

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 02, 2020

Time: 19:00 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

1. Call to order at 19:00
2. Approve/Amend December 02 Agenda

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

“I move to approve the agenda.”

**AGENDA APPROVED 5-0**

3. Approve/Correct November 11 ZOOM Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Noble motions to approve minutes and Secretary Wolczko seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the minutes as published.”

**MINUTES APPROVED 5-0**

4. Approve/Correct November 18 ZOOM Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Noble motions to approve minutes and Secretary Wolczko seconds the motion:

“I move to accept the minutes as published.”

**MINUTES APPROVED 5-0**

5. Superintendent Report
  - See Superintendent report attached
  - Re-structuring King County Loan

6. Committee Reports
  - a. Staff and Professional Services
  - b. Technology and Facilities
  - c. Finance
    - i. Voucher Approval

Secretary Wolczko motions to approve warrants and Commissioner Brown seconds the motion:

“I move to approve the warrant distributions.”

**VOUCHERS APPROVED 5-0**

ii. Payroll Approval

Secretary Wolczko motions to approve payroll and Commissioner Noble seconds the motion:

“I move to approve the payroll distribution.”

**PAYROLL APPROVED 5-0**

d. External Relations

Commissioner Pryne notes that he received the final levy limit worksheet from the King County Assessor’s office which has very little change. He adds that there is effort in congress to pass another coronavirus stimulus package to include 35 billion for health care provider relief fund which he believes was the source fund that Neighborcare received and passed on some of the monies to help support the clinic. Assuming this package passes the district can work with Sea Mar to direct some of that money to the Vashon clinic. He reminds the commissioners that a year ago this week they were all gathered in the lobby of Vashon Center for the Arts with neighbors and friends being sworn in and lists their accomplishments in the past year: elect officers, appoint committees, retain lawyers and accountants, setup a website, obtain debt financing, negotiate a short term contract with Neighborcare, spend many, many hours working to draw a new provider to the island, retain Joe Kunkel, hired a Superintendent, approved a levy and budget. He adds that they should look back and take some pride in it.

7. Public Input, up to 15 minutes, collectively

Debby Jackson thanks the board for the report on their liaison with other community entities. She asks how things are working out with Kaiser in regards to seeing Kaiser patient on at the clinic.

Nancy Kappelman thanks and honors the commissioners for all of the hours and work that they have put in. She is very unhappy and very disappointed that the commissioners upped the levy rate. She and Dr. Kappelman are extremely supportive of primary care however part of the reason she voted for the hospital district is that the commissioners suggested they would not decimate the parks district. She understands it was difficult with COVID to get a provider to the island however 1.5M going into Sea Mar is so excessive. She does not understand why Sea Mar could not have picked up some of the subsidy money.

Dr. Michael Kappelman agrees and adds that he also put his name on the hospital district and is very disappointed with the decision of the levy rate. When he worked at the clinic the maximum subsidy was \$100,000 per year and it is difficult for him to believe that the district could not have negotiated something better. He believes the park district is important to psychological and physical health. He commends Commissioner Pryne for voting against the levy rate and thinks it is unlikely that the district will go back to a lower rate. He is impressed with what the commissioners have done in the last year and very pleased

the community care is being supported and VYFS will be supported. He also thanks the commissioners for the work they have done.

Chelley Rohrig has Kaiser insurance and discovered that not all Kaiser insurance types are accepted. She adds that she thinks it is really important at this stage to put together a volunteer group with the approval of Sunrise Ridge, Sea Mar and the health care district to make the clinic look a little nicer. She thinks that the district should invest in this idea and make it a positive for the community. When she went to the clinic to see how a new patient would experience their visit for the first time, she was not impressed that she was going to the right place. She has been there before but the signage wasn't there. Her impression was the clinic could look a lot better into making this work to recruit more patients and a place people want to go to. She had sent an email to Commissioners Noble and Pryne and Superintendent Jensen and Commissioner Noble had suggested that Ms. Rohrig get together with Tim at Sunrise Ridge to see if any of the items she saw could be addressed and to also get approval for willing community volunteers to help the clinic look more inviting and friendly. She thinks that Sea Mar missed an opportunity by not putting some money in their budget to promote to help the clinic succeed as the need's assessment is different on Vashon.

Superintendent Jensen will follow up with Jesus at Sea Mar and find out which Kaiser plans they do accept.

Barbara Wells was on the board of Sunrise Ridge for a number of years. She agrees with Ms. Rohrig and thinks that this is the responsibility of Sunrise Ridge as they are the landlords. The property has been neglected for years and has terrific potential. There are other groups that would be helpful for example the Garden Club has a small committee and they do a small Breast Cancer garden near the entry.

## 8. New Business

### a. Committee Structure, see attached Superintendent report

Superintendent Jensen and Commissioner Pryne will work on a joint proposal for consideration at the next meeting. President Langland suggests that each commissioner look at the proposals, fill out more of the duties and think about which area they are best qualified to contribute in.

### b. COVID Update, Commissioner Noble

Commissioner Noble is involved with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and has been following the situation reports daily. On Vashon the seven-day positivity rate average in the first of November the positive test was 0.3%, as of November 30 the seven-day average was 3.4% and in the past 14 days it was 10% which is higher than King County's at 8.6%. This is the rate of the transmissibility of the virus in the community. She will be involved in the testing, reporting and continue to see how the district can work with MRC to support their work and to get word out to the community about the importance of all the precautions.

She mentions the Hospice team is grateful that the clinic is to continue as they rely heavily on the physicians for their medication management. The director at Vashon Community Care has had positive experiences with Sea Mar and they are very happy with the communication and support that they are getting. They do not have a medical director so they are in constant contact with the clinic.

VYFS needs somebody to prescribe medication for their people with significant psychiatric diagnosis with complicated medication regimens so Commissioner Noble talked with Jesus at Sea Mar and he is looking into having a psychiatric mental health ARNP come on a rotating basis who can be a prescriber.

President Langland adds that Sea Mar is providing lab services to community members who are not patients of Sea Mar. Sea Mar is also working on providing x-ray services to nonpatients and figuring out the billing aspects. He adds to Commissioner Pryne's comment on the board's accomplishments and thanks their neighbors and friends for their support and volunteer hours.

c. Need for Communications/Social Media Role, Commissioner Brown

Commissioner Brown has been working on what the district could possibly do to help get the word out on the clinic. She has started getting the word out as she talks to about 50-75 people a week and has found that most of them do not know the clinic is open or what the name of it is. She mentions that the people are excited to give the clinic a try. She has been looking for a social media expert and a cost-effective way to get the word out. She suggests the district hire Shauna James Ahearn who is an islander with 15 years' experience with social media. Ms. Ahearn would get the word out primarily through all the social media platforms by taking direction from the board, taking pictures and creating stories and narratives by interviewing the commissioners and community members. She could also respond to the comments and questions. Commissioner Brown had sent Ms. Ahearn's proposal to the board via email. Commissioner Pryne thanks Commissioner Brown for her enterprise and all her work towards this and agrees it's vitally important that the district market the clinic. His thoughts are that a shorter more intense push would be more helpful and he would like to look into other means of communication and marketing. Superintendent Jensen will ask Jesus how he wants to proceed with promoting the clinic.

COMMENTS:

Secretary Wolczko motions adjournment and Commissioner Pryne seconds the motion:

"I move we adjourn."

**ADJOURNMENT APPROVED 5-0**

Adjourned at 20:21