARD ABOUT LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The board heard [a presentation](#) on land acknowledgement, which is a statement made at the

opening of events that honors the Indigenous people of the area. This is usually a short statement of acknowledgement, a show of respect and a way to help recognize Indigenous people's history and culture.

DISCUSSED BOARD MEETING AGENDA STRUCTURE

The board discussed specific items that are part of regular meetings. They discussed and agreed upon adding the Land Acknowledgement at the beginning of the meeting. Director Nicholls proposed removing the flag salute from the meeting as he feels it is not an inclusive practice and indoctrinates nationalism. The board discussed the pros and cons and no action was taken.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 2216; ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

The board heard an update on [Policy 2216](#). This new policy complies with the passage of HB 1599 which requires districts to adopt a policy by the 2021-22 school year. Moved to second reading.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 3143; DISTRICT NOTIFICATION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

The board heard an update on [Policy 3143](#). Revisions are to comply with House Bill (HB) 1191– Concerning School Notifications. Based on the need for a comprehensive, cohesive approach, WSSDA is recommending merging the content of Policy 3143 with Policy 3144, Release of Information Concerning Student Sex and Kidnapping Offenders. The revisions include changing the title from "District Notification of Juvenile Offenders" to "District Notification and Dissemination of Information about Student Offenses and Notification of Threats of Violence or Harm". Moved to second reading.

PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 3144; RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING STUDENT SEX AND KIDNAPPING OFFENDERS

The board heard a proposed deletion of [Policy 3144](#). The Proposed deletion of this policy is because the language regarding release of information has been incorporated into proposed revisions to Policy 3143, District Notification of Juvenile Offenders. Moved to second reading.

PROPOSED REVISION OF POLICY 3423; RESPONSE TO STUDENT INJURY OR ILLNESS

The board heard an update on [Policy 3423](#). Revisions are to reflect official health guidance related to COVID-19. Moved to second reading.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 3535; FINANCIAL ADVISING DAY

The board heard an update on [Policy 3535](#). Financial aid advising day, created with the passage of ESSB 6141 in the 2020 legislative session, is an opportunity to focus on educational equity related to students pursuing postsecondary education. Last year, the Legislature passed E2SHB 1599, which took steps to expand access to critical financial aid information for students through the High School and Beyond Plan. Financial aid advising day provides an opportunity to take this important work one step further by ensuring all students have specific access to this critical information. Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, all school districts with a high school must provide a financial aid advising day by December 1 of each year. Moved to second reading.

PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 4316; NOTIFICATION OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

The board heard an update on [Policy 4316](#). Proposed deletion of this policy is because the language regarding release of information has been incorporated into proposed revisions to Policy 3143, District Notification of Juvenile Offenders. Moved to second reading.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 6112; RENTAL, LEASE OR USE OF SURPLUS DISTRICT REAL PROPERTY

The board heard an update on [Policy 6112](#). Revisions are based on HB 2617 – Lease or Rental of Surplus Property of School Districts. The revisions add a "recapture clause" to the lease or rental of district surplus property. Additionally, the revisions add an exception to the prohibition of weapons on district property when districts rent property that will be used as a personal domicile. Moved to second reading.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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