

**North Mason School District
Regular Board Meeting, February 19, 2015**

Notes by Mary Swoboda

*[THESE NOTES ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE A VERBATIM
TRANSCRIPT]*

School board: Laura Boad, John Campbell, Dinah Lee Griffey, Leanna Krotzer, Art Wightman
Student board members are excused.
Superintendent Dana Rosenbach, Executive Director of Operations and Finance Joel Emery

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Fourteen people in audience, including Kaye Massie, Linnie Griffin, Joan Moore, Jacquelyn Mastel, Herb Gerhardt, Katherine Carey, Lauren Carey, Judy Scott, Mike Southerland, Grapeview School Superintendent Jay Hambly

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Leanna: Got to sit on a domestic violence trial.

John: Working on legislative agenda. Watching HB 1684, *Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests* (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1684&year=2015>). It allows state agencies to charge for public records provided electronically. First 10 megabytes would be free to the requestor, after that 15 cents per megabyte. This bill has brought together different people on different sides.

Also watching HB 1941, *Providing for a simple majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds at general elections* (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1941&year=2015>). It is a step in the right direction. School district bonds would need 50% to pass, but only in the November general election.

On April 1, Mason Transit will inaugurate its new community center. The Hawkins Middle School band will be there.

Dinah: Went to the North Mason Chamber gala. Happy Pioneer School District passed their bond.

CONSENT ITEMS

Dinah asked that her letter be included in last month's minutes.

Dana suggested a motion to amend the minutes showing that Dinah Griffey read her letter into the

record. A motion was made and was approved unanimously.

Laura asked if the letter is available on line?

Dana said it is available by request.

[NOTE: Dinah's letter is posted

here: http://commonsensemason.com/uploads/150115-dinah_Griffey-apology_To_Nm_Citizens-bd_Mtg.pdf]

Art asked for more information on the warming center grant -

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/524849> [See video 16:40]

Joel said they have received \$20,000 to enhance the warming center.

Art: The 2163 funds. Is that a county budget number?

Joel: Yes.

Art had a question under the policy review portion. [See video 18:10]. These policies came from the state. Are they boilerplate?

Dana: Some things are required. WSSDA (WA State School Directors' Association -

<http://www.wssda.org> - manages schools in Washington State. They look at legislation. They draft policies. They send school districts recommended policies and procedures. WSSDA does a good job making sure school districts keep up to date. Rarely has she seen so many policies coming out...this winter they have been really busy. They make sure the language they recommend aligns with all the various laws, both RCW (Revised Code of WA) and WAC (WA Administrative Code). Dinah asked if a link could be included to the RCW or WAC.

Dana said the service they use doesn't have that, but she'd ask about it.

Dana said they (NMSD) can correct grammar as long as it doesn't substantially change the overall meaning of the policy or procedure.

These are the policies the school board approved:

Policy 2107 Comprehensive Early Literacy Plan (p. 110)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/523418>

Policy 2140 Guidance and Counseling (p. 112)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/522900>

Policy 2150 Co-Curricular Program (p. 116)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/523402>

Policy 2151 Interscholastic Activities (p. 118)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/522902>

Policy 2410 Graduation Requirements (p. 122)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/525920>

Policy 3115 Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services (p. 127)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/523400>

Policy 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (p. 130)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/523431>

Policy 3210 Nondiscrimination (p. 133)

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/523454>

Policy 3231 Student Records (p. 135)
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/524328>
Policy 3417 Catheterization (p. 138)
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/524424>
Policy 3510 Associated Student Bodies (p. 140)
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/524401>
Policy 5000 Recruitment and Selection of Staff (p. 142)
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/524403>
Policy 5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action (p. 144)
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/525400>
Policy 5011 Sexual Harassment (p. 147)
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/524452>
Policy 6220 Bid Requirements (p. 150)
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/523219>

Dinah asked about the surplus textbooks -
<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/524618>. [See video 22:30] Many books were never used; what happens to them?

Dana: There's a procedure where we let other districts know, but first we let our district know. If our district or another district doesn't want them we can make them available to the public. There will be a really big surplus this summer as we move from the old high school to the new high school.

3. NEW HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY [Video 26:55]

Motion made by Dinah to approve the quote provided to the district by MicroK12, the only authorized Epson reseller for education. These projectors are part of the approved expenditures for infrastructure, technology at the high school. They are part of the planned deployment of new technology in our new high school. <https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/525847>

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Knowledge Bowl students will be at the March school board meeting. This is the first time in 13 years they go to State competition. <http://www.nmsd.wednet.edu/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&ModuleInstanceId=809&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=2893&PageID=1>

Discussion on suicide in adolescents. Dana asked students to get involved. Program is called Project Citizen, and they are developing strong support for their peers. They will also be at the board meeting next month.

Dana received a letter from Governor Inslee acknowledging NMSD as one of the top performing districts in the state for college-bound scholarship program signups. They have exceeded the state

average. It targets students in poverty. The students must maintain a C average and don't get in trouble with the law.

Joel: Budget Report. Financially we are on-course. There are a lot of moving parts. Budget status report here: <https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/526004>

Dana: District Success Plan Review: <https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/523223>

Dana: Capital Projects. Would like to take a recess during the April board meeting so the board and audience can take a tour of the building progress. Cautiously optimistic we'll be on time.

Dana supports the legislation that returns sales tax to schools.
[She is referring to SB 5927 and HB 1583: *Exempting school districts from the state portion of sales and use taxes on school construction*. <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5927&year=2015> and <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1583&year=2015>]

Dana: Budget Guidelines and Planning -- We are early in the process as we anticipate legislative action may have a significant impact on budget planning for 2015-16. In the meantime, we are establishing priorities and working with district leadership to build a 2015-16 budget that supports effective program planning to ensure success for all our students. Although we have developed a tentative budget planning calendar, it may be adjusted as more information becomes available at the state level. <https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/526179>

COMMUNITY LINKAGE PLANNING AND MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

There will be a joint board letter in April. Art wondered what to write about. Laura said the most exciting thing right now is the construction project. John has written past letters for the entire board. Art said he would love to delegate the writing to John.

ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND POLICY REVIEW

ER-9 Communication with the Public

Laura is pleased to see Dana at so many events. Pleased that in such a short time Dana has infused

herself in many organizations. Being on Twitter and Facebook has been a benefit. Superintendent performance is in compliance.

Communication with Public Monitoring Response -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/522926>

Communication with the Public -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/522922>

Communication with Public Monitoring Report -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/525761>

ER-12 Student Conduct and Discipline

Superintendent performance is in compliance.

Student Conduct Discipline Monitoring Response -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/522927>

Student Conduct and Discipline -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/522923>

Student Conduct Discipline Monitoring Report -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/526170>

Art: Need to partner with the community to provide mental health support.

Laura: Looks like there's some really good interventions going on.

ADJOURNMENT

Comments from the Public

Katherine Carey *[Video 1:03:55]* Got here before the executive session. I asked what it was about and the superintendent said litigation. Who did your lawyer talk to?

Art: We are not allowed to talk about what goes on in executive session. Talk to the superintendent. We have not met with the lawyer.

Herb Gerhardt *[Video 1:07:10]* Made a disclaimer statement. I am speaking as a private citizen. I appreciate the board members. They are taking abuse from the public. Don't get me wrong, that's your job. I'm glad you are dedicated. Would like the board to reconsider their policy on reimbursements...they should get a stipend for the meetings they attend.

Jacquelyn Mastel *[Video 1:09:23]* Made an observation on the Theler trail and the presentation by Pat McCullough last month. She thought using two sets of elevation measurements were too confusing. Should use just one set. The school board is responsible for public safety and honoring agreements. They have fiscal responsibility. She also said high school kids aren't the only ones thinking of suicide. Younger children think about it too.

Mary Swoboda *[Video 1:11:54]* There was good discussion, but I didn't hear a motion to approve the consent items. I'm glad Detric (MasonWebTV)

is here so that I can listen to the meeting again to see if I missed it.

[COMMENT: I did listen to the meeting after it was published. I heard the motion, but I did not hear Art call for a vote to approve the consent items.]

Mike Southerland *[Video 1:12:48]* Throughout the community I'm hearing nothing but positive comments about NMSD. Everybody in this room should be really proud.

BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dinah: I'm glad to see community members attending our meetings.

Dana: We want to recognize past graduates of North Mason. People can nominate. Want to recognize five graduates each year and show what great things they are doing. <http://www.nmsd.wednet.edu/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=1&ModuleInstanceID=809&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=2849&PageID=1>

Art: Upon recollection, I'm pretty sure we approved the consent items, but I allowed discussion to continue afterward, so it was handled a little differently.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT OF THE MEETING

Laura graded the board.

Next board meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

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