



ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting September 23, 2024

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mark Hottowe, President; LeAnne Bremer, Vice-President; Susan Barker; Kevin Davis; Heidi Rosenberg, and Darlene Stickel. Superintendent Present: Tim Merlino. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Gavin Hottman, Mike Nerland, Jodi Wall, and Kathy Whitlock. Guests: Joshua Fritts and Janelle Tuttle.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by Mark Hottowe, *President*, at 3:00 pm on September 23, 2024. A quorum of six members was present.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Program Highlight: ESA Specialized Education Cooperative: Janelle Tuttle, *Special Education Director*, provided an update on the ESA Specialized Education Cooperative and the services provided to over 1800 students in thirty-three districts throughout the state. The ESA is onboarding three new districts in the ESD 171 region: Manson, Entiat, and Cascade School Districts.
- Therapeutic Education Programs Update: Dr. Joshua Fritts, *Director of Therapeutic Programs*, shared an update on the beginning of the school year for ESD 112 therapeutic behavioral health programs. The five therapeutic education programs currently serve sixty-six students, which is an increase in enrollment for every program. The programs serve a diverse population of students from twenty districts.
- Early Head Start & ECEAP Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education*, shared highlights of this month's report. Heidi Rosenberg, *Board Policy Council Liaison*, shared an update on the September Policy Council Meeting.
- First Reading of Revised and New Policies: Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Insurance Programs*, reviewed proposed changes to ESD 112 policies and the new policies listed below.
 - Proposed Policy Revisions Reviewed: 2105, 3226, 3230, 3231, 3232, 3246, 3231, 3410, 3413, 3415, 3416, 3420, 3412, 3414, 3424
 - New Proposed Policies Reviewed: 3143: Notification About Student Offenses and Threats of Harm; 3418: Response to Injury or Illness; 4200: Parent Access and Safety and Orderly Learning Environment
 - Darlene Stickel commended the combined work of staff to review and propose the new and revised policies.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - Roosevelt School District Board Training: Superintendent Merlino shared that he and Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, and Insurance Programs*, will provide training for the Roosevelt School District Board of Directors on September 25, 2024.
 - Update on Mill A School District: Kelly Stickel will serve as the district's Superintendent/Principal.

- ESD 112 Board Vacancy: Applications have been received from two qualified candidates for the District 5 board vacancy. A special board meeting will be scheduled on October 15, 2024, at 3:00 pm via Zoom to interview both candidates.
- District Budget Update: Districts throughout the state are advocating for WASA's "Big Three" legislative priorities to fully fund MSOC, Special Education, and student transportation.
- Employee Acknowledgements & Recognitions: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Relations*, recognized Laura Knox, Kristin Correll, Jessie Dreiszus, Nora Sedlock, Mika Yoshida, Erin Lucich, and Justine Hanrahan.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed**: to approve the consent agenda items including minutes from the ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – August 27, 2024; Personnel Activity Report for August 2024; Expenditure Reports for August 2024; and EHS Expenditure Reports for August 2024.
- **Motion passed**: To approve the proposed revisions to policies 1100, 1105, 1114, 1621, 5005, 5401, 6605, 1001, 2020, 4040, 5000, 5280, 5281, 5310, 5411, 5515, 5520, 5251, 5407, and 6106.
- **Motion passed**: To approve the proposed new policies 2106, 3432, 4020, 5004, and 6216.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- Correspondence: There was no board correspondence this month.
- Board Participation in Events: Darlene Stickel shared an update regarding the AESD Executive Board Meeting held on September 17, 2024.

CALENDAR

- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – October 29, 2024
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – November 26, 2024
- AESA Conference – Orlando, Florida – December 4-6, 2024
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – Red Cross Building at Fort Vancouver – December 10, 2024
- 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 – TBD – March 24, 2025
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – TBD – 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board of directors convened an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii)(i) to discuss potential legal action with legal counsel. Mark Hottowe, *President*, announced that the public meeting would reconvene in 15 minutes, at 4:35 pm.

RECONVENE/ACTION

- The public meeting was called back to order at 4:35 pm.
- **Motion passed:** To authorize the superintendent to enter into a settlement agreement with terms that are substantially similar to those in the draft settlement agreement that was discussed with the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 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.