



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 4, 2020**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

November 4, 2020 – via remote Zoom meeting.

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Mr. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He acknowledged that this meeting, while attended from various locations, is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin (President), Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Katie Rose, Superintendent Greg Baker and Sheri O’Day (recorder).

1.3 Audience:

Mr. Benjamin noted that, because of our current emergency status due to COVID-19, public participation is limited to written submissions only, and all written comments received will be shared with the school board directors. Each board member has seen all messages received.

1.4 Superintendent’s Announcements and Report:

- Over 500 kindergarten students, along with primary students in the Life Skills and BRIDGES programs, were welcomed into school buildings on Monday. Dr. Baker gave an update on the number of kindergarten students participating in the in-person, remote, Bellingham Family Partnership Program and Bellingham Virtual Learning options.
- The high school internet cafes have been going well, and we expect to offer this option to more students soon.
- High school athletes are beginning to be brought back for small group outdoor workouts, one to two days per week while wearing masks. Some workouts will move indoors in the coming weeks.
- The Whatcom County Health Department continues to monitor and inform us, and if their guidance changes we will adjust accordingly.
- First grade students, as well as intermediate Life Skills and BRIDGES students, will begin to return to in-person classes on Nov. 12. Staff is also working on plans to bring additional students who receive special education services back to in-person learning.
- Dr. Baker responded to questions from board members.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Rose indicated that she is employed by the Opportunity Council. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Ms. Rose will recuse herself from voting on item 2.11 (Opportunity Council-Early Learning and Family Services Agreement). Ms. Rose made a **motion** to vote on item 2.11 separately. Ms. Mason seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Ms. Rose made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes of the Oct. 9, 2020 Special Meeting and Oct. 14, 2020 Regular Meeting**
- 2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – October 2020**
- 2.3 Resolution 26-20, Compliance with RCW 39.10**
- 2.4 Resolution 27-20, Certifying the District’s Levy Collections for 2021 Calendar Year**
- 2.5 Resolution 28-20, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund**
- 2.6 Grant Easement to City of Bellingham for Rehabilitating Sewer Trunk Main**
- 2.7 Authorization to Execute a Utility Easement for the Alderwood Elementary Rebuild Project**
- 2.8 Authorization to Call for Bids – Outbuildings Bellingham High School Turf Fields Phase 2**
- 2.9 EL-1 Monitoring Report – Expectations of Superintendent**
- 2.10 EL-5 Monitoring Report – Communication and Counsel to the Board**
- 2.12 Serendipity Center Agreement (#2021-058)**
- 2.13 Wild Whatcom Connections Agreement (#2021-068)**
- 2.14 University of Washington College in the High School (#2021-070)**
- 2.15 OSPI iGrant 215 Perkins Assurances (#2021-072)**
- 2.16 Personnel Recommendations**

Unanimous affirmative vote.

Ms. Bashaw made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the following consent agenda item:

- 2.11 Opportunity Council-Early Learning and Family Services Agreement (#2021-057)**

Affirmative votes: Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Ms. Mason.
Abstention: Ms. Rose.

3.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

- 3.1 B/SR-1 Board/Superintendent Connection**
No changes.
- 3.2 B/SR-2 Delegation to the Superintendent**
No changes.

3.3 B/SR-3 Superintendent Evaluation

No changes.

3.4 B/SR-4 Monitoring Response Document

No changes.

4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 School Board Directors' Reports. Highlights of comments:

- Ms. Mason shared that her daughter returned to in-person learning this week. It was a joyful first day, and the new accommodations and safety protocols went very smoothly, making it seem like a normal first day of school. She acknowledged the amount of work by staff that it took to make it a success.
- Ms. Diaz Hackler acknowledged the hard work that Dr. Baker and staff have been doing, which is appreciated by the school board.
- Mr. Benjamin shared that he misses the in-person time with his fellow board members. He reminded board members to review the agenda for the upcoming WSSDA conference.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 New Business:

Mr. Benjamin referenced an elementary student's report on reggae music that had been distributed to the board members recently. He would like to send a letter on behalf of the school board to the student to share how they had all been moved by the student's message. All agreed that the letter should be sent to the student.

6.0 CLOSING ITEMS

6.1 Board Assessment of Meeting: Mr. Benjamin assessed the meeting, with an overall rating of 4 (*commendable*).

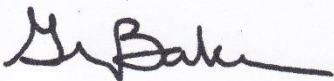
6.2 Adjournment: Before adjourning, Doug invited the executive team to make an appearance and be thanked by the board. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved:



Douglas Benjamin, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: December 9, 2020