



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 11, 2018**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

July 11, 2018 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Ms. Bashaw called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw (President), Camille Diaz Hackler, Douglas Benjamin, Jenn Mason, Quenby Peterson, Superintendent Greg Baker, and Sheri O'Day (recorder).

1.3 Audience:

No public testimony was offered.

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

- Special Acknowledgement: Dr. Baker noted that this is Ruth Rasmussen's final school board meeting, as she is retiring from the position of Executive Secretary to the Superintendent effective July 31, 2018. He also introduced Sheri O'Day, who will start in that position on August 1. Dr. Baker, Ms. Bashaw and Mr. Benjamin thanked Ruth for her service and support over the last five years.
- 2018-19 Budget: Dr. Baker noted that the formal legal adoption of the 2018-19 budget is on tonight's agenda. Mr. Benjamin inquired about the donation of \$1 million from the Whatcom Community Foundation, and Dr. Baker acknowledged that it was an anonymous donation.
- Sehome Visit: Following a recess from this meeting, the board will travel to Sehome High School for a tour of the construction site.
- Summer School and Professional Development: Staff professional development and summer school for students is underway. Dr. Baker and Assistant Superintendent Steve Clarke visited the driver's education program that is in session at Bellingham High School. Bellingham Public Schools staff is being trained to teach Traffic Safety while students are learning to drive.
- Policy Governance: Dr. Baker presented to a class of WWU students this afternoon regarding policy governance. The WWU students are current teachers participating in an administrative program.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS: Ms. Peterson said an immediate family member is working with two firms (Dawson Construction and Dykeman Architecture) that the district has retained for the Sehome High School construction project. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, she said it is therefore necessary for her to recuse herself from voting on Item 2.13 (approval of Sehome High School Construction Change Order). She then made a **motion** to vote on Item 2.13 separately. the other board members concurred.

Prior to voting on the consent agenda, Mr. Benjamin said he wanted to acknowledge the recent generous support of the Sustainable Whatcom Fund of Whatcom Community Foundation, which included a \$1,000,000 grant to support the new Bellingham School District central kitchen.

Additionally, Mr. Benjamin said the board should formally express appreciation to the members of the finance and operations team whose professionalism and dedication was recognized by the state auditor during the recent presentation of the Stewardship Award to the district.

Mr. Benjamin then made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the following consent items:

- 2.1 Approval of minutes of the June 20, 2018 regular meeting**
- 2.2 Approval of Investments – June 2018**
- 2.3 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – June 2018**
- 2.4 Resolution 15-18, Fixing and Adopting the 2018-19 Bellingham School District Budget**
- 2.5 Resolution 16-18, Amendment to Resolution 14-13**
- 2.6 Resolution 17-18, Acceptance of Options High School**
- 2.7 Central Washington University Interagency Agreement (#1718-151)**
- 2.8 Central Washington University Agreement for the Payment of Student Tuition/Fees (#1718-167)**
- 2.9 Whatcom Traffic Safety Commission Contract for School Walk Route Improvement Project Services (#1819-013)**
- 2.10 Whatcom County Detention Center Education Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (#1819-007)**
- 2.11 City of Bellingham Arne Hanna (#1819-014)**
- 2.12 Washington State National Board Certification Support Partner Agreement (1819-021)**
- 2.14 Approval of Donations, Whatcom Community Foundation**
- 2.15 Personnel Recommendations**
- 2.16 Personal Services Contracts**

Ms. Diaz-Hackler made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to approve the following consent agenda item:

- 2.13 Approve Sehome High School Construction Change Order**

Affirmative votes: Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Ms. Mason.
Absention: Ms. Peterson.

3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 3.1 School Board Directors’ Reports: Highlights of comments:**

- The legislative conference is scheduled for Sept. 20-22 in Spokane. Ms. Peterson may not be able to attend and Mr. Benjamin noted that he may attend if Ms. Peterson is not able. Ms. Peterson will share more details with the board via email.
- Ms. Mason attended the Brother Ray's Benefit for Sixth Grade Band Kids fundraiser at Boundary Bay and was excited to see the jazz band performance and the support for the program.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 New Business (as needed): Ms. Peterson asked if the agenda for the board retreat is being planned. Ms. Bashaw indicated that it is, and Dr. Baker asked that any requested items be submitted to him and Ms. Bashaw for consideration.

5.0 CLOSING ITEMS

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

6.0 TOUR OF SEHOME HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION SITE

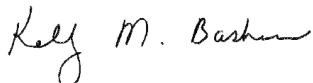
6.1 Construction Site Tour

The board took a short recess to drive to Sehome High School for a tour of the construction project.

7.0 CLOSING ITEMS


7.1 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Approved:



Kelly Bashaw, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: August 8, 2018