

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 19, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: ZOOM Meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/375320938>

Present: Tom Langland, President
Don Wolczko, Secretary
Eric Pryne, Position 2
LeeAnn Brown, Position 3
Wendy Noble, Position 4
Eric Jensen, Superintendent
Jojo Weller, Administrative Director

Guests: Debby Jackson, Mary and Steve Bergman, Marcie Rubardt, Bonny and Clayton Olney, Denetra Ali, Patricia Haley, Kelly Barnes, Annie Miksch, Karina, John Jenkel, Joe Kunkel, Heidi HansPetersen and Jessica Wesch

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approve/Amend August 19 Agenda

Commissioner Pryne motions to approve agenda and Secretary Wolczko seconds the motion:

“I move to approve the most recent version of the agenda.”

AGENDA APPROVED 5-0

3. Approve/Correct July 15 ZOOM Regular Meeting Minutes

President Langland motions to approve minutes and Secretary Wolczko seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the amended version.”

MINUTES APPROVED 5-0

4. Approve/Correct August 05 ZOOM Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Pryne motions to approve minutes and President Langland seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the minutes as distributed.”

MINUTES APPROVED 5-0

5. Superintendent Report

- See Superintendent report attached

Secretary Wolczko motions to approve annual insurance premium with Enduris Washington and Commissioner Noble seconds the motion:

“I move to approve the \$3,300 premium to provide the district’s general liability through Enduris.”

VOUCHER APPROVED 5-0

6. Old Business/Committee Reports

STAFF AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: none

TEHNOLOGY AND FACILITY:

Commissioner Brown will tidy up the website and get going on community outreach in regards to social media. She and the Outreach Committee are getting ready to schedule a conversation with the community.

FINANCE:

Banking /Expenditures: Per Commissioner Wolczko the district’s balance is at -\$143,846.97. The district’s 2020 budget that was submitted to county shows a budget of -\$275,200 up to the month of July. The district is \$131,353.03 under budget.

There is one warrant for July billing for Healthcare Collaborative for \$3,192.18

Secretary Wolczko motions to approve Healthcare Collaborative voucher of \$3,192.18 and President Langland seconds the motion:

“I move to approve this consulting expense.”

VOUCHER APPROVED 5-0

Commissioner Wolczko and Ms. Weller are continuing their tutorial with Barb Huff for the online version of QuickBooks (QBO).

EXTERNAL RELATIONS: none

7. Public Comments (15 minutes collectively)

Marcie Rubardt met with Commissioner Brown yesterday and mentions the dilemma with organizing a townhall meeting without more information or at least a ballpark agenda/timeline. Her goal is to have a vague timeline tonight.

Denetra Ali, medical assistant at Neighborcare, is concerned that there has been no communication from the commissioners with the Neighborcare staff. She is wondering if this is on the commissioners’ agenda. Everyone is concerned about their jobs and they want to know what is going on. Superintendent Jensen replies that the district does not operate the clinic and the staff is not employees of the district. Once the new provider is identified the district will need to coordinate with them and Neighborcare to get communication out to the employees.

8. New Business

- See Superintendent report attached

Commissioner Noble adds to the Superintendent Jensen's report on Sea Mar that they have quite a broad level of care in terms of services. She was impressed with their community focus and how they recognize that each community is unique. They have long focused on the needs of the Hispanic community and currently many of Vashon's Hispanic residents go across the water now to see SeaMar. They also have expanded hours as well as weekend hours at some of their clinics.

Commissioner Brown noticed that Sea Mar has direct phone numbers for each of their clinics. They do not use the central switch board system.

Commissioner Pryne adds that Sea Mar is a much larger organization than Neighborcare. Their annual revenue last year was more than quadruple Neighborcare's. They have more than one line of business, for example including housing and a radio show.

Commissioner Wolczko comments in looking at the figures of what Sea Mar is currently doing with their 33 clinics they average over 9,000 visits per year per clinic. Neighborcare has approximately 12,000 total visits. He asks if Sea Mar has other public hospital districts that support them and comments that they are looking for one million plus for support. Superintendent Jensen answers that there are no other public hospital districts involved and that this is a new experience for them. The subsidy money is a rough estimate which is not inconsistent with what a hospital-based provider thought the numbers would be.

President Langland mentions that Sea Mar maybe able to start quickly by 01 November. Superintendent Jensen answers that Sea Mar is aware of the district's target of 01 November but it has not been nailed down.

Commissioner Pryne motions to approve Superintendent Jensen to enter into negotiations with Sea Mar Community Health Centers and Commissioner Brown seconds the motion:

"I move the board authorize Superintendent Jensen to enter into negotiations with Sea Mar Community Health Centers to develop contracts necessary for Sea Mar to assume operation of a clinic on Vashon Island."

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

Commissioner Brown acknowledges Commissioners Noble and Pryne for their extra efforts on this and hours of work spent. She also recognizes Superintendent Jensen and his connection with Sea Mar.

Commissioner Noble acknowledges Joe Kunkel. Mr. Kunkel comments this is a big step and it's excellent that the district is at this point but he is a little more hesitant as there is a lot more work to do and a lot of unknowns.

President Langland makes clear that the district is in no way engaging into an agreement with Sea Mar. The board has approved formalities in engaging in a discussion to see what the possibilities are.

Commissioner Pryne motions to approve a credit card account and ZOOM account and Secretary Wolczko seconds the motion:

"I move to authorize the finance committee to pursue opening a credit card for the district and Superintendent Jensen to open a ZOOM account."

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

Commissioner Noble points out the comment via ZOOM from Dr. Jessica Wesch. Dr. Wesch writes: FQHC's get a slightly higher rate for MEDICARE and that is really critical for us and the reason an FQHC is a good fit for Vashon. In addition, FQHC does get market rate from insurance - not less as some assume!

President Langland asks the board if they have heard any feedback from a Beachcomber ad that a Vashon resident put in the last edition with some erroneous factual basis. He had heard about it through his friends and had corrected his friends of the facts that were incorrect in the ad. The board had not heard anything.

COMMENTS:

President Langland asks the board if they would like to target a community presentation after the second meeting in September. Commissioner Wolczko comments that the board could share the process of getting a new provider if there are not anymore detail about the new provider. Commissioner Brown agrees that even if the board does not have specific information it would help the transparency of what is going on. With lead time the board can ask for the public's questions ahead of time. Commissioner Pryne agrees with a townhall meeting in the early fall to hear questions from the public which will be very valuable. Commissioner Noble also agrees that people need to know that something is happening even if there are not specifics on the provider. Superintendent Jensen points out that at the time of the townhall meeting the district will know a fair amount.

Debby Jackson says to pre-publish the meeting(s) with a possibility of two meetings. The first meeting to present what the district has done/is doing and the second meeting for public comment.

Per Commissioner Pryne it may be best to revisit this at the next board meeting as there will be more information by that time. President Langland agrees and asks the Outreach Committee to formalize their recommendations by then.

Commissioners Noble and Pryne and Superintendent Jensen will touch base with Sea Mar to coordinate a possible statement for the Beachcomber. Superintendent Jensen will find out with Sea Mar how they want to proceed with the public relations aspect.

The next regular meeting is 02 September at 19:00.

Secretary Wolczko motions adjournment and Commissioner Noble seconds the motion:

"I move we adjourn."

ADJOURNMENT APPROVED 5-0

Adjourned at 20:28