



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Darlene Stickel, President; Mark Hottowe, Vice President; LeAnne Bremer; Marilyn Koenninger; Dr. Richard Graham; and Steve Wrightson. Guests: Kevin Davis, Deb Drandoff. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Gavin Hottman, Mike Nerland, Jeffrey Niess, Jodi Wall, Kathy Whitlock.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *President*, at 9:35 am on March 28, 2022.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Darlene Stickel welcomed attendees.

STATE OF THE ESD REPORT

- Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, shared a State of the ESD Report. Tim welcomed Kevin Davis, newly appointed board member, and thanked the board for their support of ESD 112 throughout the pandemic.
- In the last two years, school district enrollment in the ESD 112 region has declined dramatically in comparison to the rest of the state, with a combined loss of 6.19%. There have also been many changes in school district leadership with 19 new superintendents in 15 districts during this time period.
- ESD 112 helped to fill the needs of districts during the pandemic earning the praise and attention of lawmakers, OSPI, and school districts, which created many opportunities. AESD secured \$23 million in funding to provide COVID related programming.
- ESD programs have been impacted by the pandemic and experienced increased staff turnover compared to prior years and difficulties filling some positions. Staffing continues to be an issue for some programs.
- The ESD will start the next school year in a good financial position. The agency will work to tackle compensation issues and filling open positions.
- ESD 112 will continue to keep the safety of its staff and students a priority.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND FORECAST FOR 2023

- ESD 112 leadership provided department updates and a look forward to next year.

FINANCIAL FORECAST FOR 2023

- This presentation was postponed due to time constraints.

FOCUS: BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- During the pandemic, behavioral and mental health concerns for students have skyrocketed. The Teaching & Learning Division team provided an overview of current supports offered to school districts throughout the region.

NEW PROGRAM FOCUS

- Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, and ESD leadership shared information on how the agency is working to grow both mental and behavioral health programs to meet short and long term needs of school districts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



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.