

**North Mason School District #403  
Regular Board Meeting  
4/14/2015 6:30 PM**

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

**School Board:** Laura Boad, John Campbell, Leanna Krotzer. Dinah Griffey and Art Wightman are ill and excused.

**Superintendent:** Dana Rosenbach

**Student Board Members:** absent

**Audience:** Ken VanBuskirk, Kaye Massie, Joan Moore, Cat Ross, Brad Carey, unknown woman, Eric (project manager?)

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<http://masonwebtv.com/archives/14453> (1 hour, 18 minutes.

*Numbers in parentheses below indicate the start of a particular segment of the meeting)*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

a. **Meeting Call to Order.** John Campbell called the meeting to order.

b. **Flag Salute.** John led the Pledge of Allegiance. He purposely did not say "under God" and then flubbed the rest of the pledge. (1:11)

c. **Approval of Agenda.** Agenda approved.

d. **DECA Students' SBE Achieves Gold Re-Certified Status.** A number of students have been selected to attend national competition. Presentation has been rescheduled to the May board meeting since not all participants are able to attend this month's meeting.

e. **Public Comments on Agenda Items.** We welcome comments from the public but we won't have dialog with them. Board meeting guidelines -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532279>

Ken VanBuskirk asked the board to consider modifying the minutes of March 25 showing Dinah didn't arrive until after the board recessed into executive session. John said he didn't have a problem with it and instructed Denise to make the change. (7:32)

f. **Board Member Comments.** Individual Board Members will have the opportunity to comment on any topic they deem pertinent.

Laura has been ill.

Leanna has been fairly busy, nothing to share.

John. Every Friday there is a conference call with all legislative board member representatives in the state who want to be on the line.

**2. CONSENT ITEMS.** *The consent agenda enables the Board to efficiently deal with matters that have been delegated to the Superintendent, but by law must be approved by the Board. Items on the consent agenda are voted upon as one block and approved with one vote. An item may be removed from the consent agenda only*

*upon approval of a majority of the Board. The administration recommends that the Board of Directors...approve the consent agenda as presented (or as modified at the meeting).*

Laura moved to accept the consent agenda with the change Ken requested on March 25 minutes. Approved.

**a. Minutes of previous meeting**

March 19, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532282>

March 25, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532833>

b. **Accounts Payable.** Approval of General Fund Warrants, Capital Projects Fund Warrants, and Associated Student Body Program Fund Warrants.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532829>

c. **Payroll.** Approval of Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532884>

d. **Personnel Report.** Approval of employee hire recommendations.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/533525>

e. **Donations.** Approval of donations to NMSD.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532284>

f. **Policy Review.** Revisions to current district policies.

*[What policies? Can the school board approve without knowing which policies they are approving? -mary]*

**g. Agreements/Contracts.**

*(1) New NMHS Contract Change Orders. As occurs during construction projects, some changes to the original contract become necessary. One change is a slight calendar adjustment that will not negatively impact our plans to open in the fall and has no additional cost, as well as a change order with numerous changes necessary to building completion. The changes submitted keep us well within our budget.*

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/534306>

*After approval of the consent items there was additional discussion/explanation by the superintendent and Eric (project manager?).*

**h. Surplus Textbooks/Reading**

**Material/Equipment.** Approval to surplus outdated and/or unusable textbooks/reading material from Belfair Elementary.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532281>

**i. New Course Request**

CTE Science -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/531424>

Fine Arts -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/531422>

Bridge to College ELA Math -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532832>

Bridge to College ELA Fall -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532831>

Bridge to College ELA Spring -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532830>

*Dana talked about this too after approval of the consent items. Higher integration of math. Fine arts. Bridge*

courses help kids show what they know. Common Core standards are designed to show kids are ready to enter the workforce or college. John has heard concerns about too much testing. He asked if the new building has anything to do with these new courses? Dana: absolutely. John: Some things can't be done without adequate tools. Leanna excited about this course.

j. **Belfair Elementary Water Line.** Approval to turn over water line at Belfair Elementary to Belfair Water District.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532885>

More discussion after approval of consent items.

k. **2016-2017 District School Calendar.** *In support of our commitment to a multi-year calendar, the district and NMEA developed a 2016-2017 calendar. The 2015-2016 calendar was submitted at the March meeting. Going forward we will submit a new calendar each Spring, so that we always have 2 years of upcoming calendars available to staff and families for planning.*

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/534319>

More discussion after approval of consent items.

### 3. BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND LINKAGE

#### a. Superintendent Update

(1) **Budget Status Update 2014-15.** Current budget update in the board packet. Executive Director of Operations and Finance, Joel Emery, gave an update. March financials: we're holding steady. About 58% of way thru year. \$839,000 fund balance.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/533562>

Enrollment History-Elementary 2006-2015 -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/533563>

Enrollment History-Middle School 2006-2015 -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/533565>

Enrollment History-High School 2006-2015 -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/533564>

(2) **Teaching and Learning Update**

(3) **Capital Projects.** Flurry of activity on new high school. Covered play areas at both elementary schools are coming along.

(4) **2015-2016 Budget Planning**

(5) **Washington Student Achievement Council -**

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532458>

WASA (<http://www.wasa-oly.org>) has info on McCleary decision. Randy Dorn had a press conference to share his plan

(<http://www.k12.wa.us/Communications/FullyFundPlan/default.aspx>).

(6) **Appropriate Online Behavior Training.** District policy 2022 requires that **all students** be educated about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and cyberbullying awareness and response (<http://app.eduportal.com/share/25D71669-0>). To that end the district has contracted with *Katelyn Leclerc Greer* to present to students and parents/community members. The event is scheduled for

April 16th, with a presentation at each of the schools for the students and an evening presentation for parents and community members. [*Greer worked for the Massachusetts state police as an intelligence analyst and Internet safety coordinator at the Massachusetts Attorney General's office.*] This is why we're having the board meeting tonight, because this training will be Thursday. Greer's material will be geared toward the age group she is working with. The evening presentation is for adults only, over 18. The time is 7 PM at the high school gym.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532637>

b. **Community Linkage Planning and Message of the Month.** *The board has been provided a calendar of community meetings and events that they may choose to attend in order to better connect with the public.*

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532443>

(1) **Legislative Updates. (53:15)** John reported that WSSDA (<http://wssda.org>) has a legislative agenda. School districts can provide input. Dana & Joel identified the bus formula for mileage compensation. John proposes NMSD sponsor legislation that would become a WSSDA position: bus mileage compensation for rural districts. WSSDA wants to know if multiple board members support this idea or just one. Dana recommended a motion. Leanna moved to let WSSDA know multiple board members support this idea. Approved.

c. **Upcoming North Mason Life Columnists**

May - Due 4/27/15 - John Campbell

June - Due 6/1/15 - Leanna Krotzer

July - No article

### 4. ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND POLICY REVIEW

a. **Monitoring Reports.** *The school board adheres to the principles of Policy Governance ©. The board has written four sets of policies: Ends, Executive Requirements, Board-Superintendent Relationships, and Governance Process. The Ends policies describe the student outcomes the superintendent is charged with achieving. The Executive Requirement policies set the parameters within which the superintendent must operate as he/she leads the district toward the expected Ends. The Board-Superintendent Relationships policies describe the way in which the board will oversee the superintendent's performance and the superintendent will support the board. The Governance Process policies describe how the board and its individual members shall conduct business, represent the community, and relate to each other. No less than once per year, the Board receives and considers evidence regarding the level of compliance with the provisions of these four sets of policies, a few at each meeting. The following are those policies to be monitored during this meeting.*

(1) **ER-11 (District Calendar).** *The administration recommends that...the board find the superintendent's performance to comply with the requirements of ER-11.*

Monitoring Response ER-11 District Calendar - <http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532453>

ER-11 District Calendar - <http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532452>

ER-11 District Calendar Monitoring Report - <http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532503>

Laura moved to accept the monitoring report the superintendent has provided for ER-11. Laura is really pleased we're doing the calendar two years out. It allows families to plan. Board approved.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

a. **Announcements and Comments: Public.** *The NMSD Board of Directors values the opinion and input of the community. This is an opportunity for the public to offer comments on issues whether or not they are on the agenda.*

**Cat Ross.** (1:00:30) Was hoping to see DECA here tonight. North Mason Chamber will have a Relay for Life sponsorship this year. Invited the school district to participate and invite a student to walk with you. Relay for Life is June 19-20. The opening ceremony starts at 6 PM. The 18th hour closing ceremony is at noon on the 20th. Theme: *May the Cure be with You.* Scholarships. (1:02:20) Is in the process of writing them. Our students are asking for money to go to college. Their English, grammar, sentence structure is atrocious. Perhaps someone could teach a class to help them write requests for scholarships.

**Brad Carey.** (1:04:51) Theler wasn't mentioned at all this evening. I have questions. What is the status of the Theler property and projects? Are current courses being offered down there right now? I'm not getting answers, not getting records. What is this board going to do about allowing the public to ask questions about Theler? Money paid into Theler seems to be all gone, not accounted for. Is anyone trying to find out what happened to this money? It appears the superintendent and board are not concerned about validating and figuring out what happened.

**Ken VanBuskirk.** (1:09:40) Excited to see the new science class will involve agriculture. Offered the Davis Farm as a possible venue. Attended the last county commission meeting held in this room where there was a discussion about raising the speed limit around the Sand Hill school zone. No one from the school district attended. I encourage you to obtain a copy of Lary Coppola's Executive Director report discussing whether the Port of Allyn should take over Theler. I recently received from the school district an EIS through a public records request. Why wasn't this given to the Theler committee in the first place? Why did I have to do a public records request to discover it? I continue to offer to walk with any of you on Theler trail and point out significant

liabilities and maintenance issues that haven't been addressed.

b. **Announcements and Comments: Board & Superintendent.** *This is an opportunity for Board Members and the Superintendent to make any comments or announcements that may or may not be related to agenda items or public comments.*

Dana: (1:12:33) The first three graduates of distinction will be recognized as part of the NMSD high school graduation ceremony. Peggy VanBuskirk is one of those to be honored.

John had a really good time listening to senior presentations.

c. **Board Self-Assessment of Meeting.** Leanna did the board's self-assessment of the meeting and found it to be satisfactory.

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/532455>

d. **Next Board Meeting Date.** *The next school board meeting will be held on May 21, 2015 at 6:30pm at the NMSD Administration Office Boardroom.*

e. **Meeting Adjournment.** John adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM.