



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 14, 2019**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

August 14, 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, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Douglas Benjamin, Jenn Mason, Superintendent Greg Baker, and Sheri O'Day (recorder). Director Quenby Peterson was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Diaz Hackler 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:

No public testimony was offered.

1.4 Public Hearing:

Ms. Diaz Hackler explained the purpose of the public hearing: to provide an opportunity for anyone who would like to speak for or against the adoption of the 2019-20 budget to comment before the board takes action on the budget later this evening. No audience presented, and no public testimony was offered relating to the proposed budget adoption.

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

- There are seven doctoral residents working with us this year. Two of them, Julie VanWijk and Debora Haney, are here this evening to observe the meeting.
- Today marks two weeks until the first day of school for students, and we are now gearing up with staff professional development, orientations, etc. Principals, deans and teachers on special assignment (TOSAs) spent time together today talking about and planning for their professional learning for the year.
- The all-staff kickoff event will be held at Sehome High School on Tuesday, August 27. Our food services staff will be preparing breakfast and refreshments beginning at 7 a.m.
- Tonight's consent agenda contains the approval of the 2019-20 school year budget. Dr. Baker thanked the finance and communications teams, as well as others, for their work in preparing the budget documents.
- On July 10, 2019, the board approved the sale of a parcel of unused, surplus real estate located on East Sunset Drive. On tonight's consent agenda are the proposed sales of two additional parcels of surplus real estate, as well as the purchase of property on Barkley Boulevard. Dr. Baker thanked Executive Director of Capital Projects and School Facilities Ron Cowan for his efforts to sell the three properties and purchase the new site for the district office.

- Design work for the new Sunnyland Elementary building will begin this year. It appears that not as much of the neighboring City of Bellingham park will be needed as was originally anticipated.
- Dr. Baker acknowledged Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Bob Kuehl and the human resources team for finalizing the Bellingham Association of School Employees (BASE) and Teamsters labor contracts.
- A brief special meeting is being scheduled for August 22, 2019 to approve this evening's meeting minutes and an administrative policy. Arrangements are being made for school board directors to phone in for that meeting.
- Dr. Baker acknowledged that Ron Cowan will be retiring at the end of August and encouraged the board to wish him the best in his retirement.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS: Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to approve the following consent items:

- 2.1 Approval of minutes of the July 24, 2019 special meeting**
- 2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – July 2019**
- 2.3 Resolution 11-19, Fixing and Adopting the 2019-20 Bellingham School District Budget**
- 2.4 Resolution 13-19, 2019-20 School Board Regular Meeting Schedule**
- 2.5 Approve Updated Policies 1210, 1220 and 1225**
- 2.6 Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreements**
- 2.7 City of Bellingham Parks and Rec (#1819-126)**
- 2.8 Sea Mar Community Health Center MOU (#1920-015)**
- 2.9 NWESD 189 Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative Contract (#1920-021)**
- 2.10 Gym Star Sports Center (#1920-031)**
- 2.11 Mount Baker School District Agreement for Interdistrict Cooperative Educational Services-Physical Therapist (#1920-034)**
- 2.12 Northwest Career and Technical Academy Agreement (#1920-043)**
- 2.13 BC Technologies Company dba FinalForms Agreement – Update to Student Athletic Forms (#1920-045)**
- 2.14 Memorandum of Understanding – County Mobile Response Team (#1920-046)**
- 2.15 Integrated Rehabilitation Group Agreement (#1920-048)**
- 2.16 City of Bellingham – Arne Hanna Aquatic Center (#1920-053)**
- 2.17 Navia Benefit Solutions Agreement (#1920-061)**
- 2.18 Reisner Distributor, Inc. Agreement for Services**
- 2.19 Award Bid #1920-0532 Fueling Services**
- 2.20 Ratify Superintendent's Signature for Puget Sound Energy Easement**
- 2.21 Authorization to Call for Bids – Outbuildings Squalicum High School Turf Fields Phase 2**
- 2.22 Authorization to Call for Bids – Shuksan Middle School Auxiliary Gym**
- 2.23 Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement**
- 2.24 Approve Sale of East McLeod Road Property – Parcel 380316504243**
- 2.25 Approve Sale of West Maplewood Ave. Property – Parcel 380214406358**
- 2.26 Bridget Walker Agreement for Services**

2.27 Personnel Recommendations

2.28 Personal Services Contracts

3.0 APPOINT LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE

3.1 Appoint School Board Legislative Representative:

Ms. Bashaw made a **motion**, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, to nominate Ms. Mason for the position of legislative representative. Ms. Mason agreed to serve. Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

4.1 Revision to Ends 1 and Ends 3 Policies

After review, a **motion** was made by Mr. Benjamin to approve the updated Ends 1 and Ends 3 policies as presented. Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.2 Addition of Race and Equity Policy (EL-10)

The board discussed next steps in connection with this proposed new policy, including the presentation of a monitoring report in October and further discussion at the February retreat. The Communications and Community Relations team is currently working on a communications plan regarding EL-10. A **motion** was made by Ms. Mason to adopt EL-10, Equity and Race, as presented. Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.3 GP-7 Agenda Planning

There was discussion regarding item 2(c) of GP-7 (board governance training and discussion). Potentially one of the board's special dinner meetings or study sessions each year could be focused on policy governance training. No changes or action is needed at this time.

4.4 GP-7.1 Board Self-Assessment

As the result of discussion at the July 24, 2019 special meeting/retreat, a minor change was made to GP-7.1. A **motion** was made by Mr. Benjamin to approve the change. Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.5 GP-7.2 Annual Board Agenda

After discussion regarding the addition of monitoring dates for newly adopted policy EL-10, Race and Equity, Ms. Mason made a **motion** to approve GP-7.2 as presented. Unanimous affirmative vote.

5.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 School Board Committee Reports:

No reports.

5.2 School Board Directors' Reports

Mr. Benjamin attended the Bellingham High School dance team's family potluck. The dance team recently participated in a boot camp, as well as a hike and an overnight. A dance performance is planned for the first day of school.

5.3 GP-7.2 – 2018-19 Annual Board Agenda, Revised

No discussion.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS


Mr. Benjamin asked if the board would like to consider applying for the WSSDA Board of Distinction award this year. After discussion, it was decided that the board will not apply this year but will continue to apply on an every-other-year basis. It will be discussed further at the summer 2020 board retreat.

7.0 CLOSING ITEMS

7.1 Board Assessment of Meeting: Ms. Bashaw assessed the meeting, with an overall rating of 4 (commendable). No additional comments.

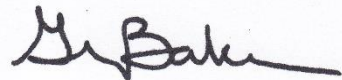
7.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Approved:



Camille Diaz Hackler, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: August 22, 2019