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Board extends Superintendent Tim Yeomans' contract through 2018

The Puyallup School Board has unanimously agreed to extend Superintendent Tim Yeomans' contract one year through 2018.

The school board's decision on June 1 to extend Yeomans' three-year contract includes a 1 percent increase in the superintendent's base salary, as well as other miscellaneous increases related to vacation days, vehicle allowance, and monthly expenses.

The board voted in favor of the contract extension after completing and voting unanimously to approve his annual evaluation.

"As a board, we are very pleased with Dr. Yeomans' performance as our superintendent this past year," said Puyallup School Board President Pat Donovan. "He and his staff are diligently working toward accomplishing the strategic goals. He works tirelessly for the betterment of the district, improving relations in the community and with staff. The large increase in student growth and the high regard the Puyallup School District has in the area is in part due to Dr. Yeomans and the staff he has built."

Donovan said Yeomans requested not to receive an increase in his salary for the second consecutive year.

"We as a board, however, believe it is important to acknowledge his work through a 1 percent increase in his base salary," Donovan said. "We look forward to working with Dr. Yeomans for many years to come."

Yeomans has served as the district superintendent since July 2012. Puyallup is the eighth largest school district in Washington with more than 22,250 students.

In the written evaluation, board members called out specific areas of positive performance, including Yeomans' respect of personnel districtwide and his "diligent work to maintain that respect and positive rapport."

The board also noted that Yeomans is aware of and plans for future financial situations. "Financial considerations are a part of all major initiatives and decisions that occur in the district."

In the area of personal and professional qualities, the board noted, “Dr. Yeomans is a servant leader who walks the walk. He is in schools continually and at school activities after school, observing the great work that is occurring.”

The school board meets three times a year with Yeomans to discuss his work and to give and receive feedback; however, the rigorous formal evaluation process is completed once a year.