



ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting March 25, 2025

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Heidi Rosenberg, President; Susan Barker; Kevin Davis; Mark Hottowe; Mel Netzhammer, and Darlene Stickel. Superintendent Present: Tim Merlino. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Jeffrey Neiss, and Mike Nerland. Staff Members Present: Carol Hall, Deanna Doerk, Jessica Kullmann, and Shawna Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by Heidi Rosenberg, *President*, at 9:00 am on March 25, 2025, with a quorum of six members present.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Program Highlight: Early Intervention Services: Carol Hall, *Early Intervention Director*; Deanna Doerk, *Early Intervention Program Coordinator*; Jessica Kullmann, *Autism & Behavior Specialist*; and Shawna Johnson, *Family Resource Coordinator* shared an overview and update on the ESD 112 Early Intervention program that provides services to infants, toddlers, and their families until age three. Funding for the program is provided by State and Federal Special Education, Medicaid, private insurance, and the Developmental Disabilities Administration. ESD 112 has provided early intervention services to families for 28 years. 550 children are currently served in Clark, Klickitat, Skamania, and Pacific County. Children and families receive services in the child's natural environment – generally at home or child care. The program has increased enrollment by 25% since 2023.
- Early Head Start & ECEAP Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education*, shared highlights of the report, including information on the Early Head Start (EHS) playgroups that are offered in partnership with the Early Intervention program. Program enrollment continues to increase and is currently at 85% in ECEAP. Heidi Rosenberg, *Board Policy Council Liaison*, shared an update on the March Policy Council Meeting which included discussions regarding playground maintenance and holiday policies. The upcoming move of the Central Park Early Learning Center services to the new Central Heights Early Learning Center was also discussed.
- Policy Consideration: Superintendent Merlino and Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Insurance Programs*, reviewed ESD 112 Policy 3226 and the accompanying procedures, and WSSDA sample policy 4300. The board consensus was to retain the current policy.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - State Budget Update: Superintendent Merlino shared a chart that compared funding for ESDs in the Senate and House budget.
 - WASA Spring Small Schools Conference and CSG Site Visits: Last week, Jeffrey Neiss, *Executive Director of Specialized Student Services*, and Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations*; presented at the WASA Small Schools Conference in Wenatchee. Superintendent Merlino attended the conference and then toured CSG sites in Eastern Washington.
 - Safety Net Application: This year's application was for \$5.6 million.

- [Annual Regional High School Art Show](#): Monique Dugaw shared information on the upcoming Regional High School Art Show. The art show will be held virtually again this year which has increase participation from district outside of Clark and Cowlitz Counties. The Virtual Awards presentation will go live on April 9, 2025, and will be viewable on YouTube.
- [Public Relations School Campaign](#): Monique Dugaw shared that local superintendents requested assistance from the ESD with a public relations campaign promoting public schools that is customizable for districts. The campaign will partner with local businesses and organizations.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed**: to approve the consent agenda items including minutes from the ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – February 25, 2025; Personnel Activity Report for March 2025; Expenditure Reports for February 2025; and EHS Expenditure Reports for February 2025.
- **Motion passed**: To approve revised policies 3205 and 5011.
- **Motion passed**: To approve Resolution R.24.03 – In the Matter of Approving Temporary Out of Endorsement Special Education Assignments.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- [Public Comments](#): There were no public comments.
- [Correspondence](#): There was no correspondence this month.
- [Board Participation in Events](#): Darlene Stickel attended the AESD Executive Board Meeting on March 11, 2025. Heidi Rosenberg participated in the EHS/ECEAP Policy Council Meeting on March 20, 2025. Heidi Rosenberg, Mark Hottowe, and Mel Netzhammer attended the Audit Exit Conference on March 21, 2025.

CALENDAR

- 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 10:56 am.



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.