



Green Mountain School District No. 103

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GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:30 PM

Green Mountain School 8th grade classroom
and via Zoom connection

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Lowe called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

School Directors Present: Eric Lowe, Cameron Tormanen, Joyce Cooper, Kent Furman, Adam Dunn

Secretary/Superintendent: Dave Holmes

Principal: Jacqui Vansoest

Staff: Carla Whitmire

Guests: Kesiah Brown, Aeranee Bennett

2. **APPROVAL AND/OR REVISION OF AGENDA:** *Director Tormanen made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Director Furman seconded. Motion passed 5-0*
3. **INTERVIEW BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES:** *The Board of Directors interviewed Aeranee Bennett and Kesiah Brown to fill the position Cameron Tormanen is vacating.*
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – An executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) is needed to discuss the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office. The executive session is scheduled to last fifteen minutes. *Director Lowe adjourned the regular board meeting to Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. for 5 minutes. Director Lowe resumed the regular board meeting at 7:17 p.m.*
5. **Appointment of Board Member to be seated at the March 26, 2024, meeting.** *Director Furman made a motion to appoint Kesiah Brown as a Board Member. Director Dunn seconded. Motion passed 5-0*
6. **SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE:** Director Furman is happy the district appears to be in line to receive a building planning grant. Director Tormanen is happy to have more time on his hands. Director Lowe gave a 'yeah' to the building occupancy. Director Cooper noticed that Green Mountain School bought a cursive writing curriculum and shared an article stating that handwriting promotes learning and higher brain connectivity than typing on a keyboard. She thanked Scott for giving her and her husband Bill a tour of the remodel. Director Dunn shared that having two great board candidates is very positive. Director Furman thanked Superintendent Holmes and those who worked on the Levy which resulted in its passing. Superintendent Holmes shared that everything is going in the right direction with the passed three-year levy, a three-year ratified certificated staff contract, capital project jobs being completed, and the possibility of a building grant.



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7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 30, 2024, Regular Board Meeting: *Director Tormanen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Cooper seconded. Motion passed 5-0*

8. CORRESPONDENCE - None

9. DONATIONS – Sunny Hanna – Clothes for the clothes closet, tables, and a shelf. The board thanked Sunny for the donation.

10. REPORTS – Informational and Non-Action

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Holmes has been working with Mitch to determine the end of the year ending fund balance. Superintendent Holmes anticipates it to be 1.313M. He shared that they are looking at computer upgrades for student laptops, teacher computers, and classroom View Boards as possible budget expenditures. We received final occupancy in Phase II and are processing final bills to pay the contractor.

Budget Status Report: The budget looks good with increased apportionment and conservative expenditures, the ending fund balance should increase in the next few months.

Review of Board Priority Calendar: The board priority calendar is up to date.

Principal's Report: Principal Vansoest shared that the Leadership Team met and evaluated one of three science curriculums. The K-5 curriculum, which aligns with the current 6-8 grade curriculum, scored very well based on the scoring tool used. They did notice technology challenges with the K-1 students and are looking into more info to mitigate that. The Leadership Team will meet after Spring Break to look at a second curriculum which will be presented by the vendor. The third curriculum the team is looking at is what the teachers are currently using. There is not a lot of science curriculum out there, so they have narrowed it down to those three.

Principal Vansoest shared that the Outdoor School Meeting went well and kids are getting excited to go. The PTSO held an assembly to thank the kids for the money they made at last year's glow run. The reptile man brought many reptiles for the kids to touch. The kids had a blast!

Principal Vansoest shared Winter iReady testing results. Kids' scores tend to dip in the winter due to the holiday breaks and snow days. She is excited about the 7th grade math scores which showed marked improvement.

Legislative Report: Director Cooper shared that WSSDA will hold Zoom sessions from 12-1 p.m. for new Directors. The Directors can go to the WSSDA website to participate. Director Cooper gave an update on the current legislative session.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMUNITY INPUT- None

12. ACTION ITEMS-None



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13. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Capital Levy Ending Fund Balance Priority List: Superintendent Holmes shared after all current construction bills are paid there should be \$250,000 remaining in the Capital Projects Levy Fund. He is obtaining bids for updating the fire panels, installing an HVAC unit in the brick building, and obtaining a schematic from the architect for steel stairs, ramp, and walkway on the back side of the upper level of the brick building.
- B. Review of Principal contract: Board members reviewed Principal Vansoest's 2024-25 contract and found no need to make changes.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda will be acted upon with a single motion unless a board member desires to remove an item from the agenda.

A. Main Consent Agenda

- 1) Approve payroll direct deposits of \$92,472.95
- 2) Approve benefit warrants 25387 through 25391 totaling \$31,611.58
- 3) Approve electronic payroll accounts payable payments totaling \$51,028.61
- 4) Approve electronically paid federal withholding taxes of \$8,172.19
- 5) Approve capital projects warrants 814 through 814 totaling \$5301.38
- 6) Approve electronically paid capital projects and general fund payments of \$20,048.09
- 7) Approve general fund accounts payable warrants 25373 through 25386 totaling \$15,258.11
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- 8) Approve two teacher supplemental contracts for \$500 each to supervise Cispus Outdoor School
- 9) Approve 2024-25 Principal contract.

Director Furman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Dunn seconded. Motion Passed 5-0

15. COMMENTS: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Review Ending Fund Balance Policy 6022 – (April)
- B. Superintendent evaluation (March): The board would like to hold an executive working session meeting to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation before the March board meeting.
- C. Superintendent Holmes would like to hold a Board workshop to interview architects for the new capital projects planning grant (March)

16. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lowe adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Holmes
Secretary/Superintendent

Approved by:

Eric Lowe
Chairman, Board of Directors