

**SHAW ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 10
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014 - 3:10 PM**

Chair Jennifer Swanson called the regular meeting to order at 3:15 pm. Board members present: Jennifer Swanson, Jon Shannon, John Bogert, and Cari Miller. Staff present: business manager Deanna Shannon and teachers Diane Clifton and Rachael Brown. Student reps present: Sophia Swanson and Dashia Ortega.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following directors were nominated, accepted the nomination, and were approved by all board directors present:

Chair: Jennifer Swanson
Vice Chair: Jon Shannon
Legislative Rep: Cari Miller
Recording Secretary: Gigi Allaway

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Jennifer pointed out a typo. *Jon moved that the November 11, 2014 regular meeting and 2015 Budget Hearing minutes be approved as corrected; John seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.*

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Jennifer moved “Student Representative Report” to after “Changes or Additions to the Agenda”. *Jon moved to approve the December 16, 2014 agenda as amended; John seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.*

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Sophia presented her science board on atoms. She explained atoms and how they work and she talked about nuclear power. The board members participated in her quiz on atoms. She explained QR (quick response) codes to the board. Dashia gave her power point presentation on osmosis. The presentation featured visual results of an experiment on eggs using vinegar and another using water and corn syrup.

CONSENT AGENDA: *Jon moved to approve the following items on the consent agenda:*

- *December 2014 Payroll in the amount of \$12,185.86*
- *General Fund Expenditures for the period ending December 16, 2014 in the amount of \$4,719.34*
- *November 2014 budget status report*

Cari seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATION: Deanna reported that former superintendent Rob Pattermann had called that day to send his greetings; the board responded warmly. John wanted to follow up on the thank you card to Jerry Jenkins.

TEACHER REPORT: Diane reported that she had attended a class at ESD 189 on the next generation science standards which focused on engaging students in science through engineering and technology and promoting problem solving and creativity. Jon expressed concern that

traditional scientific methods not be left behind. Rachael reported that the students had been working on poetry and that when Elaine Griffin presented the Emily Dickinson poem *I Dwell in Possibility*, the students had risen to the occasion and exceeded expectations in their interpretation of the challenging poem. Rachael stated that she was working separately with the fourth graders in Washington State history to further challenge them.

Jennifer reported that she had chaperoned the field trip to the San Juan Historical Museum in Friday Harbor as part of the students' Washington State history studies.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: The McCleary Decision and its effect on school apportionment was discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Superintendent:** Jennifer reported that Elsa Lengyel had returned to Shaw School after having started the year at Lopez Elementary and that she had met with Allison Lengyel prior to the re-enrollment.
2. **Physical Plant:** Jon reported that the committee would meet in January to map out the following year's projects. He stated that the recent wind storm had resulted in some low-hanging branches that would be taken care of.
3. **Instructional Support:** Jennifer reported that the committee had met the previous week. Topics discussed were a spring field trip, probably in the Tacoma area, and The Shaw Times. The Shaw Times would be revived, but the format would be "newsletter" rather than "newspaper". Jennifer reported that Diane Ball had evaluated the teachers in November using the University of Washington's 5 Dimensions of Teaching and Learning format. She would be doing a follow-up evaluation in March.
4. **Administration:** Jennifer reported that she, Cari, and Deanna had met. Topics covered were setting the agenda, clock hours, legislative reports, and records retention. A new crosscut shredder would be purchased to facilitate record destruction. Deanna stated that policy review with the WSSDA contract would begin in mid-January.

PROGRAM, CURRICULUM, AND ASSESSMENT: None.

PERSONNEL: None

BUDGET & FISCAL MATTERS

1. **Approval of math curriculum upgrade:** Jennifer stated that the current math curriculum did not meet Core Standards, but that a transition package was available for each grade level at a cost of \$950.00. Grades 1 through 5 were needed. The instructional materials budget line did not have adequate funds, but the expense could be paid through the REAP grant since the transition packages supplemented our curriculum, met the criteria to improve academic standards and achievement, and was part of an education reform plan (Core Standards). Purchasing the curriculum transition kits was discussed. *Jon moved that grades 1 through 5 transition kits at a cost of \$950 each be purchased with funds from Program 79; John seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.*
2. **Approval of retroactive clock hour pay for Diane Clifton:** The board had been sent a summary and supporting documents explaining that the school had mistakenly not accepted clock hours earned by Diane, which would have increased her salary in the 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14 school years for a total of \$4,374.54. Deanna stated that

the school could amend reports which would allow OSPI to revise the District's apportionment accordingly for any years not yet closed out by the State Auditor's Office; Deanna stated that only the 2013-14 school year remained open. Jon requested Deanna check into any payroll repercussions for both Diane and the District. ***Jon moved to approve the retroactive pay as prepared by the business manager; John seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.***

GENERAL

- 1. Proposal to change the February 17, 2015 meeting to February 10, 2015:** Jennifer stated the meeting on the 17th fell during mid-winter break and that board members and staff would be gone. ***Jon moved to change the February 17, 2015 meeting to February 10, 2015; John seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Chair, Jennifer Swanson

Recording Secretary, Gigi Allaway

Member, Jon Shannon

Member, John Bogert

Member, Cari Miller

Superintendent/Secretary to the Board
Jennifer Swanson