



ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting December 12, 2023

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mark Hottowe, President; LeAnne Bremer; Susan Barker; Kevin Davis; Nancy Miller; Heidi Rosenberg; and Darlene Stickel. Superintendent Present: Tim Merlino. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Gavin Hottman, Mike Nerland, Jeffrey Niess, Jodi Wall, and Kathy Whitlock. Guests: Melissa Burt, Abram Krebs, David Bower, Molly Daley, Tyler Hoffman, Alissa Jolly, Melissa Kreuder, Solina Journey, Laura Knox, Denise McNeal, Kerry Pinney, Victoria Solares, Jenny Taisacan-Vilante, Cari Wood.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by Mark Hottowe, *President*, at 12:12 pm on December 12, 2023. A quorum of seven members was present.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- ESD Connects Report & Recognition: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning*, introduced Melissa Burt & Abram Krebs to share highlights of projects and events coordinated by ESD Connects over the last year, including several staff events and four giving opportunities. Connects has also continued its tradition of organizing annual holiday giving campaigns. In 2022, fourteen families that are served by ESD programs were gifted \$1250 in grocery gift cards and two hundred holiday gifts by staff members. The drive is still in progress for this year. ESD Connects members were thanked for their efforts by the Board of Directors.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - ESD 112 Legislative Forum: ESD 112 hosted its annual Legislative Forum on November 27, 2023, which allowed regional superintendents to discuss legislative priorities with local elected representatives. Over eighty people participated in the virtual forum including eleven legislators and one representative from a legislative office. Susan Barker attended the forum and shared that the virtual format worked well and increased participation by legislators and district leaders.
 - Meeting with Representative McClintock: Representative McClintock, 18th District, could not participate in the Legislative Forum but requested a meeting with Tim Merlino and Dr. Mary Templeton, *Superintendent of Washougal School District and Chair of the ESD 112 Regional Superintendents*, to discuss issues local school districts are facing.
 - Meeting with Representative Wylie: Representative Wylie, 49th District, met with Superintendent Merlino earlier today for a more in-depth discussion regarding district legislative priorities.
 - Meeting with Senator Wellman: Superintendent Merlino met with Senator Wellman, 41st District, to discuss residential behavioral programs for students.
 - AESA National Conference: Tim Merlino, Mike Nerland, and Heidi Rosenberg attended the AESA National Conference in Anaheim. Many of the conference breakout sessions focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it can enhance office operations. The ESD will review current procedures and policies to determine if revisions are needed to guide the use of AI technology in the workplace.

- Gates Grant: The ESD will learn this month whether the regional grant application will be awarded.
- Construction Services Group (CSG): Gavin Hottman, Chief Business Officer, shared a recap of current CSG projects.
- Vancouver Innovation Center (VIC): Representatives from the ESD and Evergreen School District will meet with the VIC to discuss child care services on their campus.
- Jeffrey Niess shared an update on the progress of the new behavioral day treatment program for students who are developmentally compromised.
- Employee Acknowledgements & Recognitions: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Engagement*, shared recent employee acknowledgments. ESD 123 recognized Levi Baker, *Web Administrator & Developer*, for his responsiveness and expert work on pdEnroller. The 1-2-3 Grow & Learn team, which includes Julie Jacobson, Ashlie Chamberlain, and Libby Griffith, was featured on Washougal School District's "Mary's Minute".

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – November 2023; and ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for November 2023.
- **Motion passed:** To approve revisions to Policy 2022 – Electronic Resources & Internet Safety.
- **Motion passed:** To approve the Early Head Start Change in Scope application (#10CH011303) for the budget period 9/1/23 – 8/31/24.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Public Comments: No public comments were made.
- Correspondence: None this month.
- Board Participation in Events:
 - Susan Barker attended the ESD 112 Legislative Forum on Nov 27, 2023.
 - Heidi Rosenberg attended the AESA National Conference, Nov 29 – Dec 1, 2023.

CALENDAR

- ESD Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – January 23, 2024
- ESD Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – February 27, 2024
- ESD Board of Directors Annual Retreat – Hilton Hotel, Vancouver - March 25, 2024
- ESD Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – March 26, 2024
- AESD Annual Conference – Campbell's Resort, Lake Chelan - April 3-5, 2024
- ESD Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – April 23, 2024
- ESD Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – May 28, 2024
- ESD Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – June 25, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 pm.



For questions, please contact Sara Moore, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at (360) 952-3318 or email: sara.moore@esd112.org. Approved minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings are kept in the ESD 112 Administration Offices and are public record.