



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*, 3:01 p.m. on February 23, 2021 with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Darlene Stickel welcomed attendees and the following guests: Kirk Pawlowski, *Executive Director, Construction Services Group*; and, Patty Pepin, *Controller*.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director for Early Care & Education*, reported that the program received complex needs funding in January from the Department of Children, Youth and Family Services for the ECEAP program. The funds help support children with high behavioral needs resulting from trauma. The ESD is currently collaborating with SELF to hire a specialist to support the efforts. Jodi also shared there have been many success stories and mentioned several quotes from families who have benefitted from the program. Jodi also thanked Board Members for participating in the annual policy council training last month.
- Construction Services Group Program Report: Kirk Pawlowski, *Executive Director, Construction Services Group*, provided a comprehensive report on the financial status and strategic planning efforts of the Construction Services Group.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - A. Capital and Enrichment Levies: Seven school districts in the ESD 112 region ran capital projects and EP&O levies. All but one passed.
 - B. New Superintendents: Dave Holmes from La Center announced his retirement at the end of this school year and will be replaced by current *Assistant Superintendent*, Peter Rosenkranz. Kathy Everidge, *Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources*, was appointed *Interim Superintendent* in Vancouver Public Schools until a new Superintendent is selected.
 - C. State Budget: The State budget has higher than expected revenue forecasts which will reduce the projected shortfall expected from the Pandemic. The budget outlook is much better than expected last summer. School districts will be also be receiving ESSER funds that will help keep the majority of districts financially stable.
 - D. ESD Board Retreat: The ESD 112 Board of Directors retreat is scheduled for Monday, March 22 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; the March Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 23, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Topics planned for the agenda include updates on child care programs after COVID; new program challenges for next school year; discussion of learning recovery and special education programs and review of the Superintendent's 2020-21 goals. Board members should send additional topics they would like to discuss to the Superintendent.

- E. OPMA Update: Recent updates to the OPMA Act order from the Governor's office does allow for in-person meetings when a County reaches phase 2. However, there are many requirements to follow. Board members agreed to remain with virtual meetings until the opportunity for the COVID vaccine has been made available to all participants.
- F. Vaccine Rollout: 109 ESD employees have been vaccinated to date. The vaccine could be made available to K-12 in the next 3-4 weeks.
- G. Audit Update: The State audit is nearing completion with no reportable concerns found. An exit interview will be scheduled in the next few weeks.
- H. Art Show: The regional art show will be held virtually for the first time. It is scheduled for March 31, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and will be livestreamed via Facebook and also available on TV Etc. Detailed information will be sent to board members via email.
- I. Department of Commerce Bid: The bidding process for work construction work in the 2400 building warehouse was delayed due to snow. An addendum was filed to move the date. Only two bids were received and both were rejected so the bid opening has been reposted.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting – January 26, 2021; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for February 2021, ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for January 2021; and Early Head Start expenditure reports for January 2021.
- **Motion passed** to approve the second reading of revisions to Board Policies 6101, 6106, and 6801, as presented, to be effective February 23, 2021.
- **Motion passed** to approve the second reading of proposed new Board Policy 6010 – Electronic Signatures, as presented, to be effective February 23, 2021.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Early Head Start CARES Funding Carryforward, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Extension of Lease – Suite 240-McGillivray Place for ESD 112 Construction Services Group, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Correspondence
- Audit Entrance Interviews: Darlene Stickel attended and commented on the meeting.
- AESD Executive Board Meeting: Steve Wrightson attended and commented on the meeting.
- WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference: Darlene Stickel and Mark Hottowe attended and commented on the conference.
- Third-Year Accreditation Review: Darlene Stickel and Mark Hottowe attended and commented on the event.

CALENDAR

- WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Week on the Hill – Zoom – March 15 – 19, 2021 – Time TBD
- WASA Small Schools Spring Conference – Zoom – March 22 – 23, 2021 – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. daily
- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Retreat – Zoom – March 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting - Zoom – March 23, 2021 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- AESD Executive Board Meeting – Zoom – April 7, 2021 – Time 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- AESD Annual Meeting Mini Conference – Zoom – April 14, 2021 – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting – TBD
- AESD School Accreditation – TBD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The board moved into Executive Session at 4:53 p.m. for offering to sell real property under RCW 42.30.110(c), and for discussions with legal counsel regarding enforcement actions, litigation, or potential litigation under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The session was scheduled to end at 5:10 p.m.
- The Executive Session was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. and regular business reconvened at 5:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 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.