

**Whatcom County Fire District #21  
Station 61 – Blaine  
9408 Odell Street, Blaine WA 98230  
1:00 pm  
October 10, 2018  
Special Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bosman called the special Whatcom County Fire District #21 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting for October 10, 2018 to order at 1:00 p.m. at Station 61 – 9408 Odell Street, Blaine, WA 98230.

**ROLL CALL**

Attendees: Chairman Rich Bosman; Commissioners Larry McPhail and John Crawford; Chief William Pernet; Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester; Division Chief Henry Hollander.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Bosman recessed the meeting for an Executive Session, per RCW 42.30.110(4) (a) *“Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.”* And;

per RCW 42.30.110(g) *“to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.”* at 1:02 p.m. until approximately 1:40 p.m. Chairman Bosman indicated that action is expected following the executive session. Chief William Pernet, Assistant Chief Joe Noonchester and Division Chief Henry Hollander remained for the executive session.

At 1:38 p.m. Chairman Bosman announced that the meeting would be extended until 1:58 p.m.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

Following a short break at 2:00 p.m. Chairman Bosman called the meeting back into open session at 2:07 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Local 106 NW and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue Labor Contract:** Chairman Bosman noted that the labor contract was reviewed during the executive session.

**MOTION:** Commissioner McPhail moved to approve the Local 106 NW and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue Labor Agreement for January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and approved 3-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Bosman announced that as part of the executive session the Board received a letter of resignation from Fire Chief William Pernet. Chief Pernet will continue working until December 31, 2018. A district wide email will be sent out as soon as possible, alerting all members to the announcement along with a copy of Chief Pernet's letter of resignation. Chairman Bosman noted that he had received the letter on October 3, 2018 however, it was decided not to go public until the entire Board was made aware of Chief Pernet's decision. This will be a time of transition for the district.

**SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** There being no further business Commissioner Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McPhail and approved 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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William Pernet , Recording Secretary

**ATTEST:**

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Rich Bosman, Chairman

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Larry McPhail, Commissioner

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John Crawford, Commissioner

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Chief Pernet, Board Secretary