



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 20, 2019**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

November 20, 2019 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Ms. Diaz Hackler called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Jenn Mason, Quenby Peterson, Superintendent Greg Baker and _____ (recorder). She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Coastal Salish people.

1.3 Audience:

Ken Taylor Is the parent of an elementary school student. Last week there was a bus delay in the afternoon due to a substitute driver making a wrong turn on the route. Mr. Taylor expressed concern that there was not enough information received from transportation or the school about the delay, which caused confusion for the parents regarding where their students would be dropped off. When he later picked his child up from Sehome High School, he was not asked for any identification. He believes this is a safety issue.

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colleagues presented the district with a plaque in recognition of these accomplishments.

Dr. Baker gave an update that the vast majority of students are in compliance with the new immunization laws passed by the legislature. District staff continues to work with families and the health department to determine next steps for those families who are not in compliance.

With regard to SEBB (School Employees Benefits Board) state health care, the payroll team has been working hard to help all employees enroll, which resulted in 100% of staff now being enrolled.

Staff has been working to create administrative policies and procedures regarding sexual offenders on district property. Two of the policies are WSSDA model policies, and the third policy is as a result of working with local law enforcement and legal counsel. The _____ the offenders from all schools and will share with the offender that if they are a parent and would like to visit the school, there is a process to request conditional permissions to be on district property. All parties are trying to balance the rights of a _____ also considering the safety of all students. There will be a news item on the district website, with links to the policies, when they are finalized.

The recommendation has been received from the Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee and was sent out to the community. Dr. Baker has received less than a dozen responses to the messaging two from individuals not pleased with the recommendation and a few from people who think the committee did not go far enough. The other responses received consisted of logistical questions. Dr. Baker thanked Assistant Superintendent Steve Clarke and Executive Director Jay Jordan for their work in co-chairing the committee. He anticipates letting the community know that the recommendations will be adopted.

As the books close on the 2018-19 budget, there is more clarity on budget. We will be moving to a 5% fund balance, and some mid-year updates include putting final touches on a mental health specialist job description in preparation for hiring; additional support for Cordata, Whatcom and the BRIDGES program; additional dean support for Birchwood and Carl Cozier; acceleration of the Food Services program; and Principal on Special Assignment Analisa Ficklin providing more support for the Special Education leadership team.

The 2019-20 Priorities for Progress document has been finalized, which shares with the community some of the actions that the district is taking.

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- 2.6 Resolution 19-19, Replacement Educational Support and Operations Levy and Resolution 20-19 Replacement Technology Capital Projects Levy**
- 2.7 Resolution 24-19, Cancellation of Stale-Dated Checks**
- 2.8 Resolutions 25-19, 26-19 and 27-19, Authorize District Signatures**
- 2.9 Resolution 28-19, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund**
- 2.10 Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement**
- 2.11 Approval of Mediation Agreement**
- 2.12 Mount Baker Theatre Educational Performance (#1920-069)**

4.2 B/SR-2 Delegation to the Superintendent

No changes.

4.3 B/SR-3 Superintendent Evaluation

No changes.

4.4 B/SR-4 Monitoring Response Document

No changes.

5.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 School Board Directors' Reports. Highlights of comments:

A **motion** was made by Mr. Benjamin to allow the district to cover the costs of newly elected school board member Katie Rose to attend the upcoming Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) conference in Bellevue, WA. Ms. Bashaw seconded the motion, and it unanimously passed.

Ms. Mason was invited to speak to representative Sharon Shew regarding serving on the school board and policy governance. She also visited three of her adopted schools. She attended Sunnyland for a reading event, where the families were all very engaged. The principal of Wade King invited her to a Friday morning assembly, where the topic was mindfulness. While at Wade King she visited some classrooms and enjoyed seeing how students from the AIMS (Access in Mainstream Setting)

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 New Business (as needed): n/a

7.0 CLOSING ITEMS

7.1 Board Assessment of Meeting: Mr. Benjamin assessed the meeting, with an overall rating of 4 (*commendable*).

7.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved:



Douglas Benjamin, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: December 11, 2019