



EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT 112

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ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 24, 2025

ESD 112, 2500 NE 65th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting was called to order by President, Heidi Rosenberg, at 3:00 pm on June 24, 2025, with a quorum of five members present.

- 1.1 Roll call of members present: Heidi Rosenberg, *President*; LeAnne Bremer, *Vice-President*; Susan Barker; Mark Hottowe, and Darlene Stickel.
- 1.2 Cabinet members present: Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Insurance Programs*; Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Engagement*; Gavin Hottman, *Assistant Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer*; Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent, Teaching & Learning*; Jeffrey Niess, *Executive Director, Specialized Student Services*; Jodi Wall, *Executive Director, Early Care & Education* and Kathy Whitlock, *Executive Director, Student and School Success*.
- 1.3 Guests Present: None.
- 1.4 Members of the Public Present: Two unidentified people briefly joined the meeting via Zoom.
- 1.5 Superintendent Present: Tim Merlino.

2. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- 2.1 Introduction and Welcome of Guests
 - 2.1.1 Heidi Rosenberg, *President*, welcomed attendees and guests.

3. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 3.1 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1.1 ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting – May 27, 2025
- 3.2 Personnel and Finance Reports
 - 3.2.1 ESD Personnel Activity Report – May 2025
 - 3.2.2 Contract Report – June 2025
- 3.3 ESD Expenditure Reports
 - 3.3.1 ESD GF Budget Status Report – May 2025
 - 3.3.2 ESD GF Expenditure by Object Summary – May 2025
 - 3.3.3 CCF Budget Status Report – May 2025
 - 3.3.4 ESD GF Warrant Log – May 2025
 - 3.3.5 ESD Accounts Payable Check Register
 - 3.3.6 Amended Financials
- 3.4 Early Head Start Budget Status/Expenditure Reports – May 2025
 - 3.4.1 EHS Budget Status Report – May 2025

Vouchers are audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.180, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing made available to the board.

- 3.5 *ACTION:* A motion was made by Darlene Stickel and seconded by LeAnne Bremer to approve the consent agenda items listed above. **Motion passed.**

4. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 4.1 Early Head Start & ECEAP Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education*, shared highlights of the report including an update on recent outreach events. 1500 bags were handed out to families by the enrollment team at the Hazel Dell Parade. They also participated in a Thrive2Survive community event and the Ocean Beach Kinder and Early Learning Round Up. Jodi also shared that twenty-eight Early ECEAP program slots and forty-six ECEAP slots were eliminated by DCYF. Heidi Rosenberg attended the Policy Council Meeting and shared a brief update.

- 4.2 Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
- 4.2.1 Therapeutic Early Education Program: The ESD has been asked to develop a therapeutic early education program for students aged three to five years who require more intensive support to be successful in the classroom. The ESD has had past success helping students with a history of trauma in this age group. Jodi Wall will meet with DCYF to discuss the proposed program.
 - 4.2.2 Public Education Informational Campaign: Superintendent Merlino asked Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Engagement*, to share an update on the "We Support Schools" public education campaign. Donations have been received from businesses to support the campaign. A toolkit will be created for use by local school districts, which can be customized for each district's needs.
 - 4.2.3 Update on Rural CTE Program: Seventy-four students have enrolled in the program which offers CTE classes online with support from paraeducators in each district classroom. This is an increase of fifty-five students from the current year.
 - 4.2.4 ESD-U Update: This year seventy-four people are enrolled in the new cohort – the largest to date.
 - 4.2.5 Safety Net Awards Update: The ESA was awarded \$5.45 million in safety net funding, which is an increase from previous years.
 - 4.2.6 State Revenue Forecast: The legislature is projecting another revenue deficit in the upcoming fiscal year.
 - 4.2.7 Board Elections: Superintendent Merlino shared a list of board members whose terms will end this year and key dates for those planning to run for election. LeAnne Bremer shared that she does not plan to run for re-election and will retire from the board after the August board meeting.
 - 4.2.8 Reminder: There will not be a board meeting in July.

5. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- 5.1 *ACTION*: A motion was made by LeAnne Bremer and seconded by Darlene Stickel to approve the ESD 112 2025-26 Annual Board Calendar as proposed. **Motion passed.**
- 5.2 *ACTION*: A motion was made by Darlene Stickel and seconded by LeAnne Bremmer to approve Resolution R.24.06 – In the Matter of Approval of the 2025-26 Compensation Proposal. **Motion passed.**

- 5.3 *ACTION:* A motion was made by Darlene Stickel and seconded by LeAnne Bremer to approve Resolution R.24.07 – In the Matter of Approving Temporary Out of Endorsement Conditional Certificate Special Education Assignments. **Motion passed.**
- 5.4 *ACTION:* A motion was made by LeAnne Bremer and seconded by Darlene Stickel to approve Resolution R.24.08 – In the Matter of Approving Out of Endorsement Assignments, Conditional Certificate for Youth Services Teachers. **Motion passed.**
- 5.5 *ACTION:* A motion was made by Mark Hottowe and seconded by Darlene Stickel to approve Resolution R.24.09 – In the Matter of the 2024-25 ESD 112 Budget Extension in the amount of \$120,867,082. **Motion passed.**
- 5.6 *ACTION:* A motion was made by LeAnne Bremer and seconded by Mark Hottowe to approve Resolution R.24.10 – In the Matter of the 2025-26 ESD 112 Budget in the amount of \$130,891,500. **Motion passed.**
- 5.7 *ACTION:* A motion was made by Darlene Stickel and seconded by LeAnne Bremer to approve Resolution R.24.11 – In the Matter of Authorizing ESD 112 to Join the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative. **Motion passed.**
- 5.8 *ACTION:* A motion was made by Mark Hottowe and seconded by Darlene Stickel to approve Resolution R.24.12 – In the Matter of Obsolete/Surplus Items – Buses. **Motion passed.**
- 5.9 *ACTION:* A motion was made by LeAnne Bremer and seconded by Darlene Stickel to approve Resolution R.24.13 – In the Matter of Access to Public Records – No Index. **Motion passed.**

6. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- 6.1 Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- 6.2 Correspondence: Article written by Allan Golston, *President of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*, “How the Power of Regional Partnerships in Rural Washington is Helping Students’ Postsecondary Aspirations Take Root;” email from Mary Beth Tack, *Superintendent of Kelso School District*; email from Rebecca Paterson thanking the Spero Center Team.

6.3 Board Participation in Events:

- 6.3.1 Heidi Rosenberg attended the EHS/ECEAP Policy Council Meeting on June 12, 2025.
- 6.3.2 Susan Barker and Mark Hottowe attended the STEPS Graduation on June 13, 2025.
- 6.3.3 Heidi Rosenberg attended the ESD 112 End of Year Meeting on June 18, 2025.
- 6.3.4 Darlene Stickel attended the AESD Executive Board Meeting on June 20, 2025.

7. CALENDAR ITEMS

- 7.1 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – August 26, 2025

8. BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 8.1 Heidi Rosenberg, President, announced that the board would meet in an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) regarding the Performance of an Employee for 10 minutes and would reconvene the public meeting at 4:25 pm.
- 8.2 Heidi Rosenberg shared that the board intended to take action following the executive session.

9. RECONVENE/ACTION

- 9.1 The executive session ended, and regular business reconvened at 4:25 pm.
- 9.2 **Motion passed** to approve the Superintendent’s contract for 2025-2028 as proposed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1 The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Heidi Rosenberg, President

Tim Merlino, Superintendent