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...***BoardNotes***

On Nov. 7, 2017, during its regular meeting, the five board members who attended this meeting of Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

CONGRATULATED

Student board rep Dhruvik Parikh from Jackson High for his TEDx presentation on Saturday. Dhruvik was among the panel of presenters during this 2017 event hosted by Sno-Isle Libraries. You can see Dhruvik's [message online](#).

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, with lots of good news! (Watch for more details coming about each)

- Garfield is a 2017 School of Distinction
- Graduation rates are up again! **92.9** percent graduate in four years, and **95.2** percent in five years!
- Robin Arnold is 2017 Psychologist of the Year
- College Board has put the district on its Honor Roll for boosting the number of students in AP classes AND for student scores on AP tests remaining high
- [Music4Life](#) donated more musical instruments this week for a total of 116 this year!
- Boeing has awarded EPS Foundation \$90,000 for district's Pre-K math readiness programs
- Special Education earned the highest possible state rating for program delivery

REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED STRATEGIC PROGRESS re: long-range planning for choosing instructional materials

For teaching and learning to be current, instructional materials students and teachers use must be up-to-date. The presentation and discussion highlighted the opportunities and challenges of meeting student learning needs in a rapidly changing world in which knowledge is growing exponentially, and learning and teaching continually evolve.

Curriculum updates are slated in the next five years for STEM, Science and Engineering, Social Studies, K-12 World Language, Visual and Performing Arts, Health and Fitness, and Special Education.

Projected cost in that time is approximately \$9 million with consumable costs at \$600,000 per year.

You can see the [full report](#) and plans and projected cost break downs for future curriculum adoptions in BoardDocs.

CONTINUED CONVERSATIONS about a *Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy* and a *Construction Bond* – date of ballot issues to be determined

Points to remember about these potential election issues:

1. The current Educational Program and Operations Levy will expire at the end of this year. A request to approve one in 2018 would *replace* an existing one voters approved in 2014.
2. The construction bond as it is being considered would:
 - a. Build more classroom space for growing number of students (including a new high school)
 - b. Retrofit existing high school spaces into STEM/vocational learning areas to ensure district graduates have *local* job and career opportunities
 - c. Ensure school system upgrade projects (i.e. HVAC, electrical) are done on schedule (Maintenance done now saves more expensive costs later)
 - d. Upgrade Everett High School cafeteria, extending the life and usefulness of that too-small and aging facility

In their discussion on this topic, the board wrestled with two major issues – **how much** to include in the final bond request and the **timing** for such requests. Special election dates in 2018 are February 13 and April 24. The following school year also includes special election dates on Aug. 7 and Nov 6, 2018 and again in February and April 2019.

The board's concerns include how to meet real and growing needs of more and more families moving into the district and increasingly overcrowded schools – especially in the south end. The sooner voters approve a construction bond, the sooner work on new classrooms and a new high school can start. Existing school buildings also need upgrades and modernization work.

Every year construction or modernization is delayed, the inflationary costs make the projects more expensive. Because our region is experiencing a construction boom, the inflationary costs are increasing each year faster than in other areas.

Balancing the very real need of enough classroom space for learning with the need to upgrade aging facilities with the impact on property owners was front and center in the board's conversations.

The board is considering final approval and timing for these two ballot issues at their next meeting, Nov. 21, 2017.

[BoardDocs](#) information about the potential levy

[BoardDocs](#) information about the potential construction bond

HEARD FIRST READING about merging the language of two policies into one

1. Policy 2335, Health, Family Life, AIDS, and Sex Education to be merged into

2. Policy 2123, Health and Physical Education Program

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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