



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 13, 2022**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

July 13, 2022 – Options High School, 2015 Franklin St., Bellingham, WA and remote via Zoom.

1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgment:

Ms. Bashaw called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. She acknowledged that this meeting, while attended from various locations, is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people.

1.3 Roll Call:

Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw (President), Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Superintendent Greg Baker and Sheri O'Day (recorder). Director Katie Rose was absent.

1.4 Audience:

Public participation is limited to written submissions only, and all written comments received will be shared with the school board directors. Each board member has seen all messages received.

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

- Dr. Baker noted that, while students are on summer break, a lot has been going on since the last school board meeting.
- He shared photos from the graduation ceremonies for the Community Transitions program and the four high schools and noted that all of the ceremonies went well.
- The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) recently toured the garden and visited with students and staff at Birchwood Elementary. The district was named as a Washington State Green Ribbon District leader by the Department of Environment and Sustainability Education of OSPI. Dr. Baker shared photos from that visit.
- Construction is beginning on the new district office site, and he shared photos from the groundbreaking.
- Dr. Baker gave an update on the construction at Sunnyland Elementary and noted that turf fields will be installed as a part of the project, which will enable the field to be used year-round.
- Summer programs for students are in session.
- The board can expect to receive a report from a committee that has been analyzing the order of our future school rebuilds.
- As a part of its equity, diversity and inclusion work, the district has been working with a consultant regarding physical accessibility in the schools.

- A team will be touring sites on Bainbridge Island next week with a focus on environmental sustainability.
- The final 2022-23 budget will be presented to the board for approval in August.
- Dr. Baker responded to questions from board members.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Diaz Hackler indicated that a family member is employed by Construction Supply Co., and agenda item 2.2 contains an invoice from Construction Supply Co. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Ms. Diaz Hackler will recuse herself from voting on item 2.2 (Approval of Expenditures and Payroll). Ms. Diaz Hackler made a **motion** to vote on item 2.2 separately, seconded by Ms. Mason. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Benjamin made a **motion** to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes of the June 7, 2022 School Visit and June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting**
- 2.3 Resolution 8-22, 2022-23 School Board Regular Meeting Schedule**
- 2.4 Resolution 12-22, Transfer of Funds from Capital Projects Fund to General Fund**
- 2.5 Resolution 13-22, Childcare Program**
- 2.6 Sunnyland Elementary Rebuild Change Order #06**
- 2.7 Tiger Construction, Ltd. Agreement (#2122-197)**
- 2.8 Houston-Galveston Area Council Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing (#2122-198)**
- 2.9 National Purchasing Cooperative/BuyBoard Interlocal Purchasing Agreement (#2122-199)**
- 2.10 Washington School Information Processing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement (#2122-201)**
- 2.11 City of Bellingham Funding Agreement – Family Resource Center (#2122-202)**
- 2.12 National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Interlocal Agreement (#2122-204)**
- 2.13 City of Bellingham Funding Agreement – Portable Move (#2122-209)**
- 2.14 ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc. Contract (#2122-210)**
- 2.15 Dawson Construction Agreement – New District Office Project (#2122-214)**
- 2.16 Bellingham Technical College Reengagement Program Interlocal Agreement (#2223-008)**
- 2.17 Whatcom Health Department Behavioral Contract Amendment (#2223-009)**
- 2.18 Hawthorne Learning Solutions Addendum (#009-2122A)**
- 2.19 Personnel Recommendations**
- 2.20 Personal Services Contracts**

Unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Benjamin made a motion to approve the following consent agenda item:

- 2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – June 2022**
Affirmative votes: Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Mason.
Abstention: Ms. Diaz Hackler.

3.0 BOARD RESPONSE TO MONITORING

3.1 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-2, Organizational Continuity

There was discussion regarding the summary of the board responses to the EL-2 report that was prepared by Ms. Bashaw. Following discussion, Ms. Diaz Hackler made a **motion** to approve the monitoring response document ([Attachment A](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

3.2 Board Response to Monitoring – Ends 1, 2, 3 Combined

There was discussion regarding the summary of the board responses to the Ends 1, 2, 3 Combined report that was prepared by Ms. Bashaw. Following discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion** to approve the monitoring response document ([Attachment B](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

4.1 GP-7 Agenda Planning

No changes.

4.2 GP-7.1 Board Self-Assessment

No changes.

4.3 GP-7.2 Annual Board Agenda (2022-23)

Ms. Diaz Hackler made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, that GP-7.2, Annual Board Agenda, be approved. Unanimous approval.

5.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 GP-7.2 – 2021-22 Annual Board Agenda, Revised – no action needed.

5.2 School Board Directors’ Reports. Highlights of comments:

- Mr. Benjamin shared that he will be speaking at the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club in August. He thanked Ms. Bashaw and Dr. Baker for the decision to move this evening’s meeting online, and he hopes that things will get back to normal soon.
- Ms. Mason noted that graduation was amazing, and she was happy that the ceremonies were able to be outside in the beautiful weather. She knows that it took a lot of coordination behind the scenes for the ceremonies to go so well, and graduations are a good reminder of the work that we do in preparing students for their futures. She also recognized and expressed appreciation for district staff who have had to manage extra calls and emails related to Ms. Mason’s private, which is not related to her role as a school board member.
- Ms. Diaz Hackler attended the graduation at Bellingham High and spoke about the seniors bringing the principal signed ping pong balls as a prank during the ceremony. Ms. Diaz Hackler later gifted the principal with ping pong paddles. She shared that she was able to pick up some bricks from the old Sunnyland Elementary building that is being demolished as a part of the school’s new rebuild.
- Ms. Bashaw attended graduation ceremonies for Community Transitions and Options High School. She shared that the Community Transitions celebration was very special, but unfortunately there was rain that evening. She was happy that the weather cooperated for the Options High School ceremony. She acknowledged gratitude for the staff who had a long day of graduation celebrations.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

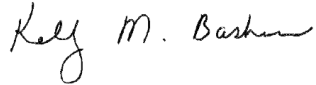
6.1 n/a

7.0 CLOSING ITEMS

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

7.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved:



Kelly Bashaw, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: August 10, 2022

Monitoring Response Document

Policy Monitored: EL-2, Organizational Continuity
Date Report Submitted: 5/18/2022
Date of Board’s Monitoring Response: 6/8/2022

The Board has received and reviewed the Superintendent’s Monitoring Report referenced above. Following the Board’s review and discussions with the Superintendent and his representatives, the Board makes the following conclusions:

<u>Ends Reports:</u>	<u>Executive Limitations Reports</u>
<p>1. The Board finds that the Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. has achieved the goals established in the policy. b. is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals. c. is making reasonable progress towards achieving the goals, but a greater degree of progress is expected in some areas.* d. is not making reasonable progress in achieving the goals established. * e. cannot be determined* 	<p>1. The Board finds that the Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is in compliance. b. is in compliance, except for items(s) noted.* c. is making reasonable progress toward compliance.* d. is not in compliance or is not making reasonable progress toward compliance.* e. cannot be determined*
<p><i>*see comments below (No. 3)</i></p>	

2. Please note commendable progress over the last year.

There is evidence that the superintendent successfully increased coordination during a time of public health emergency to meet the need for organizational continuity.

There is ample evidence that ongoing and flexible coordination took place both internally and with the larger community during an extended and unpredictable public health emergency.

The board is impressed with the increased number of meetings held with school administrators during the pandemic.

As in previous years, the superintendent continues to upgrade safety and security capital improvement for schools. That is very important in this day and age.

3. Please note areas for additional improvement.

No areas for additional improvement.

4. Comments on the report itself.

Thank you for bolding of new items.

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5. Possible changes to the policy.

No changes to the policy.

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2. Please note commendable progress over the last year.

During the summer months of 2020, more than 17,000 books were mailed to 1,400 students at all 14 of our elementary schools. Each student participating received an average of 12 books each.

The district appears to be approaching the point where you cannot distinguish between students of various ethnic and socio-economic status by their graduation rates. This is significant progress towards a very high bar.

The board continues to be impressed with all the creativity during the pandemic. A virtual middle school concert has got to be one of the highlights of the year. Not just for the young musician, but for their family as well.

Continued increase in graduation rates **and** an increase in CTE certifications. Bravo.

3. Please note areas for additional improvement.

Continued work on the Bellingham Promise.

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4. Comments on the report itself.

We appreciate hearing specific examples of different work and efforts. These sometimes go beyond the numbers in helping us understand the district's progress in many areas.

This is one of the best reports of this year.

5. Possible changes to the policy.

No changes to the policy.