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 3:00 p.m. on February 19, 2019 with a quorum of seven members present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS
- Ann Campbell welcomed guests and led introductions. Those in attendance were: Craig Downs, Assistant Director for Cascadia Tech Academy; Michelle Aguilar, Child Care Aware Manager; Sam Stevens, Relationship Based Professional Development Manager; Carol Benefiel; Early Learning Program Coordinator, Julie Worrall, Early Learning Program Coordinator; and Tracy Butler, Early Learning Program Coordinator.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION
- Cascadia Tech Academy Community Report: Craig Downs, Assistant Director for Cascadia Tech Academy, reported results of a communications audit conducted by the ESD 112 communications team and provided data about current enrollment, attendance and program offerings. Mr. Downs distributed and reviewed information materials and was available to answer questions.

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, Executive Director for Early Care and Education, reported that a SWCCC child care site had been identified as a measles exposure site for the second time. Jodi and her staff continue to work with the Department of Children and Family services and ECEAP to ensure students excluded from school because they are not immunized continue to receive access to support as the measles cases continue to grow. The success story highlighted a child that had aged out of early learning support programs and no longer needed services. Jodi also shared that some parents had expressed confusion and concern about changes to contracts in the birth to five programs primarily about summer care. Another parent expressed disagreement with policies around payment to employees on snow closure days. Jodi and her team were meeting with parents individually to answer questions and better understand their concerns.

- Early Care and Education Program Report: Jodi Wall introduced Michelle Aguilar, Child Care Aware Manager; Sam Stevens, Relationship Based Professional Development Manager; Carol Benefiel; Early Learning Program Coordinator, Julie Worrall, Early Learning Program Coordinator; and Tracy Butler, Early Learning Program Coordinator. The team provided a report to the Board about the Child Care Aware program.

- Superintendent’s Report: Tim Merlino, Superintendent, briefed the board on the following:
  A. Audit Update: Gavin Hottman, Chief Business Officer, shared that the on-site portion of the annual audit would be ending soon.
  B. Levies and Bonds: Hockinson School District was the only school district in the state to have their levy fail and Ridgefield school district was unable to pass their bond. Several other
districts in the region passed but by very narrow margins. There were several school districts in the state that passed bonds totaling over $200 million. Many of those districts contract with the Construction Services Group which have guaranteed projects for the next few years as a result.

C. Levy Swap: A bill being introduced would allow school districts to collect levy funds above $1.50. Many local school districts are facing large budget shortfalls and cuts but are concerned that doing so would hurt their credibility with community members. The ESD fiscal team has been working on calculations to help local districts understand the financial implications to them if the bill passes.

D. SEB Impact on ESDS: A legislative bill has been put forward to exempt ESDs from participation in the SEB for four years while a study is conducted on impacts of participation.

E. Board Retreat Agenda Review: The retreat will be held at ESD 112 on March 25. An agenda was distributed and reviewed.

F. Board Member Resignation: Board member, Rainer Houser, tendered his resignation effective July 1, 2019. Discussion was held about a timeline to recruit a replacement. Board members were asked to send feedback to the Superintendent.

G. WSSDA Spring Regional Meeting: ESD 112 will be hosting the spring regional WSSDA meeting in April.

H. New Services with Evergreen School District: The Evergreen School District recently joined the data center to receive fiscal support services and inquired about contracting for printing services.

I. Status of Regional Superintendents: Several districts in the region will have new superintendents in the upcoming school year. Amy Huntley was selected to serve in Ocean Beach, Crystal Lanz will be the new superintendent in Trout Lake; Toutle Lake, Castle Rock and Hockinson are all undergoing searches for new superintendents as well.

J. AESD Conference Update: Lori Oberheide, Assistant Superintendent for Communications and Public Engagement and Wendy Niehaus, Executive Assistant, provided an update on planning for the AESD Conference in April at Skamania Lodge.

- 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. Business Manager Kudos: Kathy McKee, the new ESD 112 Business Manager assigned to the Stevenson-Carson School District was recognized by Superintendent Karen Douglass for being a great addition to their team.

B. Center Directors Praised: The two directors at the Patricia Nierenberg Child Care center were praised by parents for providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

C. Recognition of New Employee: Kayli Troelsen, Bilingual Workforce Development & Volunteer Coordinator, was highlighted for being a great addition to her team.

D. Child Care Aware Employee: Tracy Butler, ECE Program Coordinator, received praise for her great work from the Child Care Aware team.

E. WASA Workgroup Communication: Monique Dugaw, Director for Communications, received a compliment from Joel Aune, Executive Director for WASA, for her work in rolling out the School Finance Committee recommendations.

F. School Supply Drive: ESD Connects is sponsoring a school supply drive for students being serviced in the Cowlitz County Truancy Project.

G. Columbian Newspaper Story: Karen Pederson, Senior Insurance Adjuster for Workers’ Compensation, and her family were featured in the Columbian Newspaper. They were reunited with a sibling that had been adopted to another family.

H. ESD Connects: All employees received fortune cookies on their desks to celebrate the Chinese New Year.
PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Meeting-January 29, 2019; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Report for February 2019; ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for January 2019; and Early Head Start expenditure reports for January 2019 with correction to the minutes assigning Steve Wrightson as the legislative liaison instead of Trish Kellogg.

- **Motion passed** to approve the Early Head Start Home Based COLA application, for budget period 1/1/19-12/31/19, in the amount of $10,472, as presented.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Correspondence
- WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference: This conference was cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Audit Entrance Interview: Steve Wrightson attended and commented on the event.
- Third-Year Accreditation Review: Ann Campbell, Dr. Richard Graham and De Stickel attended and commented on the meeting.

CALENDAR

- WASA Small Schools Conference-Wenatchee, WA-March 4-5, 2019
- ESD 112 Art Show-ESD 112-March 19, 2019-5:00 pm-7:00 pm
- ESD 112 Annual Board Retreat-ESD 112-March 25, 2019
- ESD 112 Board of Directors’ Meeting-ESD 112-March 26, 2019
- AESD Executive Board Meeting- April 11, 2019-Skamania Lodge-Stevenson, WA
- 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 pm-7:00 pm
- AESD Accreditation-ESD 113-Tumwater, WA-May 20-21, 2019

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 5:17p.m.