

Olympia School District

Cabinet Notes

December 19, 2013

Board Agenda Review for Jan. 13 at Knox: Reception for Dana Anderson and Howard Coble at 6:10 p.m.; Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. will cover: Presentation from Dana Anderson and Howard Coble; Madison Update by Jennifer P.; and Revised Shared Leave Policy 1st Reading by Joe. B. Meeting will then adjourn to a study session for Data Dashboard Part II by Alice Burman.

Board Agenda Review for Jan. 27 at Boston Harbor: Focus on Boston Harbor by Michael Havens; Board Recognition (Board Recognition Month); Revised Shared Leave Policy 2nd Reading by Joe B.; Highly Capable Program presentation by Linda Heade.

Upcoming study sessions and events: Study sessions ahead are: Intervention Programs on Feb. 17.

Joint Meeting with Griffin School Board: Each year the OSD holds a joint meeting with the Griffin School Board. This year's meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 21 at Capital High School. Topics will include information about the Technology and Safety Levy by Dick C., enrollment updates by Jennifer P. and looking ahead to a possible 2016 bond measure by Jennifer P.

Joint meeting with City Council: Each year the OSD holds a joint meeting with the Olympia City Council. This year's meeting will take place on April 21. Possible topics include school resource officers, the growth around Centennial Elementary and a construction outlook.

Data Dashboard - Non-academics: Cabinet discussed non-academic data that might be included in a data dashboard, including: Reading progress benchmark; Healthy Youth Survey; number of social worker referrals; Free and Reduced Lunch counts and discipline data. Debbi H. recently attended a work session on this topic and will bring back additional ideas. Jennifer P. and Dick will also look at Gallup, which provides surveys that capture many of those statistics.

Early Learning: Nancy F. recently attended a work session on early learning. She suggested we might look at ways our preschool, kindergarten and early grades can work together to collectively help young students grow through these years. Nancy will be looking at how other districts, including Highline, approach this issue.

SRO at OHS: Cabinet discussed the district's plan for dealing with the loss of an OPD School Resource Officer at Olympia High School. We are hiring an additional security guard at OHS starting in January that will be present during the hours kids are in school.

Knox Holiday Party: Cabinet members engaged in some final planning for the Dec. 20 Knox holiday party.

Transportation Calls: Joni W. asked about the protocol for after-hours calling of the transportation shop. Jennifer P. will check into the possibility of the phone picking up after fewer rings and changing the selection order on the audible menu.