BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Regular Session Minutes
Remote by Zoom
April 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kristina Mayer at 6:00 PM.

Present
Directors: Dr. Kristina Mayer, Tami Robocker, Kathryn Lamka, and Sarah Martin
Student Directors: Ava Vaughan, Eugenia Frank
Secretary: Dr. David Engle, Acting Superintendent Administrative Assistant: Traci Meacham
Administrators: Kyle Ehlis
Directors: Melinda Miller, Carrie Beebe
Zoom Participants: 23

Chair Kristina Mayer asked for amendments to the board agenda. No amendments were made. Kathryn Lamka made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Sarah Martin seconded; motion carried. (4-0)

Chair Kristina Mayer asked for corrections and a motion to approve the minutes from April 14, 2021. No corrections were noted. Tami Robocker made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Kathryn Lamka seconded; motion carried. (4-0)

Consent Agenda

Personnel
Exempt hire recommendation: William Laubner III, Director of Maintenance
Certificated hire recommendation: Carianna Bell, 7-9 Special Education Resource Room Teacher, 1.0 FTE

Accounts Payable
ASB Fund check #1720, $80.00
ASB Fund check #1721, $151.52
Capital Projects Fund check #437-445, $88,116.89
General Fund check #4902987-4903040, $178,574.60
General Fund check #4903041-4903076, $82,980.94

Chair Kristina Mayer asked the board for any questions about the consent agenda and hearing none she asked for a motion. Kathryn Lamka made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Tami Robocker seconded; motion carried. (4-0)

Welcome Shanell Rosenfeld, Garden Coordinator
Shanell was unable to attend and will be invited to join a future meeting.

Good News and Recognition
Dr. Engle awarded Silver Spurs to the following Food Service staff members: Linda Boyd, Angie Carstensen, Shellie Friedrich, Jenny Hinds, Heidi Holmes, and Sandra Neet. They were recognized for going above and beyond their duties to meet the scheduling and food preparation demands brought about by the Coronavirus, their flexibility, and their commitment to students. Director Kathryn Lamka commented that she’ll be on campus on April 29 to participate in the tasting cart activity with students where they’ll get a taste of locally baked bread, honey, and goat cheese. Chair Mayer acknowledged the fun field trip the Food Service staff took to Mystery Bay Goat Farm. Food Service continues to benefit from Community Wellness Project support and USDA grants.

Student Director’s Report
Ava Vaughan discussed athletics, recent wins, and track awards, and confirmed that participating students have enjoyed combining with Port Townsend. She also shared her participation in a documentary about the Benji Project and will present
the video when it’s made public. Ava reported that Jefferson Healthcare offered a vaccination clinic for teens on April 21, 2021.

Eugenia Frank noted she and many of her peers took advantage of the Jefferson Healthcare vaccination clinic, and the second dose is scheduled for May 12, 2021 so she foresees many students finishing the year fully vaccinated. Students are very busy with academic and extracurricular activities, and the ASB is planning a garden/dance/games party in the Rotary Pavilion on May 15. Students in grades 9-12 are invited. The Chimacum National Honor Society attended a virtual induction ceremony on April 28. Eugenia also reported that Ms. Bonnell’s Marine Biology class received a visit from Port Townsend Marine Science staff and they taught (virtually and in person) about the Marine stranding network in the Puget Sound, which included a review of the case of a deceased Northern Elephant Seal that washed up on a local beach. The SAT may be taken on May 8 (Port Angeles) and June 5 (Aberdeen). The sailing team is back on the water and Eugenia and her sister, Viola, are the only two Chimacum student’s participating at this time.

Public Comment
Teacher, Brian MacKenzie commended the Board for their interest in grades and this year’s failure rate; administrators have relayed these concerns to teachers. Teachers continue to work to encourage student engagement through adapting the approach to teaching and the curriculum, with modifications as permitted. Half of Junior/Senior High students aren’t reaching expectations regardless of these modifications or tutoring supports. Hybrid students are doing better, but many remote students continue to refuse to turn on their cameras or participate in class. Brian MacKenzie asked for more specific guidance from the Board. He also stated that he believes students may expect OSPI to offer credit waivers this year as they did last year. Principal Carthum is designing a summer school program to help students recover credits; the summer program will be communicated to students and families once it’s received approval. Brian MacKenzie also recommended waiving community service as a graduation requirement because it remains difficult to obtain due to Covid. He also noted the timing of MAP testing compromises valuable instructional time. Some teachers are questioning the decision for K-6 to transition to full day with larger class sizes, which could mean fewer opportunities for intervention and remediation. Lastly, he commented that Elementary teachers are reporting decisions it feel “top down” rather than collaborative.

Informational Reports
Special Education Program Review: Director of Special Services, Melinda Miller, presented data on students and disabilities, Least Restrictive Environment state and Chimacum percentages for 2018-2020, and the grade of referral for Special Education students. Chair Kristina Mayer asked for more information Birth to 3, preschool, and Kindergarten students. Melinda Miller confirmed it’s typically related to communication, unusual behavior for the age, as well as cognitive and social/emotional developmental delays. Chair Mayer also commented on the benefits of all students getting evaluated around their third birthday. Melinda Miller noted teachers try a number of different interventions before referring to Special Services. The end of the school year is typically a busy time for referrals; there are currently 21 students with 504 Plans. Ann Abraham gave a presentation on the Flexible Learning program and discussed in detail the three primary program components: Littles, Life Skills/Transition, and Behavior. She shared photos of the classroom environment, field trips, students engaged in activities, and staff members. Ann Abraham also confirmed the differences in programming brought about by Covid. Life Skills opportunities have needed to shift the most since the program “apartment,” job placement and coaching, the Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair haven’t been an option. Instead they’re working on art projects to sell in their school store, jump ropes, and “functional” academics. Board members and Dr. Engle thanked Ann for her enthusiastic presentation.

Senior Events and Commencement: Senior class advisor, Gary Coyan gave an overview of upcoming events and commencement activities, which includes a garden party on May 15, a virtual senior recognition night on June 8, and commencement and a community parade on June 12. They are also working with the Port Townsend Film Festival organization to host an outdoor movie night. The parent group is working on senior gift bags, decorations on the school fence line, and grade night plans; the parent group may also host a post-graduation senior prom off-site at a later date.

2021-2022 Academic Calendar
Dr. Engle presented the 2021-2022 Draft Academic Calendar for approval. The Board asked to confirm late start and early release times. Dr. Engle will confirm and bring the calendar for approval on May 12, 2021. Other discussions were held pertaining to aligning the Chimacum calendar with neighboring districts and half days providing time and opportunity for professional development.
**Policy Review: 3241, First Reading**
Dr. Engle introduced Policy 3241 Student Discipline for review on first reading, no action; no discussions took place. This policy will be presented for second reading on May 12, 2021.

**Superintendent’s Report**
Junior/Senior High School grades update: Dr. Engle provided graphs showing trends of failing grades and noted the data is a radar for planning. He confirmed the Junior/Senior High staff and faculty have been responsive, inventive, and creative with good faith effort; the trends we’re seeing are part of the pandemic culture and other districts are experiencing the same challenges and lack of engagement. Director Tami Robocker requested to see how many failing grades are associated with remote learning versus in person. Chair Kristina Mayer requested more data on student engagement for grades 7 and 8.

2021-22 Recovery Plan requirements: Dr. Engle noted the Board will receive the opportunity to review the Recovery Plan on May 12, 2021, and then motion to approve on May 26. The plan must be submitted to OSPI on June 1 and the district must post the plan on the website before June 30. OSPI has provided a check list and form to submit and Chimacum will use this as an outline to build connections to the 2021-22 budget. Dr. Engle’s presentation provided an overview of goals, which include tracking graduates, outdoor education initiatives across the grades, support structures (HiCap, ELL, MTSS, Early Childhood Learning, and WA Kids), implementation of data tools to support data-driven decision-making, enhanced programs for grades 7 and 8, and a focus on credit recovery and accelerated learning. Instructional coaching and professional development will continue to support these district initiatives. The Board held discussions on the benefits of the district’s location to unique habitats and utilizing community resources and connections. Chair Kristina Mayer mentioned Cedar Root

**Board Discussion**

Board Calendar: Chair Kristina Mayer gave an overview of upcoming meetings and discussed the DOT Right of Way agreement and combining sports with Port Townsend next year. Chair Kristina Mayer would like to hear input from students who participated in the combined teams this year and she asked Ava Vaughan and Eugenia Frank if there’s a way to improve participation in the sailing team. Carrie Beebe confirmed Chimacum was set to move to a 2A league and combining with Port Townsend allowed the district to compete at the save level they were prior to Covid. The Board will learn more about a potential combined opportunity at the next meeting and vote on the MOU on May 26, 2021.

Additional Comments: Chair Kristina Mayer reminded the Board and student representatives of the upcoming WSSDA Equity Conference, noting there is still time to register. No other additional comments were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kristina Mayer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathryn Lamka made the motion; Tami Robocker seconded; meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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Acting Superintendent                  Board Chair