



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
December 6, 2017**

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1 Meeting Date and Location:**

6 p.m. – December 6, 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)

Mr. Benjamin said the board, leadership team, and staff were still grieving the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> deaths of Communications Director Tanya Rowe and her son Benton. Postponement of tonight's meeting was considered; however, it seemed appropriate to hold the meeting as a way of honoring Tanya's dedication and commitment to the board's work and to acknowledge her philosophy of pushing ahead with the work at hand, even in the face of what sometimes seemed insurmountable obstacles.

**1.3 Welcome and introduction of newly elected board member and re-elected board members.**

Dr. Smith, who is retiring from the board after eight years of service, commended the directors, district leadership, and staff for their dedication to the district, and he welcomed his successor, Jenn Mason, who was elected in November and will be seated this evening following administration of the oaths of office. He said that Doug Benjamin, who was re-elected to a four-year term in November, would also be administered the oath of office this evening.

**1.4 Swearing in of newly elected and re-elected members**

Dr. Baker administered the oath of office to Ms. Mason (Director Position 4) and Mr. Benjamin (Director Position 5). Following the swearing-in ceremony, Dr. Smith left the meeting and Ms. Mason was seated at the directors' table.

**1.5 Annual Organizational Meeting and Election of Officers**

- Board President: Ms. Diaz Hackler made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to nominate Ms. Bashaw for this position for the coming year, and Ms. Bashaw agreed to serve. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- Board Vice President: Ms. Peterson made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to nominate Ms. Diaz Hackler for this position and Ms. Diaz Hackler agreed to serve. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- WSSDA Legislative Representative: Mr. Benjamin said the current representative, Ms. Diaz Hackler, has opted to step away from the position; as a result, he requested nominations for the remainder of her term. Ms. Diaz Hackler made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to nominate Ms. Peterson for the position through

December 2018, and Ms. Peterson agreed to serve. Unanimous affirmative vote. At the December 2018 organizational meeting, the board will select a representative for a two-year term.

**1.6 Public Hearing:** Ms. Bashaw read the following statement:

- “Our public hearing is now open. Anyone who would like to speak for or against the propriety and advisability of selling three district-owned real property parcels may do so at this time. Later in this meeting, the board will vote on Resolutions 31-17, 32-17, and 33-17 relating to the sale of these three parcels.”
- No audience members spoke, and the public hearing was closed.

**1.7 Audience:** Ms. Bashaw read the following statement:

- “It is now time for our regular public comment time for speakers who have signed up to speak. This part of the agenda also provides audience members the opportunity to provide testimony, both for and against the adoption of Resolution 29-17: *A Resolution of Budget Extension – Transportation Vehicle Fund*, which authorizes a change in the amount previously budgeted in the transportation fund for the 2017-18 school year. Later in the meeting, the board will vote on Resolution 29-17.”
- No audience members spoke.

**1.8 Superintendent’s Announcements and Report:** Dr. Baker expressed gratitude to the board, community members and parents for tremendous support following the loss of five staff members and students in recent weeks. Dr. Baker also discussed the following:

- **Staff Learning Choice Courses:** The district is now in its third year of offering Choice courses to certificated staff. Beginning with the Dec. 8 staff learning day, certificated staff will select a professional learning course to participate in during the December, February, March and April staff learning Fridays. Additionally, BASE members will also have access to relevant professional learning opportunities through a contractually negotiated professional development fund that supports additional paid hours for professional learning. Dr. Baker thanked Dr. Mike Copland, Deputy Superintendent, and Dawn Christiana, Director of Teaching and Learning, for their excellent leadership in this area.

**2. CONSENT ITEMS**

- Ms. Diaz Hackler requested that, per RCW 42.23.030, Consent Item 2.3 be voted on separately, as October expenditures include a \$37.27 invoice from Construction Supply Company, where her husband is employed.
- Mr. Benjamin made a **motion** to approve all consent items with the exception of 2.3. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- Ms. Peterson made a **motion** to approve Consent Item 2.3. Affirmative votes: Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Mason, Ms. Peterson. Abstention: Ms. Diaz Hackler.

**2.1 Approval of Minutes of Nov. 1, 2017 regular meeting and Nov. 7, 2017 School Board Visit**

**2.2 Approval of Investments, October and November 2017**

**2.3 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll, October and November, 2017**

**2.4 Resolution 34-17, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund**

- 2.5 **Opportunity Council Addendum (#1718-039A)**
- 2.6 **Northwest Educational Service District 189 New Pedagogies for Deep Learning Contract (#1718-051A)**
- 2.7 **Whatcom Community College Inter-Agency Agreements (#1718-053, #1718-054, #1718-055)**
- 2.8 **Homeless Student Stability Grant Addendum (#1718-060C)**
- 2.9 **YMCA Student Day Camps corrected (#1718-073A)**
- 2.10 **Broadway Hall Rental Agreement (#1718-081)**
- 2.11 **Depot Market Square Rental (#1718-082)**
- 2.12 **Mount Baker Theatre Rental Agreement (#1718-083A)**
- 2.13 **Communities in Schools (#1718-096)**
- 2.14 **Whatcom Community College, College in the High School Agreement (#1718-099)**
- 2.15 **Ellison Travel & Tours, Ltd. Preliminary Group Contract (#1718-105)**
- 2.16 **Music Celebrations International Agreement (#1718-106)**
- 2.17 **Magana Education Agreement for Services (#1718-107)**
- 2.18 **WA Student Achievement Council Interagency Agreement (#1718-108)**
- 2.19 **King County Parks and Recreation Permit Agreement (#1718-109)**
- 2.20 **Graduation Alliance Agreement Modification (#1718-110)**
- 2.21 **Whatcom County Health Department Letter of Agreement (#1718-111)**
- 2.22 **Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative Contract (#1718-112)**
- 2.23 **Bellingham Lacrosse Clubs (#1718-113)**
- 2.24 **Grant Easement to City of Bellingham for Storm Drainage**
- 2.25 **Monitoring Report EL-7, Budget Planning and Execution**
- 2.26 **Personnel Recommendations**
- 2.27 **Personal Services Contracts**
- 2.28 **Revise Student Activities Pay Schedule**
  
- 3.0 **ACTION ITEMS**
- 3.1 **Resolution 29-17, Budget Extension – Transportation Vehicle Fund**
  - Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Diaz Hackler to approve Resolution 29-17. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- 3.2 **Resolution 31-17, relating to sale of real estate parcel number 380316378331**
  - Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to approve Resolution 31-17. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- 3.3 **Resolution 32-17, relating to sale of real estate parcel number 380214406358**
  - Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Diaz Hackler, to approve Resolution 32-17. Unanimous affirmative vote.
- 3.4 **Resolution 33-17, relating to sale of real estate parcel 380316504243**
  - Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Diaz Hackler, to approve Resolution 33-17. Unanimous affirmative vote.

#### **4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

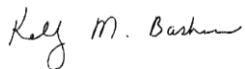
##### **4.1 School Board Directors' Reports**

- **WSSDA Annual Conference: Nov. 16–19, 2017** – General discussion regarding the conference, which was attended by Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Ms. Mason, Ms. Peterson, and Dr. Baker.
  - Mr. Benjamin attended a policy governance session and learned that WSSDA will sponsor a one-day workshop on the topic on March 10. Additionally, Mr. Benjamin will update the board at a future meeting on a book he is reading relating to policy governance: [Good Governance is a Choice](#) by Randy Quinn.
  - Ms. Hackler said she received a request that our district present next year on the 4x8 schedule.
- **Ms. Diaz Hackler:**
  - Ann Seabott, Northwest Regional Director with U.S. Senator Patty Murray's office, was scheduled to tour Wade King Elementary School in late November. The meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled in early 2018.
  - Ms. Diaz Hackler asked that a discussion on Boards of Distinction be added to the next board retreat agenda.
- **Ms. Peterson:**
  - Ms. Peterson said parents engage her regularly on the new 4x8 schedule and their desire for guidance to ensure their students are making the best decisions around course selection.
- **Ms. Bashaw:**
  - Ms. Bashaw updated the board on her recent visit with four Squalicum High School GRADS students.

#### **6. CLOSING ITEMS**

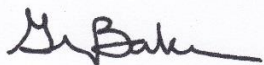
**7.1 Board Assessment of Meeting:** Ms. Diaz Hackler assessed the meeting with an overall rating of 4 (*commendable*).

**7.2 Adjournment – 6:47 p.m.**



Kelly Bashaw, School Board President

**Attest:**



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

*Minutes approved: Jan. 10, 2018*