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

Present
Directors: Sarah Martin, Dr. Kristina Mayer, Tami Robocker and Mickey Nagy
Student Representatives: Ava Vaughan-Mifsud and Eugenia Franks
Secretary: Dr. David Engle, Acting Superintendent
Administrative Assistant: Traci Meacham
Administrator: Art Clarke, Jason Lynch, David Carthum, and Kyle Ehlis
Zoom Audience: 64 members

Dr. Kristina Mayer opened the meeting noting there will be a review of the Board Assessment on August 26, a reminder of the District 5 Director vacancy, and confirmation of the July 30 appointment of Dr. David Engle as Acting Superintendent.

Chair Mayer asked for changes to the minutes for July 22 and 30, 2020 board meetings and hearing none she asked for a motion. Tami Robocker made a motion to approve the minutes for July 22 and 30, 2020; Sarah Martin seconded; motion carried. (4-0)

Chair Mayer asked for amendments to the board agenda. Dr. David Engle requested to add staff recognition under Good News and Recognition. Sarah Martin made a motion to approve the modified agenda; Mickey Nagy seconded; motion carried. (4-0)

Consent Agenda
Accounts Payable
ASB Fund check #1695, $57.50
General Fund check #4901974-4901990, $30,113.18
General Fund check #4091991-4902011, $17,096.16
General Fund check #4902012-4902035, $16,761.28
General Fund Wire Transfer #201900118, $86.71
Capital Projects Fund check #371-372, $22,277.94
Capital Projects Fund check #373-375, $12,018.48

Payroll - July 2020
Payroll Warrants #490195-490207, $167,247.99
Electronic Funds Transfer, $803,466.72

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

Good News and Recognition
Dr. David Engle introduced the Silver Spurs award program he is implementing to recognize staff. He also thanked Al Gonzalez for the work he’s done with NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration) to ensure Chimacum Schools qualifies as an Ocean Guardian School for the third year in a row.

Teacher, Barb Parent, shared the successes of Chimacum AP students who scored a three or higher on recent AP exams. Students Hope Aman, Megan Golden, Lucy Miller, Elizabeth Shiflett, and Ava Vaughan-Mifsud were congratulated. Principal David Carthum confirmed the district is approved for the 2020-21 AP grant that will cover the cost of tuition for up to ten (10) credits per AP student, which is an increase from the 2019-20 grant funding.
Public Comment
CEA President, Ann Abraham thanked Art Clarke and Theresa Burroughs for securing funding so teachers could participate in the Jeff Utech Implementing Distance Learning professional development training. She noted many teachers are now completing the 2.0 portion and it will help with online, hybrid, and face-to-face instruction. Abraham thanked Chimacum parents for participating in the reopening model survey.

Student Director Report
Chair Kristina Mayer introduced Ava Vaughan-Mifsud and Eugenia Frank as the district’s 2020-21 Student Representatives and thanked them both for their proactive approach to the position. Ava thanked AP teacher, Barb Parent, for her support. She also shared opinions collected from Chimacum students regarding school reopening, noting their concerns about the health and safety of their friends and teachers. Many prefer to start online while others are eager to return in person. Students are anxious to learn about extra-curricular activities and athletics and are looking for clear direction on what it’s going to look like this fall.

Eugenia thanked Ava for coordinating information and shared direct quotes received from fellow students. Comments focused on a desire to return to school, some students are reluctant to wear masks, others expressed a great need for sports, and all are looking to the School Board for a decision on the reopening plan.

Information Report
Community Health Educator, Denise Banker, updated the board on available funding appropriated for Character Strong, Jumping Mouse support, prevention workshops, Chimacum’s ASB and athletics auction, and community-wide workshop opportunities to help foster coping skills for the impact families and students have endured from COVID-19. Banker is also hoping to recruit student members for the Empowered Teen Coalition. Additionally, there will be drug take back initiatives coming the end of February and a community survey. The Healthy Youth Survey this year will likely be impacted by COVID-19.

Superintendent’s Report
Community Wellness Project (CWP) Commitment
Dr. Engle read a commitment letter received from CWP that focuses on awareness of diversity and dedication to supporting Jefferson County families and inclusive student education. Discussions with the Board centered on the expectation of equity and ways to assist students in understanding, a review of the school’s library inventory, caution regarding partnering with community organizations that go into ideologies, and providing resources to students that help them navigate their futures.

School Reopening Plan
Dr. Engle invited Board Directors to share their feedback on the upcoming school reopening. Comments centered on support for students, families, and staff, safety and welfare, increased instruction, better student engagement, offering options more than one learning model, concern about further enrollment decline, state testing and accountability, funding, increased outdoor learning opportunities, and designing a plan or system that is sensitive to COVID virus behavior. Engle confirmed state and local resources and guidelines are being applied and balanced with parent survey results. District facilities have been updated and remodeled to space students appropriately. Cleaning, safety protocols, and PPE supplies are already in place. Transportation challenges are being addressed by grouping by families and geographic areas, in addition to protocols for loading the bus and spacing out the seating. Food Service has a prepared plans to meet the needs of students based on the hybrid and remote learning models.

On August 19, the Chimacum School Board will make a resolution and vote on the 2020-21 district reopening plan. The plan will include small cohort groups to maximize spacing in an AA-C-BB hybrid, in-person model, as well as an all remote option. The C day (Wednesdays) will provide a day for deep cleaning, consolidated services for students, outdoor learning opportunities for small cohort groups, teacher collaboration, professional development and planning time, as well as parent conference opportunities. AP and College in the High School students will also benefit from meeting opportunities on some of these C days.
Public Comment
Teacher, Jamie Jensen thanked Barb Parent and congratulated all students, especially those who participate in Pi and the Highly Capable program. She also commented on school reopening family survey results, noting nearly 50% are supportive of the hybrid model offering two (2) consecutive in-person days. Teachers are working on creating robust online schedules for families who select remote only.

Parent, Shelby Smith shared her optimism for the district’s fall plans and support for increased outdoor learning opportunities. She noted her family’s plans to remain with Chimacum Schools for online learning.

Teacher, Lisa Morrison confirmed the district teachers have been involved all summer long in detailed planning for fall and we have local outdoor education models that successfully have shown the benefits of outdoor learning experiences. Lisa also noted that the current pandemic environment won’t last, it’s a distinct time period.

Board Update

Board Elections
Chair Mayer referenced policy 1210 regarding the Annual Organizational Meeting and election of board officers. At this time, Legislative Representative and Vice Chair are up for election.

Mickey Nagy made a motion to nominate Sarah Martin for Legislative Rep; Sarah Martin accepted. Tami Robocker nominated herself for Legislative Rep; Kristina Mayer seconded. Chair Mayer held a roll call vote. Sarah Martin received two (2) votes, Director Nagy and Director Martin; Tami Robocker received two (2) votes, Chair Mayer and Director Robocker. Acting Superintendent, Dr. David Engle suggested co-representation. Discussions took place and both agreed to share the responsibilities of Legislative Representative.

Due to Director McKay’s resignation, the Vice Chair position is open. Chair Kristina Mayer made a motion to nominate Director Mickey Nagy as Vice Chair; Mickey Nagy accepted. The nomination was uncontested and a unanimous vote took place. Director Nagy will hold this position until it’s up for election in December 2020.

Board Goals Progress
Director Nagy presented a report on current Board Goals and reviewed the related metrics. The Board requested more information about professional development opportunities and Dr. Engle confirmed several trainings will be instituted prior to the start of school with additional required trainings to follow in the first few months of the year.

Board Calendar
Chair Mayer noted the calendar of meeting topics for 2020-21 is being organized and will soon be flushed out through December. Planning for January – August of 2021 will be done in future meetings with Dr. Engle.

Superintendent Search Update
Dr. Kristina Mayer shared a calendar of dates relating to the Superintendent Search and announced the August 26, 6:00 PM, collaborative meeting with the Port Townsend School Board. This meeting will be held remotely.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM