



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 10, 2018**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

6 p.m. – January 10, 2018 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Ms. Bashaw called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw (President), Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Quenby Peterson, Superintendent Greg Baker, and Ruth Rasmussen (recorder)

1.3 Audience: No audience members spoke.

1.4 Superintendent's Announcements and Report:

- **School Board Recognition Month:** Dr. Baker said Governor Jay Inslee's recent [proclamation](#) in connection with School Board Recognition Month is an opportunity to celebrate our directors for their committed work on behalf of our students. He presented the directors with greeting cards signed by students from their adopted schools, and he acknowledged Sehome High School student Jeselyn Gill, who gave permission to use her artwork on the cards.

Dr. Baker also acknowledged the directors' professional development work by presenting WSSDA Certificates of Participation to Doug Benjamin (*Funding and Facilities*;) Quenby Peterson (*Equity and Advanced Leadership*;) and Camille Diaz Hackler (*Equity*).

- **2018 Bond Update:** Registered voters living within the boundaries of the school district will receive ballots soon for the Feb. 13 election. The district's messaging on the bond continues in a variety of formats, including [Inside Schools](#), which will be mailed to every household in the city. Additionally, Dr. Baker and other district leaders are continuing to give informational presentations to staff, parent groups, and civic organizations. Response has been positive.
- **2018-19 Budget Update:** Budget priorities include staff compensation, K-3 staffing ratios, enhanced middle school elective opportunities and adoption of new curriculum for social emotional education (K-8) and middle school science.
- **Driver's Ed/Traffic Safety:** The administrative team has been researching the addition of a school-provided Driver's Safety Education class beginning next school year.
- **Leadership Team Update:** Happy Valley Elementary School Principal Karen Tolliver is retiring at the end of the current school year.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

- Ms. Peterson requested a revision to the roll call section of the Dec. 5, 2018 board visit minutes.
- Ms. Diaz Hackler made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to approve the following consent agenda items:

2.1 Approval of:

- Revised minutes of the Dec. 5, 2017 school board visit and
- Minutes of the Dec. 6, 2017 regular meeting

2.2 Approval of Investments - December 2017

2.3 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll - December 2017

2.4 Resolution 1-18, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund

2.5 Resolution 2-18, Cancellation of Stale-dated Checks

2.6 Resolution 3-18, Transportation Vehicle Fund Interfund Loan

2.7 Meridian School District and Mt. Baker School District Interlocal Agreement (#1718-086)

2.8 Whatcom Tech Prep Consortium Memorandum of Agreement (#1718-117)

2.9 Ferndale School District Agreement for Interdistrict Cooperative Educational Services - Assistant Boys Swim Coach (#1718-119)

2.10 Criterion Pictures Agreement (#1718-121)

2.11 Hire Appraiser for Surplus Property Appraisal

2.12 Approve Updated Policy 2255 - Alternative Learning Experience Programs

2.13 Personnel Recommendations

2.14 Personal Services Contracts

3.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

3.1 Monitoring Report [Ends 2.1](#) (part 1) – Student Competence

Dr. Mike Copland, Deputy Superintendent, and Brian Rick, Director of Research and Assessment, discussed the [report](#) and [data set](#) and answered questions from the board. During the discussion, Mr. Benjamin suggested the board consider at a future date whether the policy is too heavily focused on test scores.

3.2 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-7, Budget Planning and Execution

At the Dec. 6, 2017 regular meeting, the consent agenda included a monitoring [report](#) on EL-7, Budget Planning and Execution. In accordance with Policy Governance, the board discussed whether the superintendent is in compliance with the [policy](#) and whether it needs to be revised. (See Attachment A for compilation of responses to the monitoring report.)

Following discussion, Ms. Peterson made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to change Item 2.c of the policy as follows. Unanimous affirmative vote.

- 2.c: *{The superintendent shall not fail to:} prepare a ~~three-year~~ **four-year** forward-looking budget for building organizational capacity to achieve board ends in future years; and*

3.3 Review and discuss possible revisions to GPS 1-6:

Governance Process Policies GP-1 through GP-6 are reviewed annually in January. Throughout the spring of 2017, as part of a broad sub-committee review, these policies were revised and in some cases re-numbered. They are included in this agenda primarily for informational purposes and to adhere to the schedule outlined in the annual board agenda (GP-7.2)

The board members acknowledged the work of former board member Dr. Steve Smith in working on these policy revisions. It was agreed that no further revisions are needed at this time, but these should be reviewed at a future date in conjunction with review of the Board Handbook to ensure alignment.

4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 School Board Directors' Reports/Board Visits:

- On Dec. 15, 2017, Sehome High School and Squalicum High School hosted events for alumni who were invited back for conversations with current students. Several directors attended and were impressed with the conversations and positive connections that occurred at these two events.
- The directors discussed recent school-related activities and their plans for attending the upcoming [WSSDA Legislative Conference](#).
- WSSDA is sponsoring a [Policy Governance Networking Summit](#) from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 31, 2018 in Olympia.
- Mr. Benjamin and Dr. Baker have read and recommend to the directors [Good Governance is a Choice](#) (Quinn/Dawson).
- Kudos to Fairhaven Middle School staff and students for hosting an excellent board visit on Jan. 9.

4.2 GP-7.2: 2017-18 Annual Board Agenda, Revised – General review

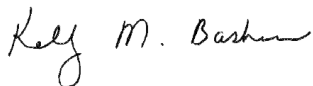
5.0 NEW BUSINESS: n/a

6.0 CLOSING ITEMS

6.1 Board Assessment of Meeting:

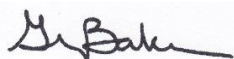
- Ms. Peterson assessed the meeting with an overall rating of 3 (*good*).

6.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Kelly Bashaw, School Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: 2/7/18 _____