

Olympia School District

Cabinet Notes

September 19, 2013

Board Agenda Review for Sept. 23 Board Meeting at McKenny ES: Focus on McKenny Elementary by Brendon C.; Use of Isolation, Restraint Policy 1st Reading by Joni W.; Relations with Law Enforcement Policy 1st Reading by Nancy F.; Res. 519 Budget Reduction Impact on Salaries (required by OSPI) 1st Reading by Jennifer P.; MSP Update by Alice B.; Res. 518 - CFP 2014-2019 1st Reading by Jennifer P.

Board Agenda Review for Oct. 14 at Knox: Technology update by staff; Graduation Policy Update by Nancy F. (*Nancy, is this a first reading?*); Use of Isolation, Restraint Policy 2nd Reading by Joni W.; Relations with Law Enforcement Policy 2nd Reading by Nancy F.; Res. 519 Budget Reduction Impact on Salaries (required by OSPI) 2nd Reading by Jennifer P.; Resolution 518-CFP 2014-19 2nd Reading by Jennifer P.; Enrollment Update by Jennifer P.

Upcoming Meetings: Cabinet reviewed a list of upcoming meetings, including: Sept. 30 study session on technology/technology levy; Oct. 7 technology levy public input forum; Oct. 21 technology levy public input forum followed by a study session on the technology levy; Oct. 28 Board meeting to tentatively include a Technology Levy Resolution 1st Reading; Nov. 12 Board meeting to tentatively include a Technology Levy Resolution 2nd Reading.

Para Allocations: There have been some requests for additional para hours across the district. Cabinet is waiting to see the Oct. 1 enrollment figures before making any decisions.

Legislative Tasks: Cabinet again reviewed a list of new laws and who is responsible for ensuring our policies and procedures are updated to reflect the changes.

Oct. 17 Earthquake Drill: On Oct. 17 at 10:17 a.m. a number of agencies and groups statewide will participate in a statewide earthquake drill called "The Great Washington Shakeout." Cabinet thought it would be good for our schools to participate. Dick C. followed up with a message to schools about participating. Several have already made plans to participate and we expect more will sign up over the next few weeks.

Certificated Staff Allocation: One of our schools has a staff allocation that hasn't been filled. Dick C. and Nancy F. will have a further discussion about how to handle this allocation.

2014-15 Calendar: Cabinet began a review of some basic framework around the 2014-15 school year calendar, including beginning dates for special programs. There will be more discussion on this topic as things come together for next year's calendar.

Technology Audit: Steve Carlson will be here Sept. 25 and 26 to take an in-depth look at the district's technology functions. Steve has a wide-ranging background in technology, including serving as Technology Director in both the Beaverton and Bend school districts. Following the audit Steve will make recommendations around best practices and improvements/enhancements.

Testing: Cabinet discussed MSP and WAAS Portfolio testing irregularities that took place last year that will result in some test scores being invalidated. The district has put measures in place to address this issue, including a review of test protocol.

Emergency Response Enhancement: Nancy F. informed Cabinet that Jeff Carpenter has done good work enhancing our district's emergency response procedures for athletic facilities and events.