

**BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**2011-12 Levy Task Force Meeting Notes  
Meeting 3  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 1, 2011**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>NOTES, NEXT STEPS</b>
<b>4:00 – 4:15</b> <b>Welcoming Statements</b> <b>Overview of Agenda</b>  <i>Tom Venable &amp; Ralph Hayden</i>	Review previous work. Deliberate. Preview Task Force recommendation memorandum.	Ralph thanked the group for reviewing the school finance information, and their feedback and conversations centered around educational technology and priorities.  The agenda for the meeting is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review previous work</li> <li>• Deliberate</li> <li>• Make a recommendation to Dr. Baker</li> </ul>
<b>4:15 – 4:35</b> <b>M&amp;O Levy Recommendation</b> <i>Ron Cowan</i>		Ron reviewed several financial documents with the task force. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessed value summary with estimate for 2013 - 2015.</li> <li>• Levy increase model</li> <li>• Levy amount summary</li> </ul> A motion was made by David Flannigan to accept the assessed value estimate as presented by Ron Cowan. The motion was seconded by Jenee Newmon and passed by the task force members.
<b>4:35 – 5:15</b> <b>Tech Levy Scenarios</b>  <i>Ralph Hayden</i>	Description of three expenditure/levy models.	The task force reviewed three levy tax rate models and a draft potential tech levy scenario.
<b>5:15 – 5:45</b> <b>Tech Levy Deliberations</b>  <i>Ralph Hayden &amp; Tom Venable</i>	Opportunity for the task force to deliberate on the models, both in small groups and as a full task force.	Task force members deliberated in small groups discussing the tax rate models and the draft potential scenario.  The group reconvened for deliberation and looked at several possible levy models.  Dr. Baker will be vetting the recommendation of the task force to a variety of community and parent groups prior to making his recommendation to the board.
<b>5:15 – 5:45</b> <b>Tech Levy Recommendation</b>  <i>Ralph Hayden &amp; Tom Venable</i>	Come to consensus on a recommendation to Dr. Baker.	The task force felt they needed more deliberation time and will continue discussion electronically.
<b>5:45 – 6:00</b> <b>Closure</b> <i>Tom Venable</i>		The task force will meet again next Tuesday, November 8 from 4:00 – 5:00 to prepare a recommendation to Dr. Baker.