

Winter 2019

SEQUIM SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 323

Winter Newsletter

Engage, Empower, Thrive

MISSION: Our community inspires and prepares each student to thrive.

VISION: In connection with our community, the Sequim School District empowers staff to inspire hope and provide flexible, innovative learning opportunities in a safe and respectful environment so each student thrives.

**TOTAL
ENROLLMENT:
November 2019
2,670**

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Sequim School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX, and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator: Dr. Robert Clark, rclark@sequimschools.org, 503 N Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA 98382, 360-582-3262, and for Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Matt Duchow, 503 N. Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA 98382, 360-582-3402, mduchow@sequimschools.org



Left to Right: Brent Basden, Clallam County Superior Court Judge, Dr. Rob Clark, Interim Superintendent, Olivia Preston, Student Representative, Brian Kuh, Director, Brandino Gibson, Board President, Jim Stoffer, Director, Larry Jeffryes, Director, Eric Pickens, Board Vice President (Not Pictured: Payton Sturm, Student Representative)

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School Board Swearing In



Left to Right: Back Row: Brent Basden, Clallam County Superior Court Judge, Dr. Rob Clark, Interim Superintendent, Brian Kuh, Director, Jim Stoffer, Director, Larry Jeffryes, Director. Front Row: Olivia Preston, Student Representative, Eric Pickens, Board Vice President, Brandino Gibson, Board President. (Not Pictured: Payton Sturm, Student Representative)

At the December 2nd school board meeting, Judge Basden swore in the Sequim School District Board of Directors. This includes newly elected directors Eric Pickens and Larry Jeffryes, and re-elected director, Jim Stoffer. Also present were Dr. Rob Clark, Interim Superintendent, Brian Kuh, Board President, Brandino Gibson, Director, and Olivia Preston, Student Representative.

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503 North Sequim Avenue, Sequim, WA 98382

Board of Directors
Brandino Gibson, President
Brian Kuh
Larry Jeffryes
Eric Pickens, Vice President
Jim Stoffer

Superintendent
Dr. Robert Clark, Interim Superintendent
Jennifer Maughan, Assistant Superintendent

Student Representatives
Payton Sturm, Senior '20
Olivia Preston, Junior '21

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Olympic Mailing
Services
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Sequim School District Citizens

MEET THE NEW DIRECTORS



LARRY JEFFRYES:

Professional Experience: Science (biology & chemistry) classroom teacher, 35 years in Colorado and New Mexico. Certified Health and Safety Training Specialist - Radiation Protection, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 9 years. Ed technology curriculum developer, New Mexico State University, 10 years. Track and Cross-Country coach, 20 years.

Education: Alamosa High School, Alamosa, CO. BS Adams State University, Colorado, 1969. MS University of New Mexico, 1974. Ed Specialist UNM, 1994.

Community Service: Sequim School’s Strategic Planning Committee, Community Truancy Board volunteer; Sequim Education Foundation Board; Meals for Sequim Kids Fund founder; Dream Catcher/Morning Star balloon crew. B&G Club summer meal distribution volunteer.

Statement: My priority will be to focus on student achievement and success in a safe and supportive learning environment for students and staff. A primary goal for the School Board will be to hire and support a new Superintendent. It is essential that the School Board Directors and Superintendent work together in cohesive, productive, and positive ways to achieve district goals.

Sequim School District needs updated safety and security policies and procedures that are upheld districtwide. This includes training and implementing best practice safety protocols. Repairing or replacing outdated and unsafe facilities must be addressed immediately. The School Board and Superintendent team must allocate limited funding wisely, while also finding alternative revenue resources to support changing student needs for the future. To be successful, the School Board Directors must maintain and grow collaborative relationships with families, students, staff, and community partners.

Student programs and achievement are at risk due to funding limitations, aging facilities, and external and internal complexities. I will work to ensure the School Board focus is on minimizing those risks, with student safety and achievement at the forefront of every decision. I will promote community involvement and dedicate my time to bettering the Sequim community.

<https://voter.votewa.gov/GenericVoterGuide.aspx?e=566&c=05#/candidates/26572/40857>

ERIC PICKENS:

Elected Experience: Elected President-Port Angeles Education Association for two consecutive terms. Vice President-Washington Education Association Olympic Council, Board Director for the Washington Education Association, and WEA Legislative Strategies Committee.

Other Professional Experience: First Grade Teacher, Elementary Department Head, and Assessment/Curriculum Committee, PASD. 10+ years of business management experience directing call centers and retail stores. Additionally, I served 4 years in the United States Coast Guard.

Education: Graduate Chimacum High School, Middlesex College-AA, University of Phoenix BA -Management and MA-Elementary Education.

Community Service: Actively served on coalitions lobbying our state legislature to provide adequate funding to underfunded communities including the Sequim School District.

Statement: As a current first grade teacher, U.S. Coast Guard veteran, and a parent of two children attending public school in Sequim, I am passionate about public education and service. The most rewarding aspect of being a teacher is seeing students realize their fullest academic potential.

As a school board member, I will fight to ensure that every student is equipped with the tools, resources, and opportunities to ensure their academic success. Sequim School District must provide the best for our children, support our dedicated teachers and staff, and effectively prepare graduates to be ready for college or careers. Despite budget constraints, we must push our schools even more to provide better choices for families, strive for higher standards, and improve our facilities.

I will continually strive for excellence, ask difficult questions, and demand thorough and transparent answers. I have a proven track record and experience supporting public education. Furthermore, I believe that being raised here on the Olympic Peninsula gives me additional perspectives on the specific needs and priorities important to our community.

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SEQUIM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Larry Jeffryes
Director, District #1
Elected 2019,
Term Expires 2023



Brian Kuh
Director, District #2
Elected 2017,
Term Expires 2021



James Stoffer
Legislative Representative
Director, District #3
Re-Elected 2019,
Term Expires 2023



Brandino Gibson
President, WIAA Rep
Director, At Large
Elected 2017,
Term Expires 2021



Eric Pickens
Vice President
Director, At Large
Elected 2019,
Term Expires 2023



Payton Sturm
Senior Class
Representative ‘20



Olivia Preston
Junior Class
Representative ‘21

2020 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Location (unless otherwise noted):
District Office Board Room,
503 North Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA
Time: 6:00 PM

January 6	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.	May 4	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.
January 21 .	at Olympic Peninsula Academy, 400 N. 2nd Ave.)	May 18	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.
February 3	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.	June 1	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.
February 18	at Helen Haller Elementary Library	June 15	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.
March 2	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.	July 20	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.
March 16	at Greywolf Elementary Gym	August 3	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.
April 6	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.	August 17	District Office Board Room, 503 N. Sequim Ave.
April 21	at Sequim Middle School Cafeteria		

Notices

TOBACCO AND VAPOR PRODUCT LAW CHANGES, EFFECTIVE 01/01/2020

Engrossed House Bill 1074, effective January 1, 2020, was signed into law in March 2019, raising the minimum legal sales age of tobacco and vapor products to 21 years of age.

A person who sells or gives, or permits to be sold or given, to any person under the age of ((eighteen)) twenty-one years any cigar, cigarette, cigarette paper or wrapper, tobacco in any form, or a vapor product is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

View the bill using this link: <http://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1074.E.pdf>

More Resources:

E-cigarettes and Youth: What Parents Need to Know

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/pdfs/OSH-E-Cigarettes-and-Youth-WhatParents-Need-to-Know-20190327-508.pdf

CDC Lung Injury Associated with E-cigarette or Vaping Products

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/dpk/tobacco/vaping/pulmonary-disease-e-cigarette.html>

CDC Outbreak of Lung Injury Associated with E-Cigarette Use, Or Vaping

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/severe-lung-disease.html

The Washington State Department of Health new smartphone app to help teens and young adults quit vaping.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Tobacco/HowtoQuit>

OSPI Best Practices & Resources

<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/health-safety/mental-social-behavioral-health/substance-useprevention-intervention/best-practices-resources>

THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

If you are the parent or guardian of a school-age child and are without permanent housing, your child has the right to go to school.

This law gives homeless/living in transition children and youth the right to:

- Remain in the same school even if they move;
- Enroll in a new school without typically required records such as proof of residency, immunizations, school records, or other papers;
- Get transportation to school;
- Get all the school services they need; and
- Challenge decisions made by schools and districts.

For more information about the McKinney-Vento Act, please call Teaching & Learning at 360-582-3260.

COMPLAINTS RELATED TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS

A citizen complaint is a written statement that alleges a violation of a federal rule, law or regulation or state regulation that



applies to a federal program. Things to check before you file a citizen complaint:

This citizen complaint process is for Washington State's K-12 school system.

If you live outside of Washington State, check with your state's department of education or Local Educational Agency (LEA) and ask for their complaint process.

The complaint must address the violation of at least one of the federal programs in the list below.

This process is not for complaints related to discrimination and professional practices.

Complaints that allege discrimination please go to Equity and Civil Rights.

For information regarding citizen complaints related to federal programs, please visit the following link: <https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/grants-grant-management/closing-educational-achievementgaps-title-i-part/citizen-complaints-federal-programs>

SEQUIM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Sequim School District policies and procedures are constantly changing as WA State and Federal law changes. For the most up to date policies and procedures, visit http://sequimschools.org/School_Board/policies-_procedures

ATTENDANCE LAW, POLICY, AND PROCEDURE

RCW 28A.225.010 mandates children under 18 in WA State attend school

The Becca Bill, RCW 28A.225.030, requires school districts to file a truancy petition with the court when a student misses 7 unexcused days in a month or 10 unexcused days in a year

Sequim School District intervenes early! Procedure 3122 outlines intervention steps taken to improve student attendance and success.

Intervention Steps:

- Every unexcused absence - auto call to phone number in Skyward
- 3, 5 and 10+ absences - letter sent to address in Skyward
- 2-5 unexcused - check in meeting with school
- 2-5 Unexcused (Middle & High School Only) – Washington Assessment of the Risks and Needs of Students (WARNS)
- 6-10 unexcused - referral to Truancy Liaison. Possible truancy petition mandating attendance at a Sequim School District Community Truancy Board hearing or Clallam County Truancy Court hearing
- 10+ Unexcused - Continued intervention from Truancy Liaison and school

Reminders:

- All absences must be excused within 5 school days of the day absent
- Doctors notes or an appointment summary are required to excuse any appointment that resulted in a student missing class time

- Tardy: Less than 10 minutes late to class
- Late: More than 10 minutes late to class

Excusable absences:

- Illness
- Injury
- Appointment (doctors note required)
- Family emergency
- Religious or cultural purposes
- Judicial proceedings
- School Functions
- Extracurricular activities
- Disciplinary sanctions
- Post-secondary visits



HS All-State Choir (above) and MS Junior All-State Choir students (below) for the 2020 WMEA All-State Festival.



- Search and Rescue
- Dependency status
- Foster care status
- McKinney-Vento status
- Migrant status
- Deployment of parent/guardian
- Safety concerns
- Principal/Guardian Contract (Students who work)
- Pre-arranged absences with a completed education plan (vacation, out of town, etc.)

Unexcused:

- Any absence not excused within 5 school days of the day absent
- Appointment without providing a doctor's note
- Truant– skipping, refusal to be in class, not permitted to leave
- Absent for no valid reason
- Picked up for no valid reason
- Education plan incomplete or in progress (will change to excused when complete)
- Teacher entered absence when not present in class (will appear as 'w')

How to Excuse an Absence

- 1) Bring a parent/guardian signed note to your school's attendance office
- 2) Bring a doctor's note or appointment summary to your school's attendance office
- 3) Have a parent/guardian call or email your school's attendance office

Greywolf Elementary (360) 582-3300

tricias@sequimschools.org

Helen Haller Elementary (360) 582-3200

kbushy@sequimschools.org

Olympic Peninsula Academy (360) 582-3403

lparker@sequimschools.org

Sequim Middle School (360) 582-3503

lforshaw@sequimschools.org

Sequim High School (360) 582-3608

llestage@sequimschools.org



Inclement Weather Notice

In the event of inclement weather, one of the following three options may be announced:

1. Schools will **OPEN AT REGULAR TIMES**. Buses will either operate on regular routes at regular times, or on pre-determined snow routes. If buses operate on snow routes in the morning, we will operate on snow routes in the afternoon regardless of changing weather conditions.

2. Schools will open on a **2-HOUR DELAYED START**. Schools open two hours later than regular times. This means for Helen Haller Elementary, Sequim Middle School, Olympic Peninsula Academy and Sequim High School, 2-hour delayed start time Monday through Friday would be 10:15 a.m. For Greywolf

Elementary, 2-hour delayed start time Monday through Friday would be 10:30 a.m. Bus pick up times will be 2 hours later than the normal times and may operate on regular routes or on snow routes. Preschool will not be offered on delayed start days. A full breakfast may not be served on a delayed start schedule. Announcements concerning evening activities, practices, etc. will be made on the day of the delay.

3. Schools will **CLOSE**. If the decision to close is necessary, all scheduled school events, practices, community events that utilize school facilities, etc. will be cancelled.

Inclement weather decisions will be communicated using the following methods:

- 1) www.sequimschools.org or the Sequim School District App (Android and Apple)
- 2) Automated call to phone numbers in Skyward
- 3) Automated text to phone numbers that have 'opted-in' to the Sequim School District text alert system
- 4) Email sent to all email addresses in Skyward
- 5) TV News: KOMO 4, KING 5, KIRO 7, Q13 FOX
- 6) Radio: AM (KONP 1450, KOMO 1000), FM (KUOW 94.9, KPLZ 101.5, KSQM 91.5, KONP 101.7)
- 7) Facebook: Sequim School District



EVENTS CALENDAR

January - School Board Recognition Month

1/6/20	School Resumes from Winter Break
1/6/20	School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
1/16/20	Temperance and Good Citizenship Day
1/20/20	MLK Jr. Day, No School, District Office Closed
1/21/20	School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
1/24/20	End of quarter 2/semester 1
1/27/20	Staff Professional Learning Day, No School, District Office Closed
1/29/20	District Family Reading Night at Sequim Middle School
2/3/20	National School Counseling Week begins
2/3/20	School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
2/12/20	100th Day of School
2/17/20	President's Day, No School, District Office Closed
2/18/20	School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
2/19/20	2nd Annual Skilled Trades Expo
3/2/20	Read Across America Day
3/2/20	School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
3/8/20	Daylight Savings +1 Hour
3/9/20	Education Support Professionals Week begins
3/16/20	School Board Meeting, 6:00 PM
3/30/20 - 4/3-20	Spring Break



2nd Annual SKILLED TRADES EXPO

February 19, 2020 | Sequim High School



Sequim School District is seeking your expertise!

Join 600 high school students on February 19, 2020 to connect and teach students about the many opportunities that exist within skilled trades.

Each organization will have an area to set up displays, interactive demonstrations, provide handouts, and engage with students.

Email hmcandie@sequimschools.org for instructions to register your organization.