



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, November 28, 2023, 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 6:34 p.m. Chairman Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS PRESENT and VIA ZOOM CONNECTION:

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

School Director via Zoom: Cameron Tormanen

Secretary/Superintendent: Dave Holmes

Principal: Jacqui Vansoest

Staff: Carla Whitmire

Business Manager via Zoom: Mitch Thompson

- 2. APPROVAL AND/OR REVISION OF AGENDA:** *Director Furman made motion to approve the agenda as written. Director Cooper seconded. Motion passed 5-0*
- 3. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE – ADAM DUNN:** Chairman Lowe administered the Oath of Office to Adam Dunn.
- 4. ELECT VICE-CHAIR TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** *Director Cooper nominated Director Tormanen to serve as Vice-Chair to the Board. Director Tormanen declined the nomination. Director Tormanen nominated Director Furman to serve as Vice-Chair to the Board. Director Cooper seconded. Motion passed 5-0*
- 5. SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE:** Director Cooper shared it is nice to see \$100 donation from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. Former student Sean Murray applied for the donation through his company. Director Cooper would like a thank you sent. Director Lowe said it is good to get the update on the cafeteria. Superintendent Holmes shared they are down to a punch list of to-do items left on the cafeteria. He also shared he is waiting for occupancy of the addition to be approved by the County. Director Tormanen thought the Gazette was very nice, especially the write-up about former Director Rick Syring. Director Dunn shared that he met with Superintendent Holmes to get the lay of the land at Green Mountain. He enjoyed the time spent.
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
October 31, 2023, Regular Board Meeting: *Director Tormanen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Director Furman seconded. Motion passed 5-0*



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7. REPLACEMENT LEVY DISCUSSION

A. Replacement Levy- length/amount/date to run- initial conversion.

1. Every 10 cents = \$23,000 in levy proceeds.
2. Current County tax rates for schools.
3. 2024 Elections Calendar
4. Anticipated County Levies
5. Historical Levy Expenditures
6. Draft Levy proposal \$2.25/1000
7. Draft Levy proposal \$2.50/1000

Board Directors, Business Manager Mitch Thompson, and Superintendent Holmes discussed options for a replacement levy. Next school year we will lose ESSER dollars which will impact the budget by about \$200,000. Director Lowe shared in the past they had talked about not running a replacement levy for the max rate of \$2.50/\$1000 assessed value. The consensus was they were all comfortable with asking the voters to approve a new levy of \$2.25/\$1000 assessed value to run for three years.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

A. WSP- Student Transportation Certificate: Superintendent shared the bus inspections passed with flying colors. He thanked Bill for his hard work on making sure the buses were serviced and well taken care of.

9. DONATIONS

A. Schweitzer Engineering laboratories via Sean Murray: Former student Sean Murray applied for Green Mountain to receive a \$100.00 donation from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. The board shared their gratitude and will send a thank you.

10. REPORTS – Informational and Non-Action

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Holmes shared there is no change in enrollment. The backfill to extend the playground may not take place until Spring. Colf logging fell two large trees along the east boundary over the weekend. The campus is much safer and more open with the trees down. The bus bays have been cleaned out so the buses can park inside. Scott will be doing Christmas break maintenance items that he cannot get to with students/staff present. Micro K12 will service broken laptops. We sent eight to them and six were repairable. Director Cooper asked if there are extra computers for students to use. Superintendent Holmes shared we have plenty of extras. Director Cooper asked if there was enough storage for maintenance equipment. The district does have the two Conex boxes and room in the bus barn for all the equipment. The Gazette is back and has been mailed to community members. Superintendent Holmes will prepare a levy flyer after the holidays. Hans Schmeusser will serve as Levy Committee chair and Dawn Shinn will write a pro-vote levy statement.

Budget Status Report: Superintendent Holmes shared the ending fund balance is \$1.2M. He suspects it will be at \$1.15M next month.



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Review of Board Priority Calendar: Director Cooper asked why Policy 5515, Workforce Traumatic Stress, is showing on the calendar in both September and January. The January date needs to be removed because it was covered in September. The Accountability Goals were published in the Gazette. Director Cooper asked that fund balance policy 6022 be added to the calendar for review in April.

Principal's Report: Principal Vansoest presented a Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying prevention class to the Middle School students. It went well. All Middle School Students meet weekly to talk through issues. Students are learning to be problem solvers through this process. Principal Vansoest shared that the teachers have all established student growth goals for the year. The Flip Staff Meeting model is going well. One teacher taught the others how to incorporate interactive learning targets for students at the last meeting. Mr. Williams and the Student Leadership Team planned and presented the Veterans Day Assembly this year. Mr. Williams spoke at the assembly. The assembly was well received and there were approximately 30 Veterans in attendance. PTSO sponsored an all-school dessert social on November 21st prior to Thanksgiving break. The eighth-grade students helped serve the desserts. Students and staff really enjoyed the social. The school had a nonperishable food drive for two weeks prior to Thanksgiving break. Classes received points for items collected. The third graders were king of the roost! PTSO will give them a popcorn party for winning. The canned food was donated to the North County Lions Club for their food bank. The large amount food filled the bed of the pickup the volunteer used.

Legislative Report: Director Cooper shared that four of the ten legislative goals the Green Mountain School Directors submitted will be moved to legislature: Fully fund regular education; cover basic education MSOC costs; improve Capital construction grants; Capital Projects Bonds to pass by a simple majority vote; and address Special Education funding.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMUNITY INPUT – None

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Resolution Authorizing Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy

1. Resolution 2023-04

Director Furman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 Replacement Levy at \$2.25/\$1000 assessed value. Director Tormanen seconded. Motion passed 5-0

2. Resolution 2023-05

No Action was taken on Resolution 2023-05 Replacement Levy \$2.50/\$1000.

13. 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 \$94,026.35
- 2) Approve benefit warrants 25293 through 25299 totaling \$32,516.12



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- 3) Approve Capital Projects warrants 808 through 809 totaling \$43,021.66
- 4) Approve accounts payable warrants 25300 through 25321 totaling \$30,128.50
PCard Transaction Register
- 5) Approve electronically paid federal withholding taxes of \$8,562.27
- 6) Approve electronic payment to Dept. of Retirement Systems totaling \$22,102.97
- 7) Approve 5th-6th grade field trip to Cispus Learning Center March 25-29, 2024

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

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Holmes shared that he will send a levy flyer out in the mail and e-mail after the holidays. He also plans to have one or two community levy discussions via Zoom.

13. COMMENTS: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Capital Levy Ending Fund Priority List
- B. Board Self Evaluation – (January)

14. ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lowe adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved by:

Dave Holmes
Secretary/Superintendent

Kent Furman
Vice Chairman, Board of Directors