



ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting September 26, 2023

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: LeAnne Bremer; Susan Barker; Kevin Davis; Nancy Miller; Heidi Rosenberg; and Darlene Stickel. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Gavin Hottman, Mike Nerland, Jodi Wall, and Kathy Whitlock. Guests Present: Jillany Wellman and Dr. Ingrid Colvard.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *Past-President*, at 2:59 pm on September 26, 2023. A quorum of five members was present. LeAnne Bremer later joined the meeting via Zoom at 4:03 pm and participated in all discussions regarding proposals for action.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Program Highlight & Center Tour: Spero Center: Jillany Wellman, *Spero Center Outpatient Program Director*, provided a tour of the Spero Center and shared an overview of the program. The Spero Center is a day treatment center for students with internalized behavioral challenges. Services are provided to students at home, in a therapeutic educational setting at the Spero Center, and in their home school. Each student enters the program with a goal of fully integrating them back into their home school with support from Spero. All services focus on serving the whole child as well as their families.
- ESD 112 Services to Stevenson-Carson School District: Dr. Ingrid Colvard, *Superintendent of Stevenson-Carson School District*, discussed services provided by ESD 112 to her district. She shared that the mental health services provided by ESD 112 have filled a gap in services in their community and provided life-saving support for students. Services from the ESA are also essential to their district. She shared that it would be helpful if the ESD could help to provide support for rural schools with guidance counseling and post-graduation planning. Dr. Colvard appreciates ESD 112's responsiveness and its culture of optimism and hope.
- Early Head Start & ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education*, reviewed highlights of the monthly report including an update on staffing and enrollment.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - ESD Elections: The window for ESD board elections has now closed and there are no challengers to the incumbent positions in this region.
 - Preview of New ESD 112 Board Portal: Victoria Solares, *Secretary II to Administration*, shared a preview of the new ESD 112 Board Portal that will be used to provide meeting materials to board members beginning in October 2023.
 - Wahkiakum School District: Tim shared an update on the Wahkiakum School District lawsuit against the State of Washington regarding the state's failure to properly fund educational facilities, upgrades, and maintenance.
 - AESA Call to Action Conference: Tim shared the legislative flyer that will be used in discussions with federal legislators. Meetings may be impacted by the possible government shutdown.

- Astoria Day Treatment Classroom: The ESD is exploring an agreement with the Astoria/Jewell/Clatsop SD day treatment cooperative to place students in their program who would benefit from day treatment nearer to their home school.
- Construction Services Group (CSG) Update: Gavin shared an update on the CSG program and services.
- Insurance Audit: Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Legal Services, and Insurance Programs*, shared a copy of the recent exemplary audit of the ESD 112 Risk Cooperative.
- Employee Acknowledgements & Recognitions: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Engagement*, recognized Ellsworth child care staff for their hard work and dedication in creating a memorable and successful summer school-age child care program.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – August 2023; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports August 2023; ESD Expenditure Reports for August 2023; and EHS Budget Status/Expenditure Reports for August 2023.
- **Motion passed**: To approve the proposed policy changes to Policy 5401 – Sick Leave.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Public Comments: No public comments were made.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence.
- Board Participation in Events:
 - Darlene Stickel attended the AESD Executive Board Meeting on September 12, 2023. She provided an update on the meeting. She gathered feedback from board members regarding upcoming professional learning opportunities through the AESD and will share it with the organization.
 - Heidi Rosenberg attended the EHS/ECEAP Policy Council Meeting on September 21, 2023. She shared there was a great turnout at the meeting and that there was parent interest in offering field trips to students and a first responder day.

CALENDAR

- AESA Educators' Call to Action Conference – Washington D.C. – October 4 - 6, 2023
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – October 24, 2023
- WSSDA Annual Conference – Bellevue, WA – November 16 – November 18, 2023
- AESA National Conference – Anaheim, CA – November 29 – December 1, 2023
- ESD Board of Directors Business Meeting – Fort Vancouver Historic Site, Red Cross Building – December 12, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 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.