

Olympia School District

Cabinet Notes

January 17, 2013

January 22 Board Agenda Review: This meeting will be held at Griffin. Topics include CHS enrollment update, high school attendance boundaries, cost of non-high school capital improvements, inter-district communication, and CHS update by Jeff Broome. Chris Woods will be at the Larry Norwood dedication at CHS so will be unable to attend.

January 28 Board Agenda Review: This meeting will be held at McLane Elementary. Topics include "Focus on McLane", Board appreciation, GRUB presentation, Strategic Plan update, Enrollment update, Special Education update,

February 11 Board Agenda Review: Tentative agenda includes Full day kindergarten update...tuition, scholarships, TPEP update, Emergency/Safety Response update.

2013-2014 Calendar - Nancy led a discussion of the potential changes in the 2013-2014 school year calendar. There are still many decisions to be made prior to settling on a calendar. Nancy is working hard with a variety of constituencies to work toward a calendar that meets as many needs as possible. This is a challenging task.

Personnel Co-Op - The district continues to look at options regarding participation in the ESD 113 Personnel Co-Op. This decision is about service, agility, commitment, and cost. A decision will be reached shortly. Joe B. and Dick C. met with representatives of the ESD last week.

Principal Process - Dick reviewed the status of the Principal hiring process. It appears there will be two to three openings.

Budget Survey - A discussion of how to best solicit staff input regarding the upcoming budget occurred. A number of staff have discussed enhancements; in other words, if more money is available than in years past, how might those dollars be expended? Jennifer is working on a process to include district staff.

Student Teachers - Joe and Dick discussed the problem of student teacher placement in the school district. Currently, the process is very loose and this has created numerous problems for the district and staff. Colleges are going directly to schools, bypassing human resources. This is unacceptable; the district does not know which staff are serving as cooperating teachers and which universities are represented. Joe and others will be working to create a clear process for universities and schools. The district benefits from assisting student teachers, and the goal is to enhance this benefit through stronger process and procedures.

CPR Audit - Nancy reminded all about the Comprehensive Program Review looming. She and her team have done an excellent job prepping staff.