



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 9, 2018**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

6 p.m. – May 9, 2018 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

- **Capital projects:** Advisory committees have been formed as one of the preliminary steps in planning for the rebuild of two elementary schools: the [Alderwood Educational Specifications/Design Advisory Committee](#) and the [Parkview Educational Specifications/Design Advisory Committee](#). A third committee will be formed at a future date in connection with the rebuild of Sunnyland Elementary School. The goal is to have all three schools built by 2022.
- **Student Safety Board Resolution:** Dr. Baker discussed communications plans that are under consideration. These include issuing a press release and adding a message to the district website. The board reacted favorably to these proposals. Following discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, that in addition to communications referenced above, a letter from the board and the resolution would be sent to:
 - city of Bellingham and Whatcom County Council officials
 - state legislators (Districts 40 and 42); U.S. Senators – Washington State; and U.S. representatives (Congressional Districts 1 and 2)
 - gun sellers in Whatcom and Skagit counties

Unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Benjamin said *Moms Demand Action* has requested a copy of the resolution and have invited him to an upcoming meeting. It was agreed that if more than two board members decide to attend this event, it will be posted as a special meeting.

- 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 Apr. 18 special meeting/public hearing and the April 18 regular meeting.**
- 2.2 Approval of Investments – April 2018**
- 2.3 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – April 2018**
- 2.4 Resolution 10-18, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund**
- 2.5 Resolution 11-18 – Acceptance of Bellingham High School Field Renovation**
- 2.6 Agreement for Services with Salish Sea Experience**
- 2.7 Personnel Recommendations**
- 2.8 Personal Services Contracts**
- 2.9 EL-2 Monitoring Report – Organizational Continuity**

3.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE

3.1 Monitoring Report [Ends 1](#), [Ends 2](#), [Ends 3](#) (combined report): 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. Discussion items included the following:

- the evidence of favorable trends for four- and five-year graduation rates for Hispanic and ELL student populations and continued decline in dropout rates, especially for Hispanic students;
- dropout rates for students with IEPs have also fallen, though not as dramatically as the decline for the other subgroups;
- increase in overall student access to CTE courses this year and positive trends in terms of increased female student participation in those courses;
- the need for continued exploration of whether technology interface is a factor in third grade Smarter Balanced scores, which are below state averages;
- the significant increase in student enrollment in high school physical education courses, which is directly attributable to the new high school schedule this year;
- whether future reporting on discipline rate trends could include more detailed numbers on student subgroups;
- the connection between Project Free Education and increased participation in high school athletic programs.

4.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

4.1 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-6 – Academic Standards and Practices: At the Apr. 18 regular meeting, the consent agenda included a monitoring [report](#) on EL-6, Academic Standards & Practices. 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, Ms. Mason made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to accept the monitoring response document (*Attachment A*) as submitted, with no recommended change to the policy. Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.2 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-8 – District Calendar: At the Apr. 18 regular meeting, the consent agenda included a monitoring [report](#) on EL-8, District Calendar. 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, Ms. Diaz Hackler made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to accept the monitoring response document (*Attachment B*) as submitted, with minor edits, with no recommended change to the policy. Unanimous affirmative vote.

5.0 STUDY SESSION

5.1 Study Session – Social Emotional Learning and Middle School Science Curriculum Materials

- DTL Directors Charisse Berner and Trina Hall facilitated a discussion with the board and presented a PowerPoint (*Attachment C*). Discussion included an overview of the work of the [Middle School Science Adoption Committee](#) and the [Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum Advisory Group](#).

6.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6.1 School Board Directors’ Reports

- Mr. Benjamin reminded the directors that their previously agreed upon deadline to complete the [WSSDA self-assessment](#) is May 25, 2018.
- Ms. Bashaw attended a recent PTA-sponsored celebration of cultures event at Birchwood Elementary School.

6.2 Discussion of Recent Community Linkage Meeting: The directors discussed highlights of the April 25 meeting with IB families at Wade King Elementary School.

6.3 Discussion of Recent School Board Visit: The directors briefly discussed their takeaways from the May 1 board visit to Happy Valley Elementary School.

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

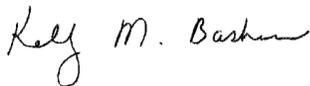
7.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.0 CLOSING ITEMS

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

8.2 Adjournment: 7:47 p.m.

Approved:



Kelly Bashaw, School Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: May 23, 2018