



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 28-29, 2020**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on Feb. 28, 2020. Present: Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Katie Rose, Superintendent Greg Baker.

1.02 Meeting Date and Location

Environmental Learning Center, North Cascades Institute, 1940 Diablo Dam Road, Rockport, WA 98283

- Feb. 28, 2020: 3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 28, 2020: 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 29, 2020: 8:00 a.m.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION

The board members and Dr. Baker engaged in general discussion relating to school district initiatives:

2.01 Review EL-10, Race and Equity

The board discussed the policy and monitoring report document and whether to make any refinements. There will be a discussion at the board's next regular meeting regarding any possible changes.

2.02 School Board Professional Development

The board discussed the value of attending the annual WSSDA conference, pros and cons, and suggestions on how to ensure it is a meaningful experience for all.

2.03 Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation and Contract

The superintendent reviewed key accomplishments for the year, and the board shared strong appreciation and support to the superintendent, including future discussions regarding a renewed contract.

2.04 Communications/Board Visibility

The board reviewed the current communications plan for board visibility and discussed progress. Another conversation with the district's communications department might be helpful in moving forward.

2.05 WSSDA Self-Assessment

The board discussed whether to take the WSSDA self-assessment again. The board discussed taking the self-assessment in January 2021 in preparation for the winter retreat.

2.06 Update on Big Picture Topics

The superintendent updated the board on big picture ideas such as a possible dual-language program, an aquatics center and a future bond.

No decisions were made.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Adjournment: 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 28 and 10 a.m. on Feb. 29.

Approved:



Douglas Benjamin, School Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: March 25, 2020