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

Present
Port Townsend Directors: Jennifer James-Wilson, Jeff Taylor, Doug Ross, Connie Welch, and Nathanael O’Hara
Chimacum Directors: Dr. Kristina Mayer, Tami Robocker, Sarah Martin, and Mickey Nagy
Chimacum Student Representatives: Ava Vaughan-Mifsud and Eugenia Frank
Facilitator: Dr. David Engle, Acting Superintendent
Port Townsend Administrative Assistant: Katy Gaffney
Chimacum Administrative Assistant: Traci Meacham
Zoom Participants: 19

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Port Townsend Board Chair Jennifer James-Wilson.

Chair Jennifer James-Wilson recommended the approval of agenda be done as one motion. Chair Kristina Mayer made a motion to approve the agenda; Director Sarah Martin seconded; motion carried. (9-0)

Facilitator, Dr. David Engle opened the discussion on collaborating on a Superintendent Search with the purpose of identifying the strengths and opportunities of seeking one search consultant firm to work with both districts collectively; the objective is to identify a match for both and a fit for each district.

Board Directors and Student Representatives were invited to speak. Comments included:
- Request a fall screening
- Work collaboratively, not in competition
- Idea centers around cooperation and collaboration as the districts have done in athletics and community services; find the common ground
- Communities may ask, “Why not have just one?”
- Communities may have unique differences, but also commonalities and overlapping voters
- Advantage to find cooperative candidates willing to work together; present as an expectation
- The evolution of partnerships throughout East Jefferson County has been positive and beneficial; school district partnerships may accelerate the evolution.
- Continual collaboration for the benefit of the children served by both communities
- Introduce the idea of combining districts; create a Skill Center program using local resources and talent
- Share expenses and resources
- Early timing allows for broader candidate pool; ambitious recruiting

Potential Pitfalls:
- Communicate to community regularly and proactively so well-informed
- Pool of candidates; one potential candidate that both districts are interested in
- Coordination of logistics
- Consistent communication with search firm; one point of contact for each district
- Thoughtful process to try to get synergy
• Community self-esteem
• Housing
• Creating appropriate profile(s)
• Input from stakeholders; reluctance
• Bond and levy cycles (concern if combining is considered)
• Student input

The draft Schedule for Superintendent Search 20/21 was reviewed and discussed, and no changes were made.

Reflections:
• Excitement for what could be the beginning of a long and healthy relationship
• Thankful for presence and participation of Chimacum Student Representatives, Ava Vaughan-Mifsud and Eugenia Frank
• Gratitude expressed to Dr. David Engle for facilitating the discussion
• Thanks to Katy Gaffney and Traci Meacham
• Looking forward to future joint meetings
• Thanks to Jennifer James-Wilson and Kristina Mayer for the work put into the RFP and schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM

Acting Superintendent/Facilitator

Board Chair