

**North Mason School District
Regular Board Meeting, 6/18/2015, 6:30 PM
NOTES By Mary Swoboda**

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Meeting agenda here:

<https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/540292>

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<http://masonwebtv.com/archives/14453#more-14453>

School Board: Laura Boad, John Campbell, Dinah Lee Griffey, Leanna Krotzer, Art Wightman
Superintendent: Dana Rosenbach, Executive Director of Operations and Finance, Joel Emery
New student board member, Adin Welander
Audience: Joan Moore, Jennifer Landreth, Kaye Massie, Brad Carey, Herb Gerhardt, Linnie Griffin, Travis Couture, Arla from Mason County Life and 8 unknowns

Board President Wightman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

John Campbell made motion to approve meeting agenda. No discussion and board approved.

Art stressed to the audience that these meetings are not community hearings. There were no public comments at this time, although Brad Carey did try to make a "point of order" and Art vigorously banged his gavel at him.

Art admitted he overlooked the Board Self-Assessment of the May meeting. Dinah Griffey evaluated, ultimately giving the board a "satisfactory," while downgrading the board for not taking Ken VanBuskirk's public safety comments at the May meeting more seriously. Art said he was not feeling great about what happened last month, but he feels very strongly that these board meetings are for the board and that's why they have board meeting guidelines. "Our agenda is our agenda." Board meeting guidelines can be read here: <http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542051>

The board had a discussion on the idea of having community forums that would allow the public to freely talk about what's on their minds.

Dinah: Would like a forum so the community can talk to us, voice their concerns. The community is our boss, we work for them, not the school district. She wants people to know the school board cares.

Leanna: Would love to set up more than one or two a year. Be a voice for others. Agrees with Art that these meetings are for us. The public does bring issues to the superintendent or principals, but she would like to know if those issues get resolved. Doesn't like to find out a community member is unhappy from an unresolved issue.

John: Community forums should be saved for big-ticket items where we need to get community input. The main focus could be modeled on an earlier forum regarding Theler, which allowed for individual discussion. Doesn't think people who don't attend school board meetings would attend community forums. If people have concerns they can say so at the beginning or the end of every board meeting.

Laura: Our community forums in the past have been targeted to a particular subject, such as Theler or the bond. A general forum where people can bring up a broad variety of issues would not be good.

Dinah: She doesn't think any one person has a monopoly on ideas. She is dedicated to making sure she is available to the community.

Leanna: People are screaming to be heard. I don't know how to do this.

John: We are out there in the community, visible, not under a rock.

Art: What I'm hearing is most of us want to try something like that.

Laura: I think we should, we have nothing to lose. Perhaps a forum at the beginning of the school year.

Superintendent Dana Rosenbach: Perhaps a tour of the new school, show and tell.

John: A forum in September in the new building can show the community what we achieve together. People can see where their taxpayer dollars have gone.

Dana: The scheduled completion date of the high school is August 28.

Leanna: Maybe a beginning of the school year and end of the school year forum.

Art: I'm hearing consensus. A motion isn't necessary.

John: This can be a rolling agenda item for the summer.

CONSENT ITEMS

The board approved the consent items.

Minutes from May 2015 Regular School Board Meeting -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/540651>

Amended minutes from April 23 2015 Special Board meeting -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/540452>

Approval of General Fund Warrants, Capital Projects Fund Warrants, and Associated Student Body Program Fund Warrants -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/540652>

Approval of Payroll and Employee Benefits Warrants -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542053> and

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542886>

Approval of employee hire recommendations -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542521>

Approval of donations to NMSD -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/541014>

Approval of new course request - Vet Tech -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/540481>

Both John and Dinah commented on this. Dinah said she was glad the board tabled approval of the Vet Tech course last month so they could read it more closely. She is really impressed with the class.

Approve surplusing of outdated and/or unusable textbooks/reading material.

...Surplus - NMHS - <http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542457>

...Surplus - HMS - <http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542456>

...Surplus PACE HomeLink -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542417>

Approval of Resolution 13-G-15 HMS Replacement & Modernization Constructability review. This furthers the process towards completing the D-7 process with OSPI -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/542806>

Approval to establish a new ASB Travel Club in NMHS to assist in offsetting costs of a trip planned for next Spring -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/543077>

Superintendent Rosenbach said the Travel Club is planning an educational trip and in order to raise funds they must be a legitimate club. Raising funds makes sure no one is excluded because the parents can't afford to pay.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT AND LINKAGE

Superintendent Update

* Superintendent Rosenbach introduced the **new principal** of Belfair Elementary, Dan King. He previously worked at ESD 114 and Central Kitsap School District (CKSD). Also Forks School District. He did a lot of work at NMSD through ESD 114 and has

built a lot of relationships with teachers and administrators in the district. He's excited about working with the superintendent. His family lives in Silverdale. He has a strong interest in science and also taught at CKSD.

* **Budget Status update** by Joel Emery. Currently three-quarters of the way through the year. Budget is \$17.2 million. Have spent \$16.2 million.

* **Capital Projects update** by Project Engineer Eric.

* **Teaching and Learning update** by Anne Crosby, Director of CTE/CompEd and Alternative Principal [start at 1:07:20]. View slide presentation here: <http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/543456>.

NMSD has been missing hands-on experience so are bringing opportunities back into the school district curriculum rather than sending students to West Sound Tech. They have not been successful teaching some of the male students and have added advanced woodworking and fiberglass classes. NMSD has always had a strong business program and are now adding finance classes. Health sciences is the fastest growing career. West Sound Tech is teaching welding and construction trade courses. Have hired a science teacher who is interested in bringing some of the Theler wetlands classes back. Every course must have a leadership component. They consider future job outlook before adding new classes. They have a citizens advisory committee. They get input from shellfish companies, Pacific NW Salmon Center. They have a partnership with West Sound Tech. Career tech education has been at NMSD for at least 31 years. Each teacher plans at least two field trips a year plus bringing speakers in to talk to the students.

* **Theler update** by Superintendent Rosenbach [start at 1:26:10].

...Seven trees were removed from the Theler trails yesterday. They plan to remove a few more. The NMSD insurer did a review in January. Ken VanBuskirk requested they do it again, which they did this week. Overall, the insurer felt the trails were well maintained. There were no requests for any immediate action. The insurer reviewed the work NMSD was asked to do in January and thanked NMSD for being proactive in getting things fixed. The superintendent said she just received the report today and had not yet distributed it.

...Last August there was a Theler community forum. As a result of that forum a Theler advisory committee was formed. The committee made a recommendation to publish a Request for Proposals, which the school district did. Only one proposal was received, from the Port of Allyn. The committee wanted the proposal brought to the school board. The superintendent talked to counsel. The proposal is a first step, a starting place. The superintendent recommends the board have her enter into negotiations with the Port of Allyn. Find something that is mutually agreeable to NMSD and the Port of Allyn. The 3-year lease...at the end the language seems to be that the two organizations enter into a transfer of ownership. Superintendent doesn't think it is in the interest of the board to have it be so concrete; need flexibility. A county commissioner expressed that a long-term solution could be to develop a parks district. There needs to be further discussion of the division of responsibility for repair. The Port of Allyn would lease for \$1 per year. On certain types of maintenance the Port of Allyn would do the work and NMSD would provide materials.

...Laura said to continue negotiating. John said it was a good opening step, explore options. Leanna said she was glad the Port of Allyn stepped up; she is interested in creating a parks district. Art said he thinks he's hearing consensus to pursue negotiations.

[Port of Allyn's Proposal to operate Theler Center can be read here: http://commonsensemason.com/uploads/150521-port_of_allyn_of_interest_to_operate_theler.pdf]

ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND POLICY REVIEW

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.

E-4 School Engagement

The administration recommends that ... the board find the superintendent's performance to comply with the requirements of School Engagement -

<http://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/540433>.

The board approved. Art said he appreciates that NMSD has a swimming program (they contract with Peninsula School District). Laura said the number of activities for Sandhill students is greater than Belfair Elementary students. The superintendent said she is working on that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Art apologized to Brad Carey for being abrupt.

Cat Ross: The North Mason Chamber has a team for Relay for Life. It is set for this Saturday at Theler. NM Resources is sponsoring a 100-year Belfair barn dance in August. They are also making a time capsule, to be opened in 2115. Asked the board to submit something. The deadline is August 15.

Brad Carey: Accepted apology. He would like to see the board change the public comments to engage in dialog. He can't get answers so has to make public records requests. When he still doesn't get answers the next step is litigation. Reminded the board they work for us, the community. Said Policy Governance is failing. People have to go around the district to get things done, like Ken VanBuskirk did, contacting his legislator about dangerous trees at Theler, and still the school district takes credit.

Herb Gerhardt: Likes the idea of community forums. The public should have the opportunity to share their feelings and concerns.

I left. Didn't wait around to hear how the board graded itself on its performance at tonight's meeting.

The board had a 30-minute executive session regarding superintendent evaluation. They reconvened the meeting to approve the superintendent's contract for 2 years.

Meeting adjourned. Watch the entire meeting at MasonWebTV - <http://masonwebtv.com/archives/14453#more-14453> (<https://youtu.be/06udNNGClyk>)