

OBSERVER REPORT FORM

University Place School Board

Date: March 10, 2021

Name of Observer: David Harrowe

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Present: all five members of the School Board (Ethelda Burke, Mary Lu Dickinson, Rick Maloney, T'wina Nobles and Marisa Peloquin)

Absent: none

Others present: Jeff Chamberlin (School District Superintendent) and about 8-9 "guests", the latter per observation of Board President Maloney.

Public Comments: none

Superintendent's Update: COVID pandemic moderate and trending downward; more than 180,000 in Pierce County been vaccinated; all staff eligible to be vaccinated and many have been; self-administered COVID tests are available; number of students attending in person is increasing; grades K-6 are back in classroom and are phasing in the higher grades; students in school two days/week and online two days/week; teachers have Wednesdays for school-related non-teaching activities, such as communicating with parents; we lucky to live in Washington State with its thriving economy.

Alphonso Melton, school district business director, gave a report: 2019-20 audit in progress; absence of kids on school buses leading to decreased revenue; will request budget extension for 2020-21 school year.

Monitoring Report: Presented by Jeff Loupa — hard to capture what students are doing; responses of students & counselors were grouped in six categories, among which were community service, citizenship knowledge, and caring. The last was measured by the percent of students in each grade who had helped another student with their homework even not knowing the other student. Mr. Loupa noted many student comments were hopeful, and many found ways to serve their community. Board discussion of report. Boardmember Peloquin stated that we were developing contributing citizens.

Board Development: Discussion of whether to continue with remote meetings or go to in-person meetings. Boardmember Burke moved to continue remote at least through April; passed unanimously. Plans for the linkage meeting March 21st were discussed. Its aim is to promote student success and racial equity, and it will include breakout sessions.

Assurance of Organizational Performance: Under "Board Response to Monitoring", motion made & carried Board in compliance with EL-6 Financial Administration. Under Board Self-Monitoring, Marisa

Peloquin moved Board in compliance with four criteria: GP-5 Board President's Role, GP-6 Board Advisory Committee Principles, GP-7 Advisory Committee Structure and GP-14 Memorialization of Facilities; motion carried. The Board then considered and adopted District Operating Policy 1630 — Employment and Evaluation of the Superintendent. It then reviewed and adopted Policy 1630P — compensation for the Superintendent.

Board Assessment of the Meeting: Board member T'wina Nobles was the observer for this meeting. Overall, she gave it the highest rating, #5 — commendable.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session at 8:00 pm to consider a matter of litigation. Forty-five minutes were allotted for this session.

Adjournment: This was the only item on the agenda following the executive session. Therefore, I assume adjournment occurred at or about 8:45 pm.