



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 14, 2023**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

September 14, 2023 ±Options High School, 2015 Franklin St., Bellingham, WA.

1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgment:

Ms. Diaz Hackler (President) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi people and Nooksack tribe.

1.3 Roll Call:

Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Jennifer Mason and Katie Rose, 6 X S H U L Q W H Q G H Q W * U H J % D N H U D Q G 6

1.4 Audience:

x Michael Chrzastowski is a board member of the South Hill Neighborhood Association and a 6 R X W K + L O O U H S U H V H Q W D W L X H I S W R W K H 0 D Commission, speaking this evening about the proposed reader board installation at Lowell Elementary School. He asked what problem would be solved by the electronic message board

It has worked well to have staff ride school buses from their school or workplace to the event.

- 2.14 Whatcom CTE Dual Credit Consortium Memorandum of Agreement (#2324-059)
- 2.15 Whatcom County Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (#2324-061)
- 2.16 Personnel Recommendations
- 2.17 Personal Services Contracts

Unanimous affirmative vote.

Ms. Mason made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to approve the following consent agenda item:

2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll ±August 2023

Affirmative votes: Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Ms. Mason, Ms. Rose.
 Abstention: Ms. Bashaw.

3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3.1 High Schools of Vermont

- x Ms. Mason thought the back-to-school staff event was so fun. The emcees did a great job, and it was interesting to hear the Whatcom Middle School campus monitor ¶ V journey and how he ended up in his current position. The Community Transitions (CT) open house was Z R Q G H U I X O x D Q G V K H H V C H facility. She was impressed that her F K L O G D ¶ V was the one to call to share transportation plans, rather than someone from the Transportation office. This will be her last year having an elementary student!
- x Mr. Benjamin noted that the board held a retreat the day after the last regular meeting, and he appreciates that the board engages meaningfully in self-assessment. The retreat was efficient and successful. He also attended the CT open house with his son, a former CT student who was able to see his CT and high school special education teachers. He unfortunately was out of town during the all-staff kickoff, which is always one of his favorite events. The filing deadline for WSSDA elections is this Saturday. If anyone on the board is interested in serving on a committee, he encourages them to look at the WSSDA website.
- x Ms. Rose thanked Mr. Benjamin for organizing the E R D ¶ G ¶ V assessment. She also enjoyed the all-staff kickoff. She was able to attend the block party, and from the 2 S S R U W X Q L W \ & R X Q F L O ¶ S H ¶ M S H ¶ W ¶ M ¶ N ¶ T ¶ Y ¶ V ¶ J R R G

thinking of looking at changes to the levy lid, but an