



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Darlene Stickel, President; Mark Hottowe, Vice President; Dr. Richard Graham; Steve Wrightson; LeAnne Bremer; Ann Campbell; and, Marilyn Koenninger.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *President*, at 3:00 p.m. on April 27, 2021 with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Darlene Stickel welcomed attendees and one guest signed in as John. She informed the guest there would be opportunity for public comments later in the meeting.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director for Early Care & Education*, shared a recruitment video for ECEAP students that highlighted COVID-19 safety protocols in place at the ESD early learning centers. It was developed in partnership with the ESD 112 Communications department. She noted that the Fair Start for Kids Act passed recently and would be a big financial investment in young children and families. The state also budgeted for increases to the ECEAP and child care subsidy rate as well as established a cap on child care co-pays for parents. Additional funds will also be available from federal stimulus money to cover losses that occurred due to the pandemic.
- Specialized Transportation Program Report: Gavin Hottman, *Chief Business Officer*, provided an update on Specialized Transportation. He reviewed the impact of the pandemic over the last year and noted the program was currently operating close to the same capacity as a regular school year. He also reviewed plans for the 2021-2022 school year and provided a financial summary.
- FY 2021-22 Program Budget Overview: Gavin Hottman, *Chief Business Officer*, reported on the 2021-2022 program budget that will be up for approval at the May board meeting.
- Superintendent's Evaluation Process: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, distributed and reviewed the timeline for the Superintendent's annual performance evaluation.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - A. State Budget Update: ESD 112 may receive up to \$3,660,00 in funds provided in the state budget for various programs and opportunities.
 - B. Regional Analysis of Stabilization Funding: Gavin Hottman, *Chief Business Officer*, provided a report on how the state budget will impact the financial outlook of school districts in the region.
 - C. School District Reopenings: Most school districts in the region will be bringing students back to in-person learning in full.

- D. Retirement Card for Employees: The board was shown a card that will be sent on their behalf to employees who are retiring.
 - E. ESD Reopening: Cabinet members and additional essential employees will be returning to the Vancouver campus on May 3rd. All other employees are scheduled to return on June 21. The date of return may need to be adjusted if Clark County has continued COVID cases and is rolled back to phase 2 by the Governor. The board agreed to tentatively plan for a return to in person board meetings in August.
 - F. Office Building Sale: An update was provided on the purchase and sale agreement to sell office buildings on the Ogden campus.
 - G. East Vancouver Property: The ESD 112 property in east Vancouver has been sold and will be closing soon.
- Employee Kudos: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning*, shared Kudos that ESD employees sent to each other.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting – March 23, 2021; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for April 2021, ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for March 2021; and Early Head Start expenditure reports for March 2021.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.21.05 – In the Matter of the Obsolete/Surplus Busses, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Proposed FY 2021-22 Employee Work Calendar, as presented.
- **FIRST READING**: First reading of proposed new Board Policy 5200 – Flexible Work Program was reported by Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Legal Services*. The final reading and approval will be requested at the next board meeting.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.21.06 – In the Matter of Approval of the Sale of Real Property, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Darlene Stickel provided the opportunity to one guest, signed in as John, to provide public comments. The guest did not have an audio connection and made no indication throughout the meeting of wanting to make comments.
- Correspondence
- ESD 112 Art Show: Dr. Richard Graham attended and commented on the art show.
- AESD Executive Board Meeting: Steve Wrightson attended and commented on the meeting.
- AESD Annual Meeting Mini-Conference: Darlene Stickel, Dr. Richard Graham, LeAnne Bremer, Steve Wrightson, and Marilyn Koenninger attended and commented on the conference.

CALENDAR

- AESD School Accreditation – Zoom – May 17-18, 2021 – Time TBD
- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting – TBD – May 25, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting – Virtual – May 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- ESD 112 End-of-Year Celebration – Virtual – June 18, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting – TBD – June 22, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting – TBD – August 24, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT GOALS FOR 2021-2022

Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, presented his proposed goals for the 2021-2022 school year to the board for review and discussion. Board members did not have any suggested additions or changes and, through general consensus, approved of the proposed goals as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



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