



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROLL CALL

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

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *President*, 3:00 p.m. on August 24, 2021 with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Darlene Stickel welcomed attendees and guests. Deb Drandoff, *Director, Prevention and Youth Services*.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director for Early Care & Education*, reported that centers were reopened to families and visitors in July. Extensive health and safety measures were implemented to ensure compliance with COVID guidelines. Child care is experiencing a staffing shortage crisis due to increased COVID cases, exposures and employee burn out. It has been challenging to keep centers and classrooms open.
- Mental and Behavioral Health Program Report: Kathy Whitlock, *Executive Director for Student and School Success* introduced Deb Drandoff, *Director, Prevention and Youth Services*, who provided a report on the status of mental and behavioral health services being offered to school districts.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - A. Church and Dwight – The anticipated July closing date for the office building sale to Church and Dwight has been postponed due to questions from the City of Vancouver regarding zoning of the lots. Both parties remain committed to the sale and are pushing for a new closing date as soon as possible.
 - B. Regional COVID Update – The new COVID Delta variant is causing COVID cases in the region to skyrocket just as schools are approaching start dates. This new variant is very transmissible and schools may see quarantining and contact tracing efforts rise in the first weeks of school.
 - C. COVID and ESD 112 – COVID cases at ESD 112 have begun to increase over the last few weeks after experiencing a lull. To date, 160 employees have had to quarantine and 28 have tested positive. Employees are subject to the Governor's mandatory vaccination mandate and must be fully vaccinated by October 18th or qualify for a medical or religious exemption.
 - D. Vancouver Public Schools – Vancouver Public Schools has expressed an interest in teaming with the ESD to provide mental health services in school buildings. They have also requested the ESD look into providing an intensive behavioral program for Clark County youth similar to the Quest program and/or a residential program. The ESD plans to present a proposal to superintendents in October.

- E. E-rate - Additional dollars for technology reimbursements were made available by the federal government. The ESD helped 24 school districts apply for, and receive, \$6 million in reimbursement funds.
 - F. AESD Network - The AESD network has been meeting with facilitators to review its current structure including the purpose and involvement of the AESD Executive Board. Results of the work and a redesign proposal is expected in early fall.
 - G. Board Elections Timeline - The call for ESD Board elections is scheduled to be released by OSPI on August 25th. ESD 112 has four board positions up for re-election. The deadline to submit Declaration of Candidacy forms is September 16th.
- Employee Acknowledgements and Recognition: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director for Communications and Public Engagement*, shared a presentation highlighting employees who received acknowledgements and appreciation of work accomplished. The presentation showcased the following staff members and events:
 - A. LMS Team - Kristina Wambold, Britt Becker, Katherine Livick, and Sarah Walker were honored by AESD for their contributions to the LMS courses offered statewide.
 - B. Early Care and Education - Krys Carney and Christine King were recognized by the Children's Village Center Director for their time, knowledge and eagerness to educate.
 - C. Fingerprinting Services - Madison Stassens-Ketcham received words of thanks from Jennifer Simmonds at OSPI for continuing to provide fingerprinting services throughout the pandemic.
 - D. Graphic Design Recognition - Dr. Alan Melnick, *SWWA Public Health Officer*, recognized Melissa Burt and ESD 112's work on the COVID-19 symptom flowcharts that have been an invaluable resource for many schools, businesses, and organizations throughout the pandemic.
 - E. Specialized Transportation - Specialized Transportation received a letter of acknowledgement from OSPI for achieving exceptional results on the Washington State Patrol annual bus inspection. They have obtained this ranking for the last two years.
 - F. Communications Appreciation - Monique Dugaw was awarded a certificate of appreciation and acknowledgment from Larry Hembree at the Cowlitz County Sheriff's office for her positive attitude and willingness to dive in and sort through opinions and facts to develop a shared message for the County regarding COVID-19.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed unanimously** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting - June 22, 2021; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for July/August 2021, ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for June/July 2021; and Early Head Start expenditure reports for June/July 2021.
- **Motion passed unanimously** to approve the second reading of revisions to Board Policy 5410 - Holidays, as presented, to be effective August 24, 2021.
- **Motion passed unanimously** to approve the Proposed Amended FY 2021-22 Employee Work Calendar, as presented.
- **Motion passed unanimously** to approve the Proposed Amended ESD 112 Board of Directors' Work Calendar, as presented.
- **Motion passed (6-1)** to approve Board Resolution R.21.09 - In the Matter Approving Temporary Out of Endorsement Conditional Certificate Special Education Assignments, as presented.
- **Motion passed unanimously** to approve Board Resolution R.21.10 - In the Matter Approving Out of Endorsement Assignment for Youth Services Teachers, as presented.
- **Motion passed unanimously** to approve Board Resolution R.21.11 - In the Matter of the 2020-21 ESD 112 Budget Extension, as presented.
- **Motion passed unanimously** to approve Board Resolution R.21.12 - In the Matter of Establishing an Account for Processing Merchant Card Transactions for Educational Service District 112, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Correspondence
- Public Comments: There were no requests made to make public comments.
- AESD Executive Board Meeting: Steve Wrightson attended and commented on the meeting.

CALENDAR

- ESD 112 Back-to-School Event – ESD 112 – August 26, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- AESD Executive Board Meeting – Zoom – September 28, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
- AESA Educators’ Call to Action Conference – Washington, DC – September 15-17, 2021
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting – TBD – September 28, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting – TBD – October 26, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- WSSDA Fall Regional Meeting – Kelso High School Library – October 27, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- AESD Executive Board Meeting – Zoom – November 9, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting – TBD – November 23, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- AESA Annual Conference – Houston, TX – December 1-4, 2021
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting with ESD Connects – TBD – December 14, 2021 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 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.