

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

December Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015 - 6:45am – IHOP Restaurant

Board Member Attendance (PT=part-time):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Cawley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missy Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Farris	<input type="checkbox"/> Deborah Gauck
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti/Jim Gylling	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Larson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John MacRae
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike McCloskey	<input type="checkbox"/> Trish Perna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Slothower	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Wachsmith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Wedin			

Guests in Attendance:

Jeff Cochran and Mike Welch, ESD Technology; Rachel Caron.

Call to order - 6:50 by Jeff Slothower

Previous Meeting Minutes Discussion:

Missy moved to approve the November minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Richard Wachsmith – There was not much movement with the budget in November. Attached.

Superintendent's report - Paul Farris

With the current snowfall, Paul explained the issues that surface regarding the normal operation of school, deciding when to cancel or have a late start, and the safety concerns to think about. He is looking forward to the 12 holiday programs that will be offered throughout the district this month. The Board of Directors will be discussing a resolution for Maintenance and Operations levy to be held in early February. This will also offer a capital levy for technology to help upgrade our network, increase WiFi coverage and add important hardware in the schools. Much discussion followed. Paul reported the sports teams are doing well this year, and gave a shout out to Eric Davis, former Athletic Director, for the mental toughness trainings and motivational speakers he organized during his time here. Paul also discussed the ESD group that is gathering to discuss ways to decrease the amount of testing being done in the district at every grade. Cathie Day, EHS Librarian, has written some great articles for our local paper on the negative effects of too much testing.

Technology- Jeff Cochran and Mike Welch

The tech levy will run with the M&O levy in February and will fund \$4 million over 6 years. A handout was distributed showing the priorities for the levy including laptops for grades 5-12, additional tablet carts for testing/labs, a network upgrade, standardizations for technology in each building, projectors, and training. This will be an important levy for our district. Jeff again mentioned how much he appreciated the help given by Jim Gylling as they determine what is needed in the district. The cart our Foundation helped to purchase is working well at Lincoln and this is a positive sign that carts will work in other buildings too. Our district has also transitioned to Google Docs and this has been a great change. Chromebooks will be purchased as they have proven to last longer than other options. The new website should be up and running in late December/early January with the new address ending in 'esd401.org'.

Committee Reports:

Correspondence – no report.

Scholarships – follow up discussion on the Scholarship Fair tabled until January

Officers and Board – Rachel Caron was introduced as a parent possibly interested in becoming a new Board member.

Fundraising – Mary distributed bid packets and discussed their contents. An overview of deadlines was discussed. We will stuff invitations at our next meeting in January.

Finance – No report.

Associate Groups - No report.

Other Business: Dick reported on the work he is doing to update our grant request form and online information. With some feedback from our Board, he will present the final draft in January.

New Business- none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Next meeting- January 4th - 6:45 a.m., IHOP Restaurant

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Gordon
ESDEF Secretary