



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 1, 2017**

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

6 p.m. – Nov. 1, 2017 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

1.3 Audience – n/a

1.4 Superintendent's Announcements and Report: Summary of Dr. Baker's comments:

- [2018 Bond](#): Dr. Baker is continuing to meet with staff, parent-teacher organizations, and community groups to discuss the bond, which will be on the ballot in February 2018.
- **Swimming Pool Rentals**: The district has a high need for swimming pool facilities, and Dr. Baker and administrators are continuing to explore options.
- [Family Pass – Athletics and Activities](#): Families will be notified this month about this pilot program, which will allow them to purchase a family pass at relatively low cost. The Bellingham Public Schools Foundation is helping support this initiative, which aligns with the district's goal to lower the financial burden for families.
- **Rotary Club of Bellingham**: Dr. Baker and Dr. Dale Kinsley are co-chairing an effort to raise additional money for the Rotary Scholarship Endowment. The group has set a goal of \$400,000 to increase the number of scholarships for local students. Additionally, four students from each of our high schools are honored monthly by Rotary of Bellingham through its Student of the Month program.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

Prior to consideration of the consent agenda, Mr. Benjamin said going forward, the following process will occur when a board member has questions during the meeting on consent agenda items:

- If a board member needs informational clarification on a consent agenda item, they can raise the question, after which a brief discussion (approximately two or three minutes) will ensue.
- If a board member needs information requiring in-depth discussion and/or deliberation on a consent agenda item, the process outlined in GP-7, Item 4.b. will apply: *Item(s) may be removed from the consent agenda upon approval of a board majority.*

Dr. Smith suggested that a future revision of GP-7 reflecting this process might be appropriate. Mr. Benjamin asked that Dr. Baker add this topic to a future board retreat agenda.

Ms. Bashaw then made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the following consent agenda items. Unanimous affirmative vote.

- 2.1 **Approval of Minutes of the Oct. 19, 2017 regular meeting and the Oct. 13, 2017 and Oct. 24, 2017 special meetings.**
- 2.2 **Resolution 30-17, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund**
- 2.3 **Resolution 31-17 Health Care Interlocal**
- 2.4 **Catholic Community Services WISE (#1718-097)**
- 2.5 **Bellingham Parks and Recreation Letter of Agreement (#1718-098)**
- 2.6 **Roosevelt Community Church – Community Toy Store (#1718-103)**
- 2.7 **Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County (#1718-104)**
- 2.8 **Approve Independent Contractor Agreement**
- 2.9 **Personnel Recommendations**

3.0 **BOARD RESPONSE TO MONITORING**

3.1 **Board Response to Monitoring – EL-1 Expectations of Superintendent**

Following discussion, Dr. Smith made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to make the following revisions to the policy. Unanimous affirmative vote.

- Item 2.a.i.: *all Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) administrative policies and procedures in the Essential Category are ~~current~~; and **regularly reviewed and updated as necessary**; and*
- Item 2.a.iii: *all administrative policies and procedures updates have been shared with staff for implementation **as appropriate**.*

Ms. Diaz Hackler then made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to approve the monitoring response document as presented. (*See Attachment A.*) Unanimous affirmative vote.

3.2 **Board Response to Monitoring – EL-5 Communication and Counsel to the Board**

Following discussion, Dr. Smith made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the monitoring response document as presented. (*See Attachment B.*) Unanimous affirmative vote.

4. **POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

4.1 **B/SR-1: Board/Superintendent Connection:** no changes

4.2 **B/SR-2: Delegation to the Superintendent:** Following discussion, Dr. Smith made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to make the following revisions to the policy. Unanimous affirmative vote.

- Item 3: *.....and develop activities ~~he/she~~ **they** deems appropriate to achieve the Ends policies.*

4.3 **B/SR-3: Superintendent Evaluation:** no changes

- 4.4 **B/SR-3.1: Annual Summative Evaluation:** no changes
- 4.5 **B/SR-3.1.1 Monitoring Response Document:** no changes

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

5.1 **School Board Directors' Reports**

- **Ms. Diaz Hackler updated the board on the following:**

- On Oct. 25, Ann Seabott, Northwest Regional Director with U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office, toured Options High School. She would like to return to the district for a tour of an IB school. Ms. Diaz Hackler will follow up with her to schedule another visit.
- On Oct. 30, Luanne Van Werven, State Representative, 42nd district, toured Options High School. She expressed interest in attending one of the district's high school graduations. Ms. Diaz Hackler will follow up by providing Rep. Van Werven with the high school and Community Transitions graduation dates.

- 5.2 **GP-7.2: 2017-18 Annual Board Agenda, Revised 10-12-17:** The board reviewed recent updates to the calendar.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **WSSDA Regional Meeting: Nov. 2, 2017** - Ms. Bashaw, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Mr. Benjamin, and Dr. Baker will attend.
- **WSSDA Annual Conference: Nov. 16-19, 2017** – Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Ms. Peterson, Dr. Baker, and newly-elected director Jenn Mason will attend.

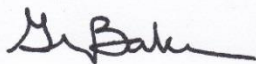
7. **CLOSING ITEMS**

- 7.1 **Board Assessment of Meeting:** Ms. Bashaw assessed the meeting with an overall rating of 3 (*good*).
- 7.2 **Adjournment – 7:01 p.m.**



Douglas Benjamin, School Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: Dec. 6, 2017