



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ROLL CALL

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

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business meeting was called to order by Ann Campbell, *President*, at 3:00 p.m. on October 27, 2020 with a quorum of 5 members present. Dr. Richard Graham joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m. increasing the quorum to 6 members at that time.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Ann Campbell welcomed attendees. There were no guests.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director for Early Care and Education*, shared the Birth-5 In-Service day was on September 25th and was adjusted to fit current COVID guidelines. Feedback was that smaller site-based trainings helped staff feel connected to their colleagues and more confident about speaking up. The 1-2-3 Grow and Learn program has been providing virtual playgroups in lieu of their regular in-person sessions. They recently had over 200 children participate on one day. Children represent 25 school districts from four states. Plans are underway to begin a bilingual program soon.
- Board Vacancy Discussion: Ann Campbell, *President*, led discussion regarding the appointment of a new board member to fill the District 5 position left vacant upon the resignation of Jennifer Hawks-Conright. Per general consensus at the board meeting on September 22nd, Ann contacted former board member, Marilyn Koenninger, to see if she would be interested in filling the position on an interim bases until the formal election process takes place in October of 2021. Ann shared that Marilyn was interested in filling the position.

Motion passed to appoint Marilyn Koenninger to fill the District 5 Board position until the formal election process takes place in October 2021.

- Employee Health and Safety Update: Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Legal Services*, is serving as COVID -19 safety officer for the agency. She updated the board on the protocols and procedures in place to ensure the safety of staff and students.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - A. Reopening Schools: School districts in the ESD 112 region are in varying stages of reopening based on the status of COVID-19 cases in their respective counties. He noted that, while Clark County cases remained high, those school districts collectively agreed to begin serving Kindergarten students in groups of 10 or less as approved by the Clark County Health Department.
 - B. ESD 112 December Board Meeting: Tim shared that an in-person meeting in December with the ESD Connects group was not going to be possible so asked the board to consider changing

the time of the meeting from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 pm. The meeting with ESD Connects will be rescheduled when in-person meetings are allowed.

Motion passed to change the time of the board meeting on December 15, 2020 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- C. **Virtual AESA Conference**: The annual AESA Conference will be held virtually December 2-4th. When available, a conference schedule will be sent to board members for review.
- D. **Tenant Update**: The ESD is expecting a formal offer in the next few days from a current tenant to purchase the warehouse building they are currently occupying. The board will be updated once the offer has been received and reviewed.
- E. **PPE Project**: The final PPE deliveries from the first round of ordering are being completed. Another statewide bid is underway and closes on November 5th. Each ESD will be submitting orders on behalf of school districts in their region and will be responsible for distributing supplies to their districts as well.
- F. **Gorge Behavior Program**: The Dalles School District is requesting to resume discussions about collaborating with ESD 112 to enhance their current behavior program and make it available to qualifying ESA students in the 2021-22 school year.
- G. **MTSS Grant from OSPI**: The ESDs are receiving funding from OSPI to help school districts implement multi-tiered systems of support. This is a statewide effort to ensure consistency in the training and implementation. ESD 112 will receive \$150,000 per year for five years.
- H. **CSG Projects**: Tim has been touring new school buildings managed by our CSG program. They continue to complete projects on time and under budget.
- I. **Regional Committee Membership**: Two members of the Regional Committee are up for re-appointment to serve an additional 4-year term. There are currently three positions open.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting – September 22, 2020; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Report for October 2020, ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for September 2020; and Early Head Start Budget Status/Expenditure Reports for September 2020.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Early Head Start Home-Based 2020 Budget Revision (Grant #10CH011303) Request to Shift \$27,241 from the Salaries Line Item and \$11,409 from the Benefits Line Item to the Equipment Line Item, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.20.13 – In the Matter of the Appointment of Mr. Joshua Soske to Position #1 of the Regional Committee on School District Reorganization for the Term 2021-2025, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.20.14 – In the Matter of the Appointment of Mr. Robert Talent to Position #7 of the Regional Committee on School District Reorganization for the Term 2021-2025, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.20.15 – In the Matter Approving Temporary Out-of-Endorsement Conditional Certificate Special Education Assignments, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.20.16 – In the Matter of Recognition of Exemplary Service of Bruce Hagensen, as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve Board Resolution R.20.17 – In the Matter of Recognition of Exemplary Service of James Tormanen, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Correspondence
- **WSSDA Regional Fall Meeting**: Darlene Stickel and Mark Hottowe attended and commented on the event.

CALENDAR

- AESD Executive Board Meeting – Zoom – November 10, 2020 – 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting – Zoom – November 24, 2020 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- AESA Annual Conference – Virtual – December 2-5, 2020
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting with ESD Connects – Zoom – December 15, 2020 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting – January 26, 2021
- AESD Executive Board Meeting – Zoom – February 10, 2021 – 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- WSSDA/WASA/WASBO Legislative Conference – TBD
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Business Meeting – Zoom – February 23, 2021 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 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.