



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 12, 2024**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

September 12, 2024 @ District Office, 1985 Barkley Blvd., Bellingham, WA.

1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi people and Nooksack tribe.

1.3 Roll Call

Present: Directors Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason (Vice President), Scott Ritchey, Katie Rose,

- The early learning center at the District Office opened, which will serve children of parents who work within the district and students who are recruited because of the ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program) grant received from the state.

Dr. Baker has forwarded information that demonstrates that the budget issues districts in the state are experiencing are also present across the country. The state superintendent will submit his budget proposal to the governor and legislature in the next few weeks. The outcome of upcoming elections may change what OSPI recommends.

The district continues to work with the City of Bellingham to determine if there is another site within the Civic Complex that is a better fit for Carl Cozier Elementary School. The city will be engaging the community in investigating what the future Civic complex could look like. In the meantime, there was new playground equipment installed at Carl Cozier, which has been well received.

The four new classrooms at Kulshan Middle School have opened, and the new field there is scheduled to be open next week.

As a result of each comprehensive high school now having six tennis courts, the United States Tennis Association (USTA) will rent all 18 courts for a three-day event next summer.

Dr. Baker shared a map of the property that the district is considering purchasing near Bellingham and Options High Schools.

Open houses have been occurring at schools over the past week, with some still to come.

The annual College Fair will be hosted at Squalicum High School on Oct. 10.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

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

- 2.1 **Approval of Minutes of the August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting and August 16, 2024 Special Meeting**
- 2.2 **Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – August 2024**
- 2.3 **Resolution 24-24, Transfer of Funds from Capital Projects Fund to General Fund**
- 2.4 **Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement**
- 2.5 **Hire Appraiser for Potential Property Purchase**
- 2.6 **Award of K-8th Grade Student Assessment System, RFP #2425-0556**
- 2.7 **Policy 2410 Update, High School Graduation Requirements**
- 2.8 **Policy 2415 (New), Performance-Based Pathway for High School Graduation**
- 2.9 **Policy 2416 Update, Credit Granted for Learning Experiences Conducted Outside of School**
- 2.10 **Policy 2418 Update, Waiver of High School Graduation Credits**
- 2.11 **Policy 3205 Update, Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of Students Prohibited**
- 2.12 **Policy 5011 Update, Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment of District Staff Prohibited**
- 2.13 **Cascade Bicycle Club Contract Amendment (#2223-215A)**

- 2.14 Washington State Department of Commerce Interagency Agreement – Vehicle Charging Stations (#2324-225B)
- 2.15 Northwest Educational Service District 189 Contract – Mental Health (#2425-051)
- 2.16 Meridian School District Transportation Agreement (#2425-052)
- 2.17 HUB International Northwest, LLC Contract (#2425-054)
- 2.18 Northwest Educational Service District 189 – ECEAP Contract (#2425-056)
- 2.19 Cascadia Renewables Consultant Agreement (#2425-060)
- 2.20 Sendan Center Agreement for Services (#2425-062)
- 2.21 Communities in Schools of Whatcom-Skagit Agreement (#2425-065)
- 2.22 Personnel Recommendations
- 2.23 Personal Services Contracts

Ms. Rose seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

3.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3.1 GP-7.2 2024-25 Annual Board Agenda, Revised ó general review.

3.2 School Board Directors’ Reports. Highlights of comments:

Mr. Ritchey has heard that the block party went well. He attended the staff kickoff, y j lej y cu kpetgf kdnf ko r cevhw0J g0u dggp j cr r { vq see students enjoying the new playground equipment as he drives by Carl Cozier each day0J g0u gpvj wlkcu kcdqwe the state grant for the electric vehicle charging stations.

Ms. Rose was disappointed to miss the block party and staff kickoff. She attended the open house at Bellingham High School and was impressed by how smoothly it went. She liked hearing that the robotics class is mostly student led.

Ms. Diaz Hackler attended the staff kickoff and a back-to-school event at her i tcpf ej kf 0u 0ej qqn She has been participating in Zoom calls hosted by WSSDA in advance of the upcoming General Assembly, which she will be attending. She had hoped the General Assembly would be entirely in person this year, but it will be a hybrid event again.

Ms. Mason shared that she enjoys seeing the pride and enthusiasm at the staff kickoff each year, and the photos of district events are great. She was at Options High School when state representative Alicia Rule visited and toured the student health center. Options students seem excited about the new resource.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 n/a

5.0 CLOSING ITEMS

5.1

Approved: