



ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting November 18, 2025

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Heidi Rosenberg, President; Kevin Davis, Vice-President; Susan Barker; Mark Hottowe; 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. Guests: Roxanna Filby, Krissie Lenahan, and Sarah Washburn. Members of the Public: One person joined via videoconference, name not identified.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by Heidi Rosenberg, *President*, at 3:00 pm on November 18, 2025, with a quorum of six board members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Annual Policy Council & Board Governance Training: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education (ECE)*, provided the annual governance training. Policy council is a parent leadership opportunity to allow for parent input and feedback in the Early Head Start and ECEAP programs. Krissie Lenahan and Roxanna Filby, parent policy council members, shared their experiences on the council.
- Early Head Start & ECEAP Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education (ECE)*, shared highlights of this month's report including an update on hearing and vision screenings, staffing, and enrollment. Jodi also shared that The Ballmer Foundation announced a significant donation to the State of Washington of \$1 billion over ten years to add 10,000 ECEAP slots statewide.
- ESD 112 Fiscal Update: Gavin Hottman, *Chief Business Officer*, provided a preliminary financial summary for the 2024-25 fiscal year.
- On Target Report 2025: Superintendent Merlino and ESD 112 cabinet members shared an overview of the annual accountability report.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - ESD Board Election Update: John Deeder was elected to the ESD 112 Board of Directors in the recent run-off election for the District 4 position. All new and re-elected board members will be sworn in at the January 2026 board meeting.
 - New Contracts Received: Superintendent Merlino updated the board on a new \$1.7 million contract from the Gates Foundation to extend rural post-secondary efforts to larger districts and for work on a data center. The Construction Services Group (CSG) was awarded a contract in Meridian School District to build an early learning center, skills center, and middle school. Seven districts have been added to the crisis communications consortium.

Taholah School District Groundbreaking Ceremony: The Taholah School District welcomed over 150 guests to the groundbreaking ceremony for their new school that will be built by CSG. The ESD helped support the district with logistics for the event.

Property Purchase Update: Gavin Hottman, *Chief Business Officer*, shared an update on the proposed property purchase and discussed the proposed bond issuance and sale.

2026 Third Year Accreditation Review: Kathy Whitlock, *Executive Director of Student & School Success*, shared the draft schedule for the 2026 Third Year Accreditation Review and asked for volunteers from the board of directors to serve on the review panel. Darlene Stickel and Heidi Rosenberg volunteered to serve on the panel.

ESD 112 Legislative Forum: ESD 112 hosted the annual legislative forum on November 14, 2025. Eleven legislators participated in a dialogue with superintendents from the region regarding this year's legislative priorities and shared their goals for the upcoming session.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed:** To approve the consent agenda items including minutes from the ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – October 28, 2025; Personnel Activity Report for October 2025; Expenditure Reports October 2025; and EHS Budget Status/Expenditure Reports for October 2025.
- **Motion passed:** To adopt new Policy 5161, Civility in the Workplace, with revisions suggested by the board of directors.
- **Motion passed:** To approve Resolution R.25.06 – Approval of Issuance and Sale of Limited Obligation Bond.
- **Motion passed:** To approve Resolution R.25.07 – In the Matter of Approval of the Purchase of Real Property.
- **Motion passed:** To approve Resolution R.25.08 – In the Matter of Obsolete/Surplus Vehicles.
- **Motion passed:** To approve Resolution R.25.09 – In the Matter of Approving a Conditional Certificate for a Special Education Assignment.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Correspondence: There was no correspondence this month.
- Board Participation in Events: Mel Netzhammer, Heidi Rosenberg, and Darlene Stickel attended an ESD 112 staff celebration on October 31, 2025. Susan Barker, Mark Hottowe, and Darlene Stickel attended the ESD 112 Legislative Forum on November 14, 2025.

CALENDAR

- AESA Annual Conference – Colorado, Springs – December 3-5, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – Red Cross Building at Fort Vancouver – December 9, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – January 27, 2026
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – February 24, 2026
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Retreat – TBD – March 23, 2026
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – March 24, 2026
- AESD Annual Conference – Suquamish, WA – April 15-17, 2026

- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – April 28, 2026
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – May 26, 2026
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – June 23, 2026
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – August 25, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 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.