



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
April 17, 2019**

**1.0 OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1 Meeting Date and Location:**

April 17, 2019 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

**1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Ms. Diaz Hackler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Jenn Mason, Quenby Peterson, Superintendent Greg Baker and Sheri O'Day (recorder). She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples, in particular the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack tribe.

**1.3 Audience:**

- **Amy Brewster** – Works at Sehome High School as a student success coordinator and is a co-vice president for Bellingham Association of School Employees (BASE). She knows that it will be a tough year where budget is concerned, and she hopes that bargaining goes well for everyone.

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

- Dr. Baker shared a King 5 News story regarding Shuksan's [breakfast in the classroom](#) program.
- A [budget message](#) went out last week, and Dr. Baker has received a handful of messages from staff and community members. More and more districts are sending out budget messages, with most districts sharing that they will be experiencing some level of budget cuts. Dr. Baker will be joining other members of WASA (Washington Association of School Administrators) in Olympia next week to meet with legislators. The positive news regarding budget is there will likely be an increase in special education funding. District administrators are working with the principals at each level on staffing. If the legislature finishes their work on time, May 15 will be the deadline for reduction in force letters to be delivered to staff.
- Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities Ron Cowan shared an [update](#) on the district's construction projects, including the fields at Squalicum High School; the progress of the [Parkview Educational Specifications/Design Advisory Committee](#); and Sehome High School's fields, parking lots and sidewalks.

**2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:**

After discussion, Ms. Mason made a **motion** to remove item 2.12, Approval of Updated Policy 1400, from the consent agenda. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Benjamin made a **motion** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes of the March 13, 2019 Special Meeting; March 13, 2019 Regular Meeting; and March 27, 2019 Community Linkage Meeting
- 2.2 Approval of Investments – March 2019
- 2.3 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – March 2019
- 2.4 Approval of Donation, Kelly Swanson
- 2.5 Authorization to Call for Bids, Dairy Products
- 2.6 Authorization to Call for Bids, Fueling Services
- 2.7 EL-6 Monitoring Report, Academic Standards and Practices
- 2.8 EL-8, District Calendar
- 2.9 Resolution 4-19, Delegating Investment Authority to the Superintendent or Designee
- 2.10 Resolution 5-19, Adoption of 2019-20 Reduced Educational Program
- 2.11 Resolution 6-19, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund
- 2.13 Approve Updated Policy 6120
- 2.14 City of Bellingham Roosevelt Elementary Sidewalk Contract (#1819-120)
- 2.15 Bureau of Internet Accessibility, Inc. Agreement (#1819-135)
- 2.16 Bellingham Technical College Reengagement Program (#1819-137)
- 2.17 AVID College Readiness System Services and Products Agreement (#1819-145)
- 2.18 Sea Mar Community Health Center – Visions Treatment Center (#1819-146)
- 2.19 Whatcom Discovery Program Interlocal (#1819-148)
- 2.20 Brigid Collins Family Support Center MOU (#1819-150)
- 2.21 Wave Education Partners Agreement for Services
- 2.22 Personnel Recommendations
- 2.23 Personal Services Contracts

Unanimous affirmative vote.

### **3.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

#### **3.1 Monitoring Report Ends 2.1 (Part 3), 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.

#### **3.2 Revision to EL-4, Staff Treatment, Compensation and Evaluation**

Ms. Peterson made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the proposed changes to EL-4, Staff Treatment, Compensation and Evaluation ([Attachment A](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

### **4.0 BOARD RESPONSE TO MONITORING**

#### **4.1 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-9, Asset Maintenance and Protection**

There was discussion regarding some of the feedback contained in the monitoring response document for EL-9. Clarification was provided to the board (see [Attachment B](#)). Following the discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion** to approve the monitoring response document as amended ([Attachment C](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

**5.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**5.1 School Board Directors' Reports**

- Mr. Benjamin will be registering for the WSSDA regional workshop in Ferndale on May 11. He attended the NSBA conference in Philadelphia at the end of March, and two areas of interest that stood out for him were efforts surrounding equity and LGBTQ inclusion. He would like the board to be specific in its policy to call out equity and inclusion for the LGBTQ community. He was impressed with a class led by Bill Parrett, who is a co-author of the book “Disrupting Poverty.”
- Ms. Mason attended the Whatcom Middle School Talent Show: Bashing the Binary, as did Ms. Bashaw. She also attended the NSBA conference in Philadelphia and went to many great sessions at the conference, a few of which were focused on equity. An American Dialect Society presentation she attended was interesting, as was a segregation session led by districts from the south, where the importance of what students of color bring to the table was emphasized.
- Ms. Peterson attended a town hall meeting featuring Representatives Debra Lekanoff and Sharon Shewmake.
- Ms. Diaz Hackler noted that the origami paper cranes that are on the tables tonight were created by students attending the Whatcom Detention Educational Program.
- Ms. Bashaw enjoyed the March 27 “Supporting Families through Hardships” linkage, where she learned a lot about the Brigid Collins Family Support Center and how their organization is growing.

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

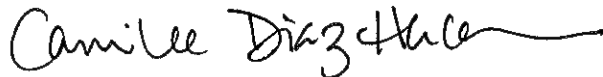
- The May 15, 2019 dinner meeting will be at Café Akroteri, 1219 Cornwall Ave. The meeting will begin at 5:15 p.m.

**7.0 CLOSING ITEMS**

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

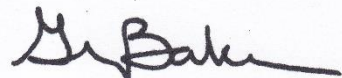
**6.2 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

**Approved:**



Camille Diaz Hackler, Board President

**Attest:**



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

*Minutes approved: May 22, 2019*