



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WITH PUBLIC HEARING  
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
August 10, 2022**

**1.0 OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1 Meeting Date and Location:**

August 10, 2022 – Options High School, 2015 Franklin St., Bellingham, WA and remote via Zoom.

**1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement**

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, Katie Rose, Superintendent Greg Baker and Sheri O’Day (recorder).

**1.4 Public Hearing on Adoption of 2021-22 Budget**

Ms. Bashaw explained the purpose of the public hearing, which is to provide an opportunity for anyone who would like to speak for or against the adoption of the 2022-23 budget to comment before the board takes action on the budget later this evening. No audience presented, and no public testimony was offered or shared in written form relating to the proposed budget adoption.

**1.5 Audience:**

Ms. Bashaw noted that 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.

**1.6 Superintendent’s Announcements and Report:** Summary of Dr. Baker’s comments:

- The consent agenda contains the proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year. Prior to this evening, individual board members received answers to their questions regarding the proposed budget. Dr. Baker thanked Dr. Simone Sangster, assistant superintendent of finance, and her team for preparing the thorough budget document. He shared that the executive team also contributed to the priorities and expenditures. He shared the Materials, Supplies and Operational Costs (MSOCS) and noted that federal COVID-19 funds will need to be spent by the end of next year. Dr. Baker responded to questions from the board regarding the budget. Mr. Benjamin noted that the budget document is an amazing educational tool.
- Dr. Baker shared that construction has begun at the new district office site and the construction at Sunnyland Elementary School is proceeding, with the expectation that the new building will be ready for students on the first day of school.

- The annual Back to School Family Block Party will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20 at Bellingham High School.
- The new Parent Square communication tool will soon be implemented.
- Dr. Baker shared a photo from the U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Award ceremony in Washington, D.C. last month, as well as photos of staff participating in summer professional development and this week’s staff retreats.
- COVID-19 will be less of a presence at the beginning of this school year, and the district is excited for students to begin a full year of Promise K in the fall.

**2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:**

Ms. Rose indicated that she is employed by the Opportunity Council, and agenda item 2.10 contains a contract with the Opportunity Council. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Ms. Rose will recuse herself from voting on item 2.10. Ms. Rose made a **motion** to vote on item 2.10 separately. Ms. Mason seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

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

- 2.1 Approval of Minutes of the July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting**
- 2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – July 2022**
- 2.3 Resolution 14-22, Adoption of 2022-23 Budget**
- 2.4 Resolution 15-22, Transfer of Funds from Capital Projects Fund to General Fund**
- 2.5 Resolution 16-22, Acceptance of Bellingham and Squalicum High School Athletic Buildings Phase 1**
- 2.6 Resolution 17-22, Declaring an Emergency and Waiving Bidding Requirements Due to Alderwood Elementary School Power Surge**
- 2.7 Policy Updates – Policy 3200 and Policy 3241**
- 2.8 VECA Electric & Technologies Agreement (#2122-219)**
- 2.9 Washington Student Achievement Council Interagency Agreement (#2223-011)**
- 2.11 Whatcom Community College Inter-Agency Agreements (#2223-016, #2223-017, #2223-018)**
- 2.12 AVID Center Products and Services Quote/Order (#2223-020)**
- 2.13 School Data Solutions Contract (#2223-023)**
- 2.14 Personnel Recommendations**
- 2.15 Personal Services Contract**

Ms. Mason seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

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

**2.10 Opportunity Council-Early Learning and Family Services Agreement (#2223-015)**

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

**3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**3.1 School Board Directors' Reports.** Highlights of comments:

- Mr. Benjamin shared that an ad hoc committee consisting of himself, Ms. Bashaw and Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations Jackie Brawley met earlier today to discuss applying for WSSDA's Board of Distinction award. He noted that the submission window closes on Sept. 10 and the application will be discussed further at the board's Aug. 24 retreat. He spent last weekend in Olympia with the WSSDA board, which is undertaking an overhaul of its strategic plan. He will forward information about WSSDA's e-clippings, which is a great tool containing links to news articles related to education. He has read and recommends the book "Indians of the Pacific Northwest" by Vine Deloria.
- Ms. Rose expressed appreciation for the work that went into the preparation of the 2022-23 budget book.

**4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

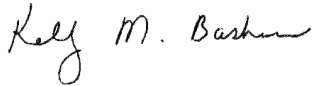
**4.1** n/a

**5.0 CLOSING ITEMS**

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

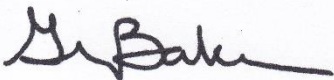
**5.2 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

**Approved:**



Kelly Bashaw, Board President

**Attest:**



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

*Minutes approved: Sept. 14, 2022*