



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' Special Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *President*, at 3:00 p.m. on May 25, 2021 with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Darlene Stickel welcomed attendees and the following guests: Vickei Hrdina, *Executive Director, Career Connect SW*; and, Patty Pepin, *Controller*.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director for Early Care & Education*, reported the Early Head Start, Early ECEAP and ECEAP programs were awarded an OSPI grant to support preschool inclusion work in Ocean Beach. Staff will be part of the Pyramid Model and will receive training about how to strengthen social emotional learning for all children. She also noted the program had been awarded 18 additional ECEAP expansion slots.
- Career Connected Learning Program Report: Vickei Hrdina, *Executive Director, Career Connect SW*, provided an explanation and summary of work completed by the Career Connected Learning Program over the last year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The board moved into executive session at 3:20 p.m. for discussion of performance of an employee under RCW 42.30.110(1) (g). The session was scheduled to end at 3:50 p.m.

RECONVENE/ACTION

- The executive session ended at 3:50 p.m. and regular business convened at 3:51 p.m. No action was taken.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 2021 Board Elections Timeline: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, reviewed the timeline for the ESD Board Elections taking place in the fall of 2021. There will be four ESD 112 Board Members, whose terms end in January 2022, up for re-election.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - A. AESA Conferences: The AESA national conferences are scheduled to be held in person in Washington D.C. and Houston, Texas, this year. Both conferences were held virtually in 2020.
 - B. ESD 112 Reopening: ESD employees are scheduled to return to the office on June 21. Essential employees began returning on May 3. ESD developed a return to work safety plan to ensure a safe work environment and that L&I requirements are met.

- C. Masking Rules: The CDC released changes to mask wearing requirements for individuals who are fully vaccinated. However, the ESD will continue to require all employees to wear masks except when alone in personal work spaces.
 - D. School District Changes: The following school districts will have superintendent changes in 2021-2022: Battle Ground-Denny Waters will replace Mark Ross; Camas-Doug Hood will replace Jeff Snell on an interim basis; Green Mountain- Dave Holmes will replace Tyson Vogeler on an interim basis; La Center- Peter Rosenkranz will replace Dave Holmes; Vancouver-Jeff Snell will replace interim Kathy Everidge; and White Salmon-Sean McGeeney will replace Jerry Lewis.
 - E. WSPRA Awards: The ESD 112 Communications team earned 12 awards from the Washington School Public Relations Association. Most notably they earned a perfect score and best in category recognition for their pandemic toolkit.
 - F. New Programs: Updates were provided on the behavioral partnership in The Dalles; mental health services expansion; summer learning opportunities and PPE ordering and delivering.
 - G. Stabilization Funds: The ESD received over \$1 million in stabilization funds from the state to reimburse for expenses incurred in response to the pandemic.
- Employee Kudos: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning*, shared Kudos that staff sent to each other. He also noted Tim Merlino received the WASA Award of Merit and was nominated to receive the statewide WASA Leadership Award. Superintendent Merlino was recognized at an awards ceremony held on May 21, 2021.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting – April 27, 2021; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for May 2021, ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for April 2021; and Early Head Start expenditure reports for April 2021.
- **Motion passed** to approve the second reading of new Board Policy 5200 - Flexible Work Program, as presented, to be effective May 25, 2021.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.21.07 – In the Matter of Approval of the 2021-22 Compensation Proposal, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.21.08 – In the Matter of the 2021-22 ESD 112 Budget
- **FIRST READING**: First reading of proposed revisions to Board Policy 6217 – Acknowledging Service & Contributions was reported by Patty Pepin, *Controller*. The final reading and approval will be requested at the next board meeting.
- **FIRST READING**: First reading of proposed new Board Policy 6882 – Sale of Real Property was reported by Patty Pepin, *Controller*. The final reading and approval will be requested at the next board meeting.
- **FIRST READING**: First reading of proposed new Board Policy 6112 – Rental or Lease of ESD 112 Property was reported by Patty Pepin, *Controller*. The final reading and approval will be requested at the next board meeting.
- **Motion passed** to approve the EHS/EE/ECEAP Self-Assessment, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve the EHS Continuation Grant Application (September 2021 – August 2022), as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Lease of Warehouse Space for ESD 112 Programs, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Correspondence
- AESD School Accreditation Reviews: Darlene Stickel, Dr. Richard Graham, and Steve Wrightson attended and commented on the reviews.
- ESD 112 Region Annual WASA Awards and Recognition: Darlene Stickel attended and commented on the event.
- King's Way Third-Year Accreditation Review: Darlene Stickel, Marilyn Koeninger, Steve Wrightson, and Ann Campbell attended and commented on the review.

CALENDAR

- WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting – Virtual – May 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- STEPS Graduation – Virtual – June 16, 2021 – Time TBD
- ESD 112 End-of-Year Celebration – Virtual – June 18, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Meeting – Zoom – 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.
- AESA Educators’ Call to Action Conference – Washington, DC – September 15-17, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 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.