

REPORTS

GUEST: High school counselor Laura Hama introduced Josiah Lara, who won a four-year full ride scholarship for emerging leaders at Gonzaga University.

BUILDING REPORTS: Middle School Principal Jim Straw reported K-8 staff worked on Step Up to Writing professional development during the recent late start. That same day para-educators were trained on a new Aimsweb feature, computer based assessments. Preschool teacher Barb Gady received a preschool literacy grant. Mr. Straw invited Board members to the President's wax museum event on February 22 where second grade students give biographical presentations. Fifteen students will compete in Math is Cool at Mount Spokane, he reported.

High School Principal Dave Smith reported his staff worked on common core standards during the late start. Students are setting mid-year goals with their advisors. He reviewed changes in math requirements for current freshmen. Seniors are working with Mrs. Hama on their scholarship applications. Wrestlers served meals recently at the Union Gospel Mission.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: CSG Representative Dan Gordon reported the final part of the elementary construction will be ready for student occupancy on February 21. The contractor is installing planters and seating in front of the elementary building. The roof is on the north canopy of the Palouse Transportation Cooperative, and the screen wall is complete.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ENROLLMENT: Mr. Russell reviewed February 1 enrollment at 900.65 with an annual average of 903.91 FTE.

NUTRITION SERVICES PROPOSAL: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services Jan Davis reported nutrition services has received requests from parents to be able to pay their lunch account fees using debit or credit cards. Many area districts are using a program called RevTrak which integrates with our Skyward student system. Nutrition Services Supervisor Raeann Ducar will bring a proposal to the Board on February 28.

LEVY UPDATE: Mr. Russell reported everyone is cautiously optimistic about the levy. A group will call voters Sunday evening to remind them to mail ballots.

FREEMAN 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN: Mr. Russell reported staff was given an overview of progress on the strategic plan. The district needs to develop a K-12 philosophy around professional development. On March 7 a group of teachers, classified staff, and administrators will meet to develop a systems approach to student learning. Board members will be asked to be a part of this conversation, he stated.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECOND READING OF POLICY 2255 – ALTERNATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS: Mr. Primmer read the first and last sentences of Policy 2255. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt the policy for second reading. Mr. Zingg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT RESOLUTION 6-2011/2012 – ASSET PRESERVATION PROGRAM: This resolution is required as part of the construction project and state matching funds received by the district. Mr. Goldsmith moved the Board adopt Resolution 6-2011/2012 – Asset Preservation Program. Mrs. Keebler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER INFORMATION: Mr. Primmer reviewed future Board meetings: February 28, March 8, and March 27.

PERSONNEL: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board went into executive session at 7:39 p.m. for the purpose set forth in RCW 42.30.110, specifically the following: to evaluate a public employee (the superintendent), such session estimated to be approximately 45 minutes in length. Mr. Primmer stated no action is anticipated after the session. The Board returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. with no further action.

Recording Secretary

Board Secretary

Board Chair