



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WITH PUBLIC HEARING  
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
August 15, 2024**

**1.0 OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1 Meeting Date and Location:**

August 15, 2024 – District Office, 1985 Barkley Blvd., Bellingham, WA.

**1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement**

Mr. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi people and Nooksache

- District staff who attended the Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS) conference in Pullman.
- Staff at an AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) conference.
- AP (Advanced Placement) psychology teachers at an ACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education) conference.
- Substitute bus driver Mark Miller, who again came in first place at the international bus rodeo.

The Family Handbook was mailed to all district families.

The All-Staff Kickoff is scheduled for August 28 at Bellingham High School, and board members are invited to attend.

The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is August 29.

Dr. Baker gave an update on capital projects:

- A district team continues to meet with representatives from the City of Bellingham regarding the rebuilding of Carl Cozier Elementary.
- Kulshan Middle School will have an additional four classrooms and new fields this fall.
- The tennis courts at Bellingham High School have been completed.

Dr. Baker responded to questions from board members.

## 2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Rose indicated that she is employed by the Opportunity Council, and agenda item 2.17 contains a contract with the Opportunity Council. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Ms. Rose will recuse herself from voting on item 2.17. Ms. Rose made a **motion** to vote on item 2.17 separately. Ms. Mason seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Ritchey indicated that item 2.20, Personnel Recommendations, contains an item that affects a family member who is a district employee. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Mr. Ritchey will recuse himself from voting on item 2.20. Mr. Ritchey made a **motion** to vote on item 2.20 separately. Ms. Rose seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote

Ms. Mason made a **motion** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 2.1 **Approval of Minutes of the July 18, 2024 Regular Meeting**
- 2.2 **Approval of Expenditures and Payroll July 2024**
- 2.3 **Resolution 22-24, Adoption of 2024-25 Budget**
- 2.4 **Resolution 23-24, Transfer of Funds from Capital Projects Fund to General Fund**
- 2.5 **Policy 4260 Update, Use of School Facilities**
- 2.6 **Policy 6000 Update, Program Planning, Budget Preparation, Adoption and Implementation**
- 2.7 **Approval of Student Fines and Fees for the 2024-25 School Year**
- 2.8 **2024-25 Discipline Appeal Council**
- 2.9 **Department of Commerce Community Decarbonization Grants (#2425-252)**
- 2.10 **Bellingham Technical College Running Start Program Agreement (#2425-022)**
- 2.11 **Jennifer Rix Agreement for Services (#2425-025)**



**4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1** n/a

**5.0**