

Board Chair Holley Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Pam Daly, Nathanael O'Hara, Jennifer James-Wilson, Anne Burkart, and Holley Carlson. Also present were Superintendent David Engle, staff, and community members.

Anne Burkart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Burkart moved to approve the agenda. Pam Daly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Shining Star Awards

Superintendent Engle presented a Shining Star award to Ann Healy-Raymond for her outstanding work as the District Library/Media Specialist, and for managing several projects this summer, including the new phone system and new web hosting service.

Public Comments: None

Public Hearing: Proposed 2014-15 Budget

The public hearing was opened at 6:10 p.m. Business Manager Sara Bonneville said a Draft Local Budget Summary is available for public viewing at the District Office and is also posted on the website. She explained that the 2014-15 budget projects an annual average full-time equivalency (AAFTE) of 1,151 for the district. Ms. Bonneville described projected expenditures and revenues for 2014-15.

Shining Star Awards

The budget hearing was recessed at 6:35 pm to present Shining Stars to recipients who had just arrived. Dr. Engle presented Shining Star Awards to Neil Pothoff and Jean Camfield for their work with the Port Townsend High School Scholarship Foundation, which has awarded more than \$500,000 to at least 700 students since 1974.

The budget hearing reconvened at 6:45 pm. Ms. Bonneville went over proposed 2014-15 budgets for the ASB (Associated Student Body), Debt Service, Capital Projects, and Transportation Vehicle Funds. Funding for Food Service in the proposed budget has been increased slightly to give the Food Service Director, Brad Taylor, the ability to explore purchasing more local foods for use in the school cafeterias. Ms. James-Wilson suggested a list of projects that have been or are scheduled to be completed using funds from the capital projects levy be posted online with the draft budget.

There were no public comments regarding the proposed 2014-15 budget.

The budget hearing was closed at 6:55 pm, and Board Chair Carlson called a short recess. The meeting was reconvened at 6:57 pm.

Reports

Thoughtstream – Brad Taylor

A presentation from Thoughtstream was given through Go-to-Meeting to the Board. It was explained Thoughtstream is a company the District contracted with to conduct surveys through email with staff and parents/guardians. In May and June, 2014, emails were sent inviting participants to share their thoughts regarding three questions about the District:

- What is working well?
- What can we continue to improve?
- What should students be able to accomplish or experience?

In the second phase, participants were then given the top thoughts from the survey and asked to prioritize them.

The goal of the survey was to share with the community the direction of the District over the next few years. Some of the survey results were shared, and shortly a website will be provided where the public can also view the results. The Board discussed ways to involve more of the community in future surveys. Nathanael O'Hara asked what the cost was for this service. Mr. Taylor said the contract was for two years and was approximately \$10,000.

Action Items

Approval of Resolution 14-13; Adopt the Budget for the 2014-15 School Year

Ms. Burkart moved to approve Resolution 14-13, to adopt the budget for the 2014-15 school year including:

- General Fund - \$13,955,720
- Transportation Vehicle Fund - \$55,200
- Capital Projects Fund - \$1,737,239
- Debt Service Fund – 60,723
- Associated Student Body Fund - \$389,968

Ms. James-Wilson seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Ms. Bonneville thanked the Finance Committee for their help in drafting the budget.

Approval of Amendment to School Calendar for 2014-15

Superintendent Engle explained that after adopting the Peace4Kids Program, it was necessary to place two District half-day early releases together to accommodate training for the program. It is proposed that both September 10 and 11, 2014 be early release days, for Grant Street and Blue Heron only, and removing the early release from January 14, 2015. Ms. Daly said it may be a good idea to send a letter to parents explaining the Peace4Kids Program and the reason for the calendar change. Mr. O'Hara moved to amend the 2014-15 school calendar to reflect these changes. Ms. Daly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Board Member Announcements/Suggestions for Future Meetings

Dr. Engle said he would not be at the July 28, 2014 Board meeting.

Next Meeting: July 28, 2014, Regular Meeting, 1610 Blaine Street, Room S-11, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engle, Secretary

Holley Carlson, Board Chair