



Enumclaw School District
Board of Directors

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Board Work Study - November 4, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Byron Kibler Elementary
5:30 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Meeting

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

Dinner was called to order by Enumclaw School District Superintendent Mike Nelson at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Byron Kibler Elementary School. Dinner concluded at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Nelson explained the choice to have the meeting at Byron Kibler Elementary was made to build capacity and understanding of the need to rebuild the facility. The Enumclaw School Board hopes to run a bond during the November 2020 election and one portion of that bond would be constructing a new Byron Kibler Elementary School. The current building was built in 1953 and currently houses 448 students with 16.3 percent in portables and fixed classroom spaces with no flexible places for differentiation of learning. Windows, roof, insulation and walls are all in need of major repairs and electrical infrastructure does not have the capacity to continue to grow technology needs in the innovation era. There is also no cafeteria in the building; the small gym must be used for this purpose. There are also 46 doors with direct access into the building.

Mr. Nelson then invited everyone to tour the facility between 6:25 p.m. and 6:40 p.m., ending back in the gymnasium, where the business portion of the meeting would take place.

The meeting of the Board of Directors and Cities of Enumclaw and Black Diamond was called to order by Superintendent Nelson, at 6:40 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Present for the Enumclaw School District:

Bryan Stanwood – School Board President

Tina McGann – School Board Vice President

Nancy Merrill – School Board Member

Tyson Gamblin – School Board Member

Emma Murphy – School Board Student Representative

Mike Nelson – Superintendent

School Board Member Jennifer Watterson and Student Representative Olivia Quinnett were excused.

Present for the City of Enumclaw:

Mayor Jan Molinaro
Chance La Fleur – City Councilmember
Anthony Wright – City Councilmember
Beau Chevassus – City Councilmember
Tony Binion – City Councilmember
Chris Searcy – City Administrator
Bob Huebler – Enumclaw Police Chief
Tim Floyd – Enumclaw Police Commander
Tony Ryan – Enumclaw Police Commander
Joe Nanavich – Information Services Manager
Travis Rose – IT Tech

Present for the City of Black Diamond:

Mayor Carol Benson
Tamie Deady – City Councilmember
Erin Stout – City Councilmember
Melissa Oglesbee – City Councilmember
Janie Edelman – City Councilmember
Chris Wisnoski – City Councilmember
Patrick Nelson – City Councilmember
Steven Paige – City Councilmember

II. WORKSHOP STUDY SESSION

A. Joint meeting with Black Diamond and Enumclaw City Councils

(Information)

City of Black Diamond

Mayor Benson of the City of Black Diamond began with her presentation. She shared a photo of their current city council members, all of whom were in attendance. Other slides highlighted employees of City Hall, Community Development, Public Works, Master Development Review Team, Police and Fire Departments, the Municipal Court, and the Black Diamond Community Center. Mayor Benson's presentation detailed many aspects of the City of Black Diamond and its growth. This year alone, 108 new homes have been purchased and there are 221 finished homes for sale, with many more under construction. The sales taxes revenue from these homes has added to the City's financial stability. With the City's growth has come a need for additions of roundabouts, sidewalks, and trails to assist with safety and traffic improvements, as well as increase the City's walkability for students and patrons. New growth has also welcomed new businesses to Black Diamond. New businesses include Black Gold Coffee Company, Provident Electric, Lumber House Brewery, Drop Box Mattress, Lifetime Products, Redline Mechanical, Children's Therapy Center and Roast Republic. The Ten Trails Master Planned Development now has a civic park and the construction of multi-family units is scheduled to begin this year. Mayor Benson also highlighted a Public Works Department grant from King county for the Covington Creek Culvert Improvements project to help extend the life of the existing culverts, protect the roadway, and allow for fish passage. Other talking points covered community events such as Welsh Day, Black Diamond Cemetery Memorial Day Service, Black Diamond Miners Day, Black Diamond Labor Days and Hometown Christmas.

Mayor Benson opened the floor for questions and conversation. Mayor Jan Molinaro of the City of Enumclaw was then invited to present.

City of Enumclaw

Mayor Molinaro began by thanking the district for hosting the joint meeting for the second consecutive year

and asked the members of the Enumclaw City Council in attendance to introduce themselves. Council members Tony Binion, Beau Chevassus, and Anthony Wright were present along with City Administrator Chris Searcy, Police Chief Bob Huebler and Police Commanders Tony Ryan and Tim Floyd were in attendance to represent the City of Enumclaw. Mayor Molinaro's presentation highlighted accomplishments of 2019 and anticipated projects for the 2020 year.

Celebrations

School Resource Officer, Amanda Reeves, partnership with Enumclaw School District.
Community development of roughly 10 new homes each week!
Expo Center rodeo fencing installed attracting new events.
Expo Center painting upgrades to Activity Hall and Administration Building.
Cement and Asphalt upgrades throughout the City.
1,500 water automated meter readers installed.
150 new natural gas hookups have been placed.
McFarland Park playground equipment replaced.

Awards & Grants

\$125,000 King County Grant for improvements and upgrades to the City Aquatic Center.
\$885,000 Awarded for King County Hub for Rural Senior Citizens
Department of Ecology Award for "Outstanding Performance" for the City's Treatment Plant.

Anticipated Projects for 2020

New deck and pool liner to be installed as well as necessary ADA compliance upgrades to the Aquatic Center.
Roof repair for the Exhibition Hall and Administration Building at the Expo Center.
Exterior maintenance to preserve the 1923 Building.
Repairs to working environment on the Stevenson-Yerxa Building.
Demolition of old shop building which is no longer inhabitable.
Replace Cole Street Bollards with new black street lights.
Resurfacing of Cole Street to Stevenson.
Repairs to Railroad Street.
Improvements to be made at the intersection of Warner and Semanski.
Replacement of street equipment for improved service.
Continue meter replacement for water and natural gas.
Upgrade jail camera systems for increased safety.
Continue with emergency preparedness trainings and meetings.
Addition of irrigation system to Dwight Garrett Park.
Grant application for a new skate park.

Mayor Molinaro opened the floor for questions and conversation. Superintendent Mike Nelson then took the floor to begin the Enumclaw School District presentation.

Enumclaw School District

Mr. Nelson thanked all city officials for coming together to champion each other's work. He explained the district's presentation would tie to three main topics: students and staff, operations, and partnerships. To begin, Mr. Nelson shared a photo of the literature being studied by the district's Cabinet and Board of Directors. He shared that as a district of learners, the showcased books have helped to generate the vision and mission of the district and have kept leadership current on tips to be the best leaders for all students. The book most influential to the Board of Directors has been "Wait, What?" by James E. Ryan, as it focuses on five key questions the cabinet asks each of the board members to ask of any presentation given. The district leadership team believes that these questions ("Wait, what?" "Couldn't we at least...?" "I wonder...?" "How can I help?" and "What truly matters?") will nudge the system to constantly and consistently improve. Mr Nelson shared the district's strategic plan and the four areas of focus: System Capacity, Whole Child, Instructional Improvement, and Tiered System.

Before moving onto the next portion of the presentation, Mr. Nelson took a pause to congratulate the Board of Directors for their achievement in receiving the WSSDA Board of Distinction Award for the second year in a row. The Boards of Distinction program is designed to encourage boards to examine their practices as governing bodies and how their actions and decisions impact the success of students. This award requires rigorous criteria for the performance of the school board in our school district. This is an award and celebration to honor our entire public school system, students, staff, parents and community!

Deputy Superintendent, Chris Beals, then took the floor to showcase overall district performance as measured by state and federally required testing. Enumclaw was shown to be outperforming the state in 14 of 16 measured areas this past year, which has been a continuous trend of improvement over the last five years. Graduation rates for Enumclaw High School students have also been exceeding the state averages over the last five years. The district has also been placing a focus on capturing those who do not graduate on time, and continuing those students on a path to graduate as fifth year seniors.

Jill Burnes, Director of Teaching and Learning, continued by adding the reason for the growth measured by state assessments and other external measures, is what the district chooses to focus on, and that is the district's Theory of Action. The district aims to provide instruction that is irresistible, deep, exciting and authentic in every classroom! This Theory of Action not only pertains to learning for students, but the adults in the system as well. Mrs. Burnes shared a video as a part of the "enVISION" series for the district, which highlights the Secondary Learning Cadre. She explained that this is just one of the initiatives the district has implemented to encourage new teaching styles to meet each student's needs and continue to grow student achievements. She directed everyone to visit the district's YouTube channel for more videos in the "enVISION" video series highlighting different areas of the district!

Director of Human Relations, Stephanie Berryhill, continued the presentation by connecting the growth occurring in both the city of Black Diamond and the city of Enumclaw, to growth in the district's enrollment! This increase in enrollment has catapulted the district into proactive measures about hiring and planning smart usage of available spaces to house the growing number of students.

Mr. Beals added that this growth relates to use of instructional technology systems and infrastructure. He explained that on the ballot in February will be a Replacement Instructional Technology Levy which is a renewal of a levy originally passed in 2009 and renewed in 2014. The renewal of this levy is essential to continue the one-to-one initiative of Chromebooks to students in fifth grade through senior year. With the renewal, the district plans to extend this initiative to grades three and four as well! Projectors, document cameras and other classroom interactive display tools also need replacing which is funded through this tax collection. The levy will continue to provide funding for necessary infrastructure to keep up with growing classrooms and updating technology systems, as well as continuing to provide professional development to keep adults in our systems up to speed with the innovation era in order to properly prepare our students for the world after school.

Director of Business and Operations, Ed Hatzenbeler, explained what the replacement levy will look like to voters. Enumclaw School District currently has the lowest tax rate of any districts in the area. In adjusting McCleary, the state allowed for districts to return to voters for additional funds during the November 2019 election. The Board of Directors made it a point not to return to voters for an additional \$1.00 per 1,000 of assessed valuation. The Board felt they could be fiscally sound with the originally approved \$1.50 of assessed valuation, and would prefer to only go to the voters when there is a need. Mr. Hatzenbeler explained that the district plans to put a bond measure of the ballot in November of 2020 to provide funds for a new Byron Kibler Elementary, completing the Enumclaw High School campus project with a new PAC, a new roof for Sunrise Elementary, and other smaller housekeeping items. This bond would ask voters for roughly 73 cents per 1,000 of assessed valuation, which is less than the \$1.00 which could have been asked of voters during this November election and this 73 cents will provide funding for areas of much greater need to the district.

Gerrie Garton, Director of Student Support Systems, thanked both city councils for their partnerships with the district and for their support as patrons in the community. Photos of the new Enumclaw High School Building and Black Diamond Elementary were shown as she expressed her gratitude for the support given through the

process of constructing those facilities for students. She also thanked the City of Enumclaw for their partnership with the aquatic center and Pete's Pool!

Mr. Nelson added the district's thankfulness to have School Resource Officer, Amanda Reeves, in partnership with the City of Enumclaw. He also expressed his gratitude for core responders in both cities for participating in the emergency response tabletop exercise to better prepare for emergency situations which may occur on one of the district campuses.

President of the Board of Directors, Bryan Stanwood, closed the meeting by thanking all in attendance. He reminded everyone of the February Replacement Instructional Technology Levy and the plans for a future Bond in November 2020. Mr. Stanwood asked for help in spreading the word to voters on the intentions and needs associated with both measures. He also encouraged the City of Black Diamond to continue working toward the collection of school impact fees as those funds would only provide more resources for continuing to support students succeeding and growing in our public education system.

III. DEBRIEF MEETING

The board and city councils debriefed the meeting.

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.