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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CALL TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE – The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ridgefield School District was called to order by President Joe Vance at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The purpose of the special meeting was to meet with the Ridgefield Coalition of Governments; Port of Ridgefield, City of Ridgefield, and Ridgefield School District to provide agency updates and work on shared goals. No action was taken.

Voting Members Present:	Joe Vance, Emily Enquist, Brett Jones, and Zenia Bringhurst
Voting Members Absent:	Donna Farnsworth
Others Present:	Dr. Nathan McCann, Chris Griffith, Paula McCoy, Dr. Michael Baskette, Heidi Smith, Randy Mueller, Port of Ridgefield Commissioners, Steve Stuart, City or Ridgefield Councilors, and 10 visitors from the City of Ridgefield and Port of Ridgefield.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Joe Vance, School Board President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions.

COALITION DINNER MEETING

ORGANIZATION UPDATES –*Information/Discussion Only / No Action*

- Randy Mueller, CEO of the Port of Ridgefield, provided an update from the Port of Ridgefield, which focused on their primary project, the renovation of the Ridgefield waterfront. He also talked about their new building location, how the former building is being used, an update on Discovery Ridge and an update on Wisdom Ridge.
- Steve Stuart, City Manager for the City of Ridgefield, provided an update from the City of Ridgefield. His update focused on the 2025 comprehensive plan. He reviewed permits issued and highlighted the first new building in the downtown area in 22 years, the new home of the Port of Ridgefield. Updates were also given on the splash park at Overlook park, Costco opening the end of 2024, property taxes decreasing due to growth and RORC operating costs.
- Dr. Nathan McCann, Superintendent of Ridgefield School District provided an update from the School District. His update included planning for the upcoming family summit called Family Leads the Way, continued efforts to make schools and staff more secure, efforts to educate families and staff regarding opioid overdoses and also the recent donation of a CCTE building for students to build tiny homes.

DISCUSSION TIME – *Discussion Only / No Action*

- There was a lengthy discussion among the attendees regarding all of the agency updates.

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Bruce Wiseman, Chair of the Port of Ridgefield, congratulated Kathy Doriat on her promotion to Chief of Police for Ridgefield Police Department. He also commented on the continued partnerships around the table and the strength of the community.
- Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, also talked about the partnerships and teams in the room and how much more enjoyable they make the work. She thanked Steve for his presentation and talked about new parks.

- Joe Vance, President of the Ridgefield School Board of Directors, thanked everyone for attending and Chartwell's for preparing dinner. He talked about the history of Ridgefield and all of the new partnerships that are forming from the growth. He thanked everyone for all of their hard work to keep Ridgefield a great community.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Board, President Joe Vance adjourned the special meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Joe Vance, President
Emily Enquist, Vice-President

Danielle Taylor, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent

Approved by the Board of Directors: April 11, 2023