



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 18, 2019**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

September 18, 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 the Coastal Salish people.

1.3 Audience:

No public testimony was offered.

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

- The school year is off to a good start, although the loss of a staff member impacted many across the district.
- Dr. Baker expressed appreciation to everyone who served on bargaining teams over the past several months and thanked Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Bob Kuehl and Director of Human Resources JoAn Steiner for leading this work. All employee groups now have finalized their collective bargaining agreements.
- The Aug. 27 all-staff kickoff had great energy, and overall feedback on the equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) portion of the event has been positive.
- Student enrollment is approximately 57 students less than was projected last spring, and we are continuing to refine staffing.
- Staff has been working on numbers for the February 2020 operations and technology levies. Dr. Baker presented the current thinking regarding the amounts that will be requested, as well as the estimated tax rates based on those amounts. A citizen's campaign will convene soon.
- The following updates on capital projects was given:
 - Work on the transportation facility has begun and should be finished by early spring.
 - The Squalicum softball, baseball and soccer fields are also being worked on.
 - The Sehome soccer field and tennis courts have been completed since the all-staff event and are now in use by students.
 - We will close on the purchase of the Barkley district office site within the next few weeks; an RFQ (request for qualifications) will be put out for an architect for that project.
 - A Sunnyland educational specifications committee will be formed this fall or winter; the challenge of that project will be the small footprint.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Peterson indicated that an immediate family member has been working with a firm (Lithtex NW) that the district frequently does business with. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Ms. Peterson will recuse herself from voting on item 2.2 (Approval of Expenditures and Payroll). Ms. Peterson made a **motion** to vote on item 2.2 separately. Mr. Benjamin seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

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

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes of the August 22, 2019 Special Board Meeting**
- 2.3 Resolution 15-19, Replacement Through New Construction in Lieu of Modernization**
- 2.4 Resolution 16-19, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund**
- 2.5 Approve Updated Policies 6000, 6800, 6883 and 6905**
- 2.6 Minimum Basic Education Requirement Compliance 2019-20**
- 2.7 Whatcom Community College Inter-Agency Agreements (#1920-055, #1920-057, #1920-058)**
- 2.8 Opportunity Council-Early Learning & Family Services Inter-Agency Agreement (#1920-056)**
- 2.9 Edgenuity – Washington Student Data Privacy Agreement (#1920-064)**
- 2.10 Hub International, Northwest, LLC (#1920-066)**
- 2.11 Allstream Business US, LLC Service Agreement (#1920-067)**
- 2.12 2019-20 Northwest Educational Service District NWRDC/WSIPC Membership Agreement (#1920-068)**
- 2.13 Northwest Educational Service District 189 Safe Schools and Threat Assessment Services (#1920-070)**
- 2.14 Yale University-RULER Training (#1920-071)**
- 2.15 Bellingham Technical College Running Start Program Agreement (#1920-072)**
- 2.16 City of Bellingham – District Resource Officer Agreement (#1920-080)**
- 2.17 Meridian School District Transportation Agreement (#1920-081)**
- 2.18 Lake City Travel & Cruises (#1920-082)**
- 2.19 Wave Education Partners Agreement for Services**
- 2.20 Personnel Recommendations**
- 2.21 Personal Services Contracts**

Unanimous affirmative vote.

Ms. Mason made a **motion**, to approve the following consent agenda item:

2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – August 2019

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

3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3.1 School Board Directors' Reports

- Ms. Mason attended her first all-staff event and thought it was amazing and exciting. She loved the focus on equity, diversity and inclusion. She will be attending the WSSDA legislative assembly in Spokane at the end of the month.
- Mr. Benjamin met today with a staff group to begin planning the first student roundtable. There are two student roundtables scheduled, one in November and one in March. The roundtable in November will be with middle school students, and the one in March will be with elementary students. Staff is currently working to determine the formats for the meetings.
- Ms. Diaz Hackler also thought the staff event went well and enjoyed that it was held at Sehome. She has been participating in the fun Zumba classes that are being held at our schools.
- Ms. Bashaw reported that she and Ms. Diaz Hackler recently met with Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations Jackie Brawley about the upcoming edition of Inside Schools, which will speak to the new EDI policy. She also attended a meeting to begin planning the Oct. 30 linkage focused on the native American community. She agreed that the all-staff kickoff was amazing.

3.2 GP-7.2 – 2018-19 Annual Board Agenda, Revised – General review.

3.3 GP-7.2 – 2019-20 Annual Board Agenda, Revised – General review.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 New Business (as needed): n/a

5.0 CLOSING ITEMS

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

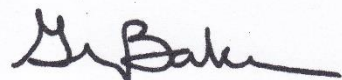
5.2 **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Approved:



Camille Diaz Hackler, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: October 16, 2019