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On Feb. 6, 2018, during its regular meeting, the five board members who attended this meeting of Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

LISTENED TO A COMMUNITY MEMBER'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE REPLACEMENT LEVY AND LONGFELLOW

Information about the <u>2018 Capital Bond and Renewal Levy</u> is available online, and Superintendent Cohn shared information about <u>negotiations</u> with Everett Museum of History on the Longfellow Building.

AMENDED AN AGREEMENT WITH SEA MAR COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES,

to expand Sea Mar's services to include three elementary schools – Garfield, Lowell and Madison. Sea Mar already serves student needs at all high schools and middle schools, providing an increasingly important service to students and families facing mental health needs.

By operating from an on-campus location, offering appointments during the school day, and helping students and families determine eligibility for mental health services through health insurance or government programs, Sea Mar reduces frequent obstacles experienced by these students and increases the likelihood that such students will get the services they need.

APPROVED A "CONSTRUCTABILITY REVIEW" FOR NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION

To be eligible for state match funds, districts must perform such a review. It involves construction professionals from outside the district looking at all construction documents for potential conflicts, errors, ambiguities, omissions, or discrepancies, and conflicts in design documents, which, if not corrected, could generate higher bid amounts, increased change orders, or delay a project.

This review process puts the district one step closer to the much anticipated modernization of North Middle School, thanks to voter approval of the <u>2016 Capital Bond</u>.

APPROVED CALL FOR BIDS TO UPGRADE SEQUOIA'S COOLING TOWER

This is another project made possible by the <u>2016 Capital Bond</u>. When finished, the school will have a new HVAC system, thanks to voters in 2016.

HEARD THE <u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u> WHICH INCLUDED CELEBRATIONS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Graduation rate increases
- Cascade High School cheer team named WIAA 4A non-tumbling co-ed champions
- CHS girl's bowling placed 5th at state, JHS teams took 20th, 22nd and 34th
- 28 DECA students headed to nationals
- EHS NJROTC Seagull Company placed first at local tournament
- Student leaders met with legislators at the WSSDA/WASA Legislative Conference
- Open house on bond and levy Jan. 31

REVIEWED DISTRICT PROGRESS ON ITS STRATEGIC PLAN

The report highlighted progress from Sept. 1, 2017 to Jan. 31, 2018 in the district's five priority areas of:

- 1. Teaching and Learning
- 2. Inspiration, Innovation, and Information
- 3. People, Structure, and Systems
- 4. Resource Management
- 5. Strategic Relationships

<u>The review</u> highlighted successes and acknowledged challenges.

HEARD AN UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

- The district has received the conditional use permit for <u>Elementary 18</u> and issued a call for bids for construction. <u>Boundary committee</u> work is underway. We anticipate breaking ground on the project this spring.
- North Middle School project will be bid this spring with construction beginning at the end of the school year.
- Safety and security, building and systems projects funded by the 2016 Capital Bond and Levy are in various stages of completion, as are other projects.

RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON 2018-19 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The presentation shared the process, timeline and major influences. These influences include: passage of 2018 bond and levy, 2018 legislative session, levy funding of salaries, levy regionalization and cap, K-3 class-size reduction and State of School Review (SOSR) needs--math specialists and to hire earlier due to teacher shortages.

CONDUCTED FIRST READING ON THREE POLICY REVISIONS

- 1. Policy 3510 about Associated Student Bodies
- 2. Policy 5320.2 about Illness, Injury and Emergency Leave
- 3. Policy 6950 about Construction Contractor Bonds and Insurance

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.