



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 23, 2018**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

6 p.m. – May 23, 2018 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Ms. Diaz Hackler called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present: Directors Camille Diaz Hackler (Vice President), Douglas Benjamin, Jenn Mason, Quenby Peterson, Superintendent Greg Baker, and Ruth Rasmussen (recorder). Ms. Bashaw previously informed the directors that she would be absent.

1.3 Audience: n/a

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

- **2018-19 Budget Update:** Dr. Baker and Dr. Sangster, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, updated the board on recent budget developments and reviewed revenue projections through 2021-22.
- **Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee:** Dr. Baker summarized the committee's work in recent years, which resulted in adjustments to elementary and high school attendance areas. Assistant Superintendent Steve Clarke and Executive Director Rob McElroy are co-chairs of the committee, which has resumed work that focuses now on attendance areas at the middle school level. Mr. McElroy presented a PowerPoint showing the makeup of the committee, projected new housing developments, and *Consideration Factors* outlined in Policy 3130.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS: Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the following consent agenda items. Unanimous affirmative vote.

2.1 Approval of minutes of the April 25 community linkage meeting; the May 1 board visit; and the May 9 regular meeting

2.2 Whatcom Discovery Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (#1718-157)

2.3 FACES Northwest Agreement (#1718-160)

2.4 Authorization to Call for Bids – Sehome Stage Lighting Equipment

2.5 Personnel Recommendations

2.6 Agreement for Services with Salish Sea Experience

2.7 Personal Services Contracts

3.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE

3.1 Review Governance Process Policies GP-1 through GP-6: The board briefly discussed the policies, including item 3.a in GP-6: *all proposed expenditures must have majority approval of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting*. It was agreed that

going forward, when discretionary expenditures are considered, the board will act upon them through a formal motion. The directors also agreed no changes to the policies are needed at this time.

4.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

4.1 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-2: At the May 9 regular meeting, the consent agenda included a monitoring [report](#) on EL-2, Organizational Continuity. In accordance with Policy Governance, the board discussed whether the superintendent is in compliance with the policy and if any revisions to the policy are needed. Following discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to indicate on the response document (*Attachment A*) the superintendent is in compliance with the policy and to approve the narrative as discussed, with no changes to the [policy](#). Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.2 Board Response to Monitoring – Ends 1, 2, and 3: At the May 9 regular meeting, the board heard a monitoring [report](#), including a [data set](#), on Ends 1, Ends 2, and Ends 3. In accordance with Policy Governance, the board discussed whether the superintendent has achieved the goals established in the policies and if any changes to the policies are needed.

- **Ends 1 – Strategic Mission & Vision:** Ms. Peterson made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to indicate on the response document (*Attachment B-1*) that the superintendent is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals in the policy and to approve the narrative as discussed, with no changes to the [policy](#). Unanimous affirmative vote.
- **Ends 2 – Outcomes Focused on Knowledge:** Board responses to Item 1 on the monitoring response worksheet were as follows:
 - *b: is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals (Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Diaz Hackler, and Ms. Mason)*
 - *c: is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals, but a great degree of progress is expected in some areas (Ms. Peterson)*

Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to indicate on the response document (*Attachment B-2*) that the superintendent is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals in the policy and to approve the narrative with minor edits as discussed, with no changes to the [policy](#). Unanimous affirmative vote.

- **Ends 3 – Outcomes Focused on Character & Action:** Mr. Benjamin said it seemed cumbersome to use three forms to respond to the combined monitoring report. This will be a discussion item at the next board retreat. Ms. Peterson made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to indicate on the response document (*Attachment B-3*) that the superintendent is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals in the policy and to approve the narrative with minor edits as discussed, with no changes to the [policy](#). Unanimous affirmative vote.

5.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 School Board Directors' Reports

- In response to an invitation from the group, Mr. Benjamin recently attended a local *Moms Demand Action* meeting to discuss the [Student Safety Resolution](#).
- Mr. Benjamin reminded the directors that they had agreed to complete the WSSDA self-assessment by May 25.
- Mr. Mason and Ms. Diaz Hackler shared reflections with the board on the May 20 Latino Summit at Shuksan Middle School.
- Referencing the recent Family Tech Night at Options High School, Ms. Peterson asked if families could access some of the evening's presentations on the district website. In response, Director of Technology Kurt Gazow said the presentations are available on the [Tech Night Presentations](#) page.

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

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

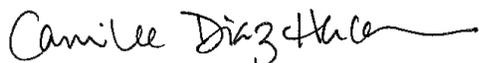
- **Ends 2.1 – Student Competence policy revisions:** Ms. Bashaw and Ms. Peterson were part of a board committee that worked with Dr. Baker, Dr. Copland, and Research and Assessment Director Brian Rick to review the current [policy](#) and recommend changes, if warranted. The board reviewed a draft policy reflecting the committee's recommended changes. Final board action on the recommended changes will take place at the regular meeting on June 6, 2018.

7.0 CLOSING ITEMS

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

7.2 **Adjournment: 7:35 p.m.**

Approved:



Camille Diaz Hackler, Vice President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: June 6, 2018