



ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting December 10, 2024

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: LeAnne Bremer, Vice-President; Susan Barker; Kevin Davis; Heidi Rosenberg, and Darlene Stickel. Superintendent Present: Tim Merlino. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Melissa Kreuder, Makoa Jacobsen, and Mike Nerland. Staff Present: Melissa Burt, David Bower, Kelly Evans, Matthew Gaffney, Tallah Hardesty, Laura Knox, Abram Krebs, Denise McNeal, Sara Moore, Kerry Piney, and Cari Woods.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by LeAnne Bremer, *Vice-President*, at 12:14 pm on December 10, 2024. A quorum of five members was present.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- ESD Connects Report: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning*, introduced David Bower and Abram Krebs to share highlights of projects and events coordinated by ESD Connects over the last year, which included seven staff events and several charitable giving opportunities. Connects has also continued its tradition of organizing annual holiday giving campaigns. In 2023, fourteen families that are served by ESD programs were given \$1400 in grocery gift cards and seventy holiday gifts by staff members. The drive is still in progress this year. ESD Connects members were thanked for their efforts by the Board of Directors.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - Communications Team: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Relations*, recently presented at the WSSDA Conference regarding Levy & Bond communications. After her presentation, several additional districts contacted her for more information on contracts for levy and/or bond communication support. So far, fourteen districts have contracted with the ESD for communication support for February elections.
 - Law Enforcement Public Information Officers: The communications team organized a meeting between districts and law enforcement public information officers to discuss how they can better collaborate with each other. The group will meet twice a year moving forward.
 - AESA National Conference: Heidi Rosenberg, Superintendent Merlino, and Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Insurance Programs*, attended the AESA National Conference in Orlando last week. They shared an update on the conference keynotes and breakout sessions.
 - State Budget Update: Due to reduced revenue, the state is anticipating a \$10-15 billion shortfall. State agencies have been asked to begin identifying budget reductions.
 - District 5 Vacancy: The board will interview a candidate at the January business meeting.
 - Holiday Closure: The main campus will be closed to the public December 23, 2024, through January 1, 2025. The agency recarpeting project will continue during this time.
- Employee Acknowledgements & Recognitions: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Relations*, recognized Tuan Nguyen and Steve Ibarra in the IT department for their work supporting La Center School District.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed:** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes from the ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – November 26, 2024; Personnel Activity Reports for November 2024; and ESD Expenditure Reports for November 2024.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- Correspondence: There was no board correspondence.
- Board Participation in Events:
 - Heidi Rosenberg attended the AESA Conference in Orlando, Florida, December 3-6, 2024.

CALENDAR

- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – January 28, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – February 25, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Retreat – ESD 112 – March 24, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – March 25, 2025
- AESD Conference – Spokane – April 16-18, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – April 22, 2025
- 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 12:57 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.