

DARRINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Darrington Elementary Library  
1085 Fir Street  
Darrington, WA 98241

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017**  
**BOARD WORK STUDY SESSION: 7:00 PM**

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**Call to Order**

Jennifer West called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present: Joe Perrault and Erin Green.

**Correspondence**

Jennifer explained to the audience that the meeting was being held to discuss board vacancies. There were two resignations. She also shared that she submitted her resignation, but rescinded it to ensure business can be run as the Board has to approve Accounts Payable, Payroll, etc. and cannot do that without at least three members. Joe read Dana's resignation letter and Erin read Alan's. Joe made a motion to accept the resignations. Erin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer then read the policy for filling vacant positions. She told the audience that the harassment and intimidation, including on Facebook, has to stop. An audience member said that is the only way that they can get answers. Jennifer said that the Board didn't want to discuss the non-renewal of Dr. Marsh as personnel issues aren't supposed to be shared. She said that financial issues are an easy way to avoid saying the non-renewal is due to the job not getting done. She said Dr. Marsh had advance notice of the Board's intentions and they had planned to give him a good recommendation. She said she hoped to fix some of the Board's problems by starting over with new Board members, obtaining WSSDA training, and setting the right goals, those that are good for schools, staff, and kids.

Wynne Perrault thanked the Board for their service and expressed that in all the years Joe has served as a Board member, attended North Counties activities, and raised their children here, he has never been treated like he was at last week's meeting by community members.

Judy Nevitt said she did send a letter to a board member, but didn't receive anything back. She put a post on Facebook asking for Dana's resignation since she has no children in DSD. She said she tried to choose her words carefully. She mentioned she met with McKenzie and received more information.

Julie Kuntz said she'd been in a similar situation as the Board when she was a Board member. She said even the best words attacking one member feel like an attack on all. She said the Board doesn't talk about personnel issues in public. She said that during a terrible time for the district, the Board fought collectively, not as individuals.

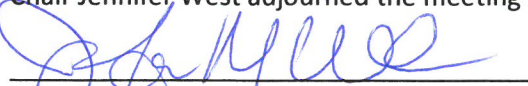
Rhonda Metcalf commented that some elementary tribal students were having problems at school and the principal hasn't done a lot about it. Jennifer repeatedly told her that this meeting was not the place and offered to meet with her at a later time.

Laurie Benson asked if the decision that was already made is off the table to which Jennifer replied that the Board doesn't have to take a vote to let Dr. Marsh's contract expire. An extension of his contract would require a vote. She also stated that his current contract expires June 30, 2018.

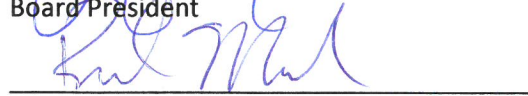
Jennifer said the board vacancies would be posted and advertised. Erin made a motion to start advertising and posting the vacancies. Joe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

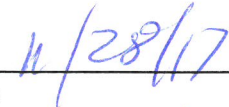
Chair Jennifer West adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

  
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