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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 15, 2021

Time: 19:00

Place: ZOOM Meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/94707956113>

Present: Tom Langland, President

Don Wolczko, Secretary

Eric Pryne, Position 2

LeeAnn Brown, Position 3

Wendy Noble, Position 4

Eric Jensen, Superintendent

Jocelyne Weller, Administrative Director

1. Call to order at 19:00
2. Approve/Amend December 15 Agenda

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

“I move that we approve the agenda.”

AGENDA APPROVED 5-0

3. Approve/Correct November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and December 01, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Secretary Wolczko motions to approve the November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Pryne seconds the motion:

“I move that we approve the November 17 minutes as read.”

MINUTES APPROVED 5-0

Commissioner Noble motions to approve the December 01, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Brown seconds the motion:

“I move that we accept the December 01, 2021 minutes.”

MINUTES APPROVED 5-0

4. Superintendent Report, attached
5. Unfinished Business
 - a. Election of Officers, President Langland

Tom Langland was nominated for the President position. Don Wolczko was nominated for the Secretary position. No other nominations for Board officers were made. The vote for these positions will be done at the next Regular Board Meeting on January 05, 2022.

- b. Planning Committee Charter, Superintendent Jensen (see Superintendent Report)

Superintendent Jensen suggested that reviewing the work of the Strategic Planning Committee would be an appropriate topic for a Board planning retreat.

- c. Committee Membership, President Langland (see Superintendent Report)

Discussion occurred regarding committees and committee membership. We will continue with the Clinic Relations, Administration and Finance, and Outreach Committee. A Strategic Planning Committee or Task Force will be added as a fourth committee. This committee will undertake the district's strategic planning work including planning associated with the capital project to build a new clinic. Members for all committees will be identified at the January 05, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Pryne had offered to serve as chair, or spokesperson for the Outreach Committee, and Commissioner Noble will serve as chair or spokesperson for the Clinic Relations Committee. There may be expanded duties for the Administration and Finance Committee.

Commissioner Pryne noted that Sea Mar's contract contains language committing them to a meeting with the board every quarter. The last time Sea Mar attended a board meeting was on September 15, 2021. He suggested that Sea Mar should attend one of the January meetings and that a formal quarterly meeting schedule should be set up with them. He also mentioned that he came across the link to the Vashon Clinic's "Meet Our Team" site and noticed that the site goes nowhere. There were no bios or photos for the physicians at the Vashon Clinic. Superintendent Jensen said he has followed up with them a couple of times recently on this and will follow-up again.

6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee- Secretary Wolczko, Superintendent Jensen, Administrator Weller

The loan balance with King County is now -\$511,061.97.

- i. Voucher Approval

There were no bills or invoices to be paid therefore no warrants were requested.

ii. Payroll Approval

Payroll disbursement was \$4,244.58 for December 01-15.

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

“I move that we approve the payroll expenditure.”

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b. Clinic Relations Committee- President Langland, Commissioner Noble, see Superintendent Report

c. Outreach Committee- Commissioners Pryne and Brown

Commissioner Pryne would like more feedback on the website to be sent to him via email.

7. Public Input, up to 15 minutes collectively

Alan Aman would like to know when Sea Mar’s fiscal year ends. He noted that due to the nature of an FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Centers) payment and the confusing aspects of capitated Medicaid and Medicare payments versus their fixed per visit payments there is usually a reconciliation process and therefore financials get restated. He hopes that Sea Mar can report on this when they attend a meeting in January. He agreed and thought that it was a good idea to have Sea Mar scheduled in at the Regular Board meetings. He supports the review of the charters to outline what the board’s accomplishments are as well as the board’s role.

Commissioner Pryne said that Sea Mar’s fiscal year ends on March 31st.

Armen Yousoufian commented on the board’s possible retreat and said that it would enhance transparency and openness if the board allowed public comment during the retreat.

8. New Business

a. VHCD Oath of Office, President Langland

President Langland welcomed and thanked Councilmember Joe McDermott for joining the board meeting. Commissioner Pryne noted Councilmember Joe McDermott’s past commitment to Vashon Island and support of the VHCD board’s concerns a year ago regarding the potential impact on the district’s levy from the Best Start for Kids Levy renewal, and the possibility of a Road District Levy Lid Lift.

Councilmember Joe McDermott swore in the board’s newly elected commissioner Alan Aman. Joe then acknowledged the work that the board had undertaken and achieved in the last two

and a half years. He remarked on the district's work in establishing strong governance, tackling the challenging and important issues of community-based healthcare, and developing robust plans for the future, all while committing to the principles of transparency, accountability, accessibility and, most particularly, quality care for Vashon.

Joe commented on some of the work he is involved with that he thought would be a particular interest to the district. He serves as a member on the King County Board of Health and is currently wrapping up his second year as Chair of the Board of Health. Last year he brought forward a resolution acknowledging racism's role in negatively impacting the public health of communities, and the role of institutions in increasing health disparities. The board held a hearing and passed a resolution regarding the allegations of racism at Seattle Children's Hospital.

The Board of Health also pushed the State Department Corrections to implement appropriate COVID safety protocols for people in their custody and are in the midst of a reviewing the helmet requirement for bicyclists in King County, which was initiated after charges of disproportionate enforcement by law enforcement.

Looking forward, the board will spend significant time implementing a state law that mandates that a maximum of one-half of the Board of Health be made up of elected officials.

A key part of both the Board of Health and the County Council's work over the last, almost two years, is related to COVID response. Just a few months ago the council passed its eighth COVID response budget. Included in the budget is money for testing, vaccine distribution, educational campaigns in multiple languages and housing for people who need a safe place to isolate and quarantine, or recover. He will continue to work to ensure the public health response and recovery efforts are funded and reach the people that are mostly affected by the pandemic, particularly BIPOC (Black and Indigenous people of color) communities.

The county council took an important vote earlier this month to pass an implementation plan for the health through housing program. Through this work the county will provide temporary and permanent supportive housing for unsheltered residents who experience chronic homelessness. This work is funded by a sales tax authorized by the legislature and enacted by the county council. Through this funding they expect to house 1,600 people throughout King County who have been experiencing chronic homelessness. He thanked the VHCD board for the opportunity to join our meeting. Commissioner Compensation, Superintendent Jensen (see Superintendent Report)

Commissioners were instructed to send any waivers of compensation for the coming year to Jojo.

For the Good of the Order

Secretary Wolczko acknowledged Commissioner Brown's tenure with the board. She helped the board get the district to the level it is at now. He thanked her for her dedication and energy.

Commissioner Pryne added that her most important role with the district was to let them know what community members were thinking, experiencing and feeling. Her day job in communicating with people on their healthcare needs, concerns and experiences was vital to this role. He hopes she will continue sharing what she hears about community needs.

Commissioner Noble agreed with Commissioner Pryne and thanked her for jumping in and running with it and for having the courage and stepping up. She will miss LeeAnn's positive attitude and enthusiasm.

Commissioner Langland also thanked Commissioner Brown for her approachability, winning smile and concern for others.

Commissioner Brown thanked the board for working with her and she is looking forward to the board's next accomplishments. She is really honored to have helped and participated in the first two years of the district's start-up, and is grateful to have worked closely with each member of the board.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Brown motions adjournment and Commissioners Pryne seconds the motion:

"I move we adjourn."

ADJOURNMENT APPROVED 5-0

Adjourned at 20:40

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 05, 2022 at 19:00 on ZOOM,
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