



EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT 112

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ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes Street, 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 12:16 pm on December 9, 2025, with a quorum of five members present.

- 1.1 Roll call of members present: Heidi Rosenberg, *President*; Susan Barker; Kevin Davis, Mark Hottowe, and Darlene Stickel.
- 1.2 Cabinet members present: Toni Brittain, *Controller, Business & Financial Management*; Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Engagement*; Makoa Jacobsen, *IT Director, Business & Financial Management*; Melissa Kreuder, *Director, Human Resources & Legal Services*; Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent, Teaching & Learning*; Jeffrey Niess, *Executive Director, Specialized Student Services* and Jodi Wall, *Executive Director, Early Care & Education*.
- 1.3 Guests Present: Melissa Burt, Cari Corbett, Tallah Hardesty, Chelsea Howard, Alissa Jolly, Abram Krebs, Laura Knox, Sara Moore, Kerry Pinney, Mary Richards, and Yolanda Rivera.
- 1.4 Members of the Public Present: None.
- 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 3.1 Public Comments: There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 4.1 Board Meeting Minutes
4.1.1 ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting – November 18, 2025
- 4.2 Personnel and Finance Reports
4.2.1 ESD Personnel Activity Report – November 2025
4.2.2 Contract Report – November 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.

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

5. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 5.1 ESD Connects Report and Recognition: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning*, introduced ESD Connects co-leads, Abram Krebs and Alissa Jolly, to share highlights of projects and events coordinated by ESD Connects over the last year. ESD Connects members were thanked for their efforts by the Board of Directors.
- 5.2 Early Head Start & ECEAP Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care & Education (ECE)*, shared highlights of this month's report, as well as an update on the new Nova program. Two children are now enrolled in the program with positive feedback from parents.
- 5.3 Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
- 5.3.1 Facilities Update: The agency is expected to close on the Vandercook Building in Longview on December 17, 2025. A meeting will be held with the Cowlitz County superintendents early next year to determine district program needs in order to develop new programs. The Quest Academy is now at capacity with thirty-two students.
- 5.3.2 Our Future, Our Schools: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Relations*, shared an update on the regional public engagement project.

- 5.3.3 Communications Services: Superintendent Merlino and Monique Dugaw were asked to present to superintendents in the ESD 105 and ESD 171 regions earlier this school year regarding communications services. Since then, six districts in ESD 105 and three districts in ESD 171 have joined the communication cooperative, which now includes sixty districts in seven ESDs. The communications team also secured a contract from the AESD to help promote the new summer school programs funded by the Ballmer Foundation that will be piloted by ESD 105 and 121 this summer. ESD 112 districts will participate in the program beginning in the summer of 2027.
- 5.3.4 Statewide Accreditation: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning*, shared that volunteers are needed to serve on the statewide accreditation panel in Tumwater at ESD 113 on May 12-14, 2026. The Third Year Review Accreditation panel will be held on February 24, 2025, from 8:15 – 2:15 pm. Two board members, Darlene Stickel and Heidi Rosenberg, have volunteered to serve on the local panel. Five schools will participate this year from the ESD 112 region.
- 5.3.5 Technology Procurement Showcase: A technology showcase will be held at ESD 112 on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm in the conference center. Board members are invited to visit before the board meeting on the same date, if interested. The event will feature live demonstrations and information on technology integration in schools.
- 5.3.6 January Regional Superintendents Meeting: The January Regional Superintendent Meeting will focus on improving math outcomes in the region.
- 5.3.7 State Budget: The Governor’s budget will be released next week. The anticipated deficit over the next three years is in the four billion dollar range. ESDs are not considered a part of basic education and may see additional reductions.
- 5.4 Employee Acknowledgments & Recognitions: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Relations*, recognized Phoenix Dorsey, *College & Career Readiness Advisor*, for coordinating a multi-campus university tour for eleven students from Glenwood and Lyle School Districts. Sally Repman, *Child Care Aware Specialist*, was acknowledged by the ECE Birth to Five center directors for her outstanding support as a coach for the Child Care Aware program. Christopher Schumaker, Superintendent of Toutle Lake School District, sent his thanks for the two days of exceptional professional learning offered by Molly Daley, Effie Triol, Weslee Vann, and Teresa Vance.

6. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

6.1 There were no Proposals for Action this month.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

7.1 Correspondence: There was no correspondence this month.

7.2 Board Participation in Events:

7.2.1 Darlene Stickel attended the AESD Executive Board Meeting in Renton on November 19, 2025.

7.2.2 Heidi Rosenberg and Darlene Stickel attended the AESA Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, December 3-5, 2025.

8. CALENDAR ITEMS

8.1 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – January 27, 2026

8.2 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – February 24, 2026

8.3 ESD 112 Board of Directors Retreat – ESD 112 – March 23, 2026

8.4 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – March 24, 2026

8.5 AESD Annual Conference – Suquamish, WA – April 15-17, 2026

8.6 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – April 28, 2026

8.7 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – May 26, 2026

8.8 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – June 23, 2026

8.9 ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – August 25, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.


Heidi L. Rosenberg (Jan 28, 2026 19:42:06 PST)

Heidi Rosenberg, President


Tim Merlino (Jan 28, 2026 10:54:19 PST)

Tim Merlino, Superintendent