



ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting April 22, 2025

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Heidi Rosenberg, President; LeAnne Bremer, Vice-President; Kevin Davis; Mel Netzhammer, and Darlene Stickel. Superintendent Present: Tim Merlino. 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 Heidi Rosenberg, *President*, at 3:01 pm on April 22, 2025, with a quorum of five members present.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Care & Education Budget Update: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education*, shared an update on the ESD 112 Early Care and Education (ECE) programs, including a recap of the ESD's history of providing support to the community since 1985. ECE services are provided for 1,200 children by seventy-five ESD staff and two hundred contracted employees through SELF. Anticipated and potential budget cuts were reviewed. Next month, the board will review the Early Head Start grant application for renewal.
- Early Head Start & ECEAP Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education*, shared highlights of the report.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - Legislative Update: The legislative session is scheduled to end this Sunday, April 27, 2025, but a special session may be needed to finalize the state budget.
 - ESA Update: Bridgeport School District has contacted the agency regarding interest in joining the Special Education ESA.
 - Federal Issues: Superintendent Merlino shared that payments have been delayed for some federally funded programs in the agency.
 - Annual Superintendent Evaluation: The board reviewed the proposed timeline for the annual superintendent evaluation.
 - Local Levy Elections: Battle Ground and Hockinson School Districts are running levies in the current election.
 - New Superintendents in Region: An update was shared regarding new superintendents who have been hired in the region for the upcoming school year.
- Employee Acknowledgements & Recognitions: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Relations*, recognized Christine Katon, *Youth Workforce Program Manager*; Deanna Conwell, *Youth Workforce Program Coordinator*; and Micah Segura-Mitchell, *Youth Workforce Specialist Juvenile Rehabilitation*. All were awarded a Juvenile Rehabilitation coin in recognition of their partnership with the Juvenile Rehabilitation program and their commitment to the MyJOB program. Coins are issued as a token of accomplishment, achievement, and appreciation.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed:** To approve the consent agenda items including minutes from the ESD 112 Board of Directors Retreat – March 24, 2025; ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – March 25, 2025; Personnel Activity Report for April 2025; Expenditure Reports for March 2025; and EHS Expenditure Reports for March 2025.
- **Motion passed:** To approve proposed Early Head Start Selection Criteria.
- **Motion passed:** To approve the EHS Grant #10CH011303-06 (9/1/24-8/31/25) budget revision for a non-federal share waiver in the amount of \$412,223 and equipment purchase shifting \$42,400 from contracted to equipment.
- **Motion passed:** To approve Resolution R.24.04 – Annual Authorization Reduction in Force.
- **Motion passed:** To approve Resolution R.24.05 – Surplus Items.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
- **Correspondence:** Thank you letter from the ESD 112 Alumni group to Tim Merlino and the administration team for the use of conference facilities for meetings and assistance with set up.
- **Board Participation in Events:**
Heidi Rosenberg, Mel Netzhammer, and Darlene Stickel attended the AESD Conference in Spokane, April 16-18, 2025.

CALENDAR

- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – May 27, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – June 24, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – August 26, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.



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.