

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**2011-12 Levy Task Force
Meeting 1
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 18, 2011**

| TOPIC | PURPOSE | NOTES, NEXT STEPS |
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| 4:00 – 4:15 Welcoming Statements and Introductions <i>Dr. Baker and Tom Venable</i> | Introduce committee members | Introductions of committee members and support staff. Dr. Baker talked about the importance of the task force and their work. There will be more opportunities for the task force members to participate in the levy process. |
| 4:15 – 4:30 Purpose of the Task Force and Timeline <i>Tom Venable</i> | Understand committee’s charge | Tom Venable gave an overview of the work and goal of the task force. The end goal is to provide a M&O/Tech Levy recommendation to the Superintendent. The second meeting will focus on the use of educational technology to support the development of future ready learners. At the third meeting the task force will engage in deliberations to present a final recommendation to the Superintendent. |
| 4:30 – 5:15 School Finance and Levy Basics <i>Ron Cowan and Brett Greenwood</i> | Understand district funds, primary sources of revenue/expenditures | Ron Cowan presented the objectives of the task force and the basics of finance and levies. (See attached document.) Ron answered questions from the group. |
| 5:15 – 5:45 How Maintenance & Operations Levy Funds Are Used to Support Students <i>Members of Department of Teaching and Learning</i> | Understand M & O Levy funds and support for students | Members of the Department of Teaching and Learning presented information about how funding supports students. |
| 5:45 – 6:00 Questions/Closure <i>Tom Venable</i> | | Tom asked the group to think about two questions prior to the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the experience we want for every child? • How does educational technology support the development of future ready learners? |

Next Meeting:

October 24, 2011
 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
 District Board Room