

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 6:45 AM – Zoom

Board Member Attendance:

Tor Blaisdel Michele Cawley Amy Cziske Deborah Gauck	Mary Gordon Jinger Haberer Cara Marrs Mike McCloskey Lowell Murphree	Brandon Robertson Maureen Rust Dan Shissler Dick Wedin
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Board Members Absent/Excused: Tara Brown

Welcome and Call to Order: Mike called the meeting to order at 6:50 AM.

Approval of May Minutes: Mary moved to approve the May 6, 2020 minutes. Maureen seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dick emailed the May 31, 2020 and 2019 financial statements prepared by Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith. Assets as of May 31, 2020 were:

- General checking: \$42,738
- Storms payment account: \$16,775
- Edward Jones accounts: \$1,237,507
- Net assets, restricted: \$1,237,776
- Net assets, unrestricted: \$59,244
- Total net assets: \$1,297,020

Maureen asked about the endowment account. Dick reported that the Board allocates 10% of proceeds from the fundraiser and 100% of proceeds from the fall solicitation to the endowment account, which is titled the Education Trust in financial statements.

Superintendent's Report: Jinger meets with Dr. Larson from the Public Health Department on a weekly basis; he reported that if both people in close contact wear masks, the risk of COVID-19 transmission is greatly reduced. Re: busses in the fall, if students need to be six feet apart from one another, the District can only fit 12-15 students on a bus. But if all students wore masks, it could put all students on a bus. The question is, how will the driver enforce students keeping masks on? Jinger reported that the District will consider models, e.g., maybe another adult rides the bus to enforce compliance. A committee and focus groups will consider several classroom models for fall: all students back in the classroom, some students back in the classroom and some students distance learning, or all students distance learning. The District will receive official models from OSPI next week. The week of June 15, the District will facilitate two community groups, two English-speaking parent groups, and a Spanish-speaking parent group. About 150 residents have signed up for focus groups. On June 17th, a committee comprised of staff, parents, and Board members will review focus groups ideas and make a recommendation, which Jinger will present to the Board on June 24. The District will continue to explore technology models; it anticipates that some students will continue distance learning because of transmission concerns. Jinger agrees that the ESDEF should be able to

send information directly to staff; if the ESDEF submits a public record request, then the District can provide staff emails to the ESDEF. The District is serving 9,000 meals every week to students; it has served over 50,000 meals since March 16. Tor asked about staffing in the fall, especially for music programs. Jinger reported that the District will need to make major budget cuts this and next year; over \$1M in cuts in 2021-22. These cuts are necessary for the District to stay financially stable and keep its Board-required fund balance. Currently, if positions open through attrition, the District is not filling them. Budget cuts are necessary due to the McCleary decision, higher benefits, teacher raises, and COVID-19 expenses. The Governor will most likely call a special session in January 2021. The District's message to the community will be that it is trying to keep music and other programs, but that it must meet its budget.

Guest Attendance: Cathy Bambrick, from Infuse Strategy, reported that the June 11 strategic planning session will be challenging because it will be virtual. She shared the session charter to develop a three-year plan in June; in the fall, the Board will develop a one-year work plan. The plan will consider the effects of COVID-19 and the McCleary decision, but will primarily focus on how to grow the ESDEF. Cathy reviewed group boundaries, in-scope areas, expectations, and deliverables. She also shared the agenda, reviewed virtual etiquette, and how to annotate in Zoom.

Committee Reports/Activities

Caring Cupboard: Mary reported that she purchased pencils for a family, but hasn't had other requests from counselors. Dan reported that he has calculators to donate; Mary will pick them up.

Scholarships: Mike reported that scholarships will be distributed online.

Mailing Lists: No report.

Tile Wall: Dick reported that he will check with Fast Lane Signs about installing tiles now that it has reopened.

Kittitas County Youth Awards: Mike reported that the ceremony is still on hold.

Bylaws Update/Mission Statement Development: Amy reported that Dick updated the bylaws; Dick will send the final version to the Board.

Old Business:

Cap and Gown Request: Dick will follow up with Haley Naboychik. As the District has already filmed the graduation ceremony, there may not be a need for these funds.

June 11 Retreat 4-8: Mike reminded the Board about the strategic planning session.

Other retreat dates: Mary will email the Board about scheduling the fundraising retreat in August. The Board will also schedule another strategic planning session.

New Business:

Cathy Bambrick – Pre-Retreat Activity: Cathy will talk with strategic planning session presenters about Zoom presentations.

Board Survey Reminder: Mike reminded the Board to complete the strategic planning survey before the session. Mary commented that the survey was somewhat confusing.

E-mail Engagement with ESD Staff: Mike thanked Jinger for facilitating ESDEF's ability to email all staff.

Future Meetings: Future meetings will include a consent agenda.

Other: Michele reported that the Early Learning Coalition gave 200 books to incoming kindergarteners. Maureen reported that Cathie Day and Pat Doughty gave 500 books to EHS and

MMS students; these books were supported by ESDEF grants. Mike will send a card to Dan Patton, who is retiring; there will be a ceremony next Thursday from 4-6. The new Mt. Stuart principal is Kathi Keefer, currently the Assistant Principal. Assistant Principal positions may be cut next year.

Adjournment: Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:45 AM. The next regular board meeting will be July 1, 2020 at 6:45 AM via Zoom.

Submitted by Deborah Gauck, Secretary