



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Ann Campbell, *President*; Darlene “De” Stickel, *Vice President*; Dr. Richard Graham; Rainer Houser; Patricia “Trish” Kellogg and Steve Wrightson. Marilyn Koenninger, participated by phone.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business meeting was called to order by Ann Campbell, *President*, at 8:33 a.m. on March 26, 2019 with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Ann Campbell welcomed attendees. No guests were present.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director for Early Care and Education*, reported that grant reviews had been announced to begin the week of April 22nd and interviews would most likely be held with the ESD 112 Board President and Vice President as part of the process. Leadership from DCYF and ESD 112 have been participating in a multi-year initiative called Partnership for Pre-K improvement funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. One area emerging as needing additional resources was instructional leadership. Contractors have been invited by DCYF to participate as part of an instructional leadership pilot entitled Lead Learn Excel. The success story highlighted a family that had been homeless and was able to move into their own apartment.
- Retreat Debrief for the Board: Board members commented on the board retreat held on March 25, 2019.
- AESD Conference Briefing: Lori Oberheide, *Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Public Engagement* and Wendy Niehaus, *Executive Assistant*, reviewed the agenda for the AESD Annual conference scheduled for April 11-13, 2019.
- Superintendent’s Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - A. School District Budgets: Many school districts are facing budget cuts. This may impact some ESD 112 programs but could create the opportunity for new services to districts.
 - B. State Budgets: Discussion about school district funding is continuing at the state level. Negotiations between the House and Senate are expected and could be challenging.
 - C. SEB Update: ESD involvement in the SEB will have challenging fiscal impacts. Currently working to get an exemption from joining the SEB. Working to identify budget concerns for each program and a plan to address potential shortfalls.
 - D. Funding for ESDs: The ESD safety bill was included in the house budget and funds two positions at each ESD; however, it was less money than requested. ESDU was not funded.
 - E. Board Member Resignation: Board member, Trish Kellogg, tendered her resignation effective March 26, 2019.

- F. Audit Exit Interview: The Audit Exit interview is scheduled for April 3, 2019 from 11:00 – 12:00 pm. All board members were invited to participate.
- Employee Acknowledgements and Recognition: Lori Oberheide, *Assistant Superintendent 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. ESIT Audit: ESIT program received no findings related to compliance for the time period July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019.
 - B. Employee Appreciation: The HR Team received positive feedback for providing all employees with a note of appreciation.
 - C. Visit with Congresswoman: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director for Child Care and Early Learning*; Debbie Ham, *Executive Director for SELF*; and parents Chris DiPalma and Leah Scouller met with Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler about the child care crisis and a bill she had introduced to Congress.
 - D. Notable Women in STEM: Vickei Hrdina, *STEM Director*, was recognized as a notable woman in STEM.
 - E. Donations to Cowlitz Truancy Project: ESD staff donated more than 600 school supply items for students in the Cowlitz County Truancy project.
 - F. ESD 112 Chili Cook-Off: Natasha Benitez, *ECE Bilingual Program Assistant*, was recognized as the winner of the 2019 chili cook-off.
 - G. Regional High School Art Show: Over 250 student artists participated in the Regional High School Art Show held on March 29, 2019.
 - H. Lobby Furniture: New furniture was added to the front lobby.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting-February 19, 2019; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Report for March 2019; ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for February 2019; and Early Head Start expenditure reports for February 2019.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Kalama Early Learning Lease, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve the proposed FY 2019-2020 Employee Work Calendar, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Early Head Start Salary Schedule that implements the 1.77% cost of living adjustment (COLA) funded by the Office of Head Start (DHS), as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Correspondence
- WASA Small Schools Conference: Ann Campbell attended and commented on the event.
- ESD 112 Art Show: Ann Campbell and Dick Graham attended and commented on the event.

CALENDAR

- AESD Executive Board Meeting- April 11, 2019-Skamania Lodge-Stevenson, WA-12:00p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- AESD 50th Celebration Annual Conference-April 11-13, 2019-Skamania Lodge-Stevenson, WA
- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting with Policy Council Training and Dinner-ESD 112-April 23, 2019-3:00 p.m.-7:00 pm
- WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting-ESD 112-May 8, 2019-6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- AESD School Accreditation-ESD 113-Tumwater, WA-May 20-21, 2019-11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Community Foundation Annual Luncheon-Vancouver Hilton-June 4, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.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.