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ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 24, 2026

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 9:00 am on March 24, 2026, with a quorum of six board members present.

- 1.1 Roll call of members present: Heidi Rosenberg, *President*; Susan Barker, Kevin Davis, John Deeder, Mel Netzhammer, and Darlene Stickel.
- 1.2 Cabinet members present: Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Insurance Programs*; Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent, Teaching & Learning*; Jeffrey Niess, *Executive Director, Specialized Student Services*; Jodi Wall, *Executive Director, Early Care and Education*; and Kathy Whitlock, *Executive Director, Student & School Success*.
- 1.3 Guests present: Denise Dishongh, Corina McEntire
- 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. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- 3.1 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 3.1.1 ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting – February 24, 2026

- 3.2 Personnel and Finance Reports
 - 3.2.1 ESD Personnel Activity Report – February 2026
 - 3.2.2 Contract Report – March 2026

- 3.3 ESD Expenditure Reports
 - 3.3.1 ESD GF Budget Status Report –February 2026
 - 3.3.2 ESD GF Expenditure by Object Summary – February 2026
 - 3.3.3 ESD GF Warrant Log – February 2026
 - 3.3.4 ESD Accounts Payable Check Register
 - 3.3.5 Amended Financials

- 3.4 Early Head Start Budget Status/Expenditure Reports
 - 3.4.1 EHS Budget Status Report – February 2026
 - 3.4.2 EHS Credit Card Report – February 2026

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 Mel Netzhammer and seconded by Darlene Stickel to approve the consent agenda items listed above. **Motion passed.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 4.1 Public Comments: None

5. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- 5.1 Program Highlight: School Safety Coordination: Denise Dishongh, *Director of Behavioral Health & School Safety Center*, shared a brief overview of the services offered by the Regional School Safety Center, which includes School Safety Coordination. Corina McEntire, *School Safety Coordinator*, provided an overview of services that are provided to school districts in the region, including coordination of safe school planning. Two years ago, districts in the ESD 112 region decided to adopt Standard Response Protocol so all districts are utilizing a common framework. Corina supports school districts as they develop and refine their school safety plans. This year, a full-scale exercise will be held in Clark County in cooperation with emergency partners and the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA). Corina is working with districts in other counties to coordinate opportunities to practice their safety plans.

- 5.2 Early Head Start & ECEAP Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director Early Care and Education*, shared highlights of this month's report. Jodi shared that ECEAP enrollment is now over 97% and that the ESD intends to apply for additional ECEAP slots. The White Salmon Early Learning Center is receiving an award from the local Rotary Club to replace playground equipment. Jodi shared the results of a recent OHS Monitoring Report and discussed the Corrective Action Plan with the board of directors. Heidi Rosenberg, board liaison to the EHS/ECEAP Policy Council, shared an update on the March policy council meeting.
- 5.3 Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
- 5.3.1 Board Retreat Debrief: Board members debriefed the recent board retreat and expressed appreciation for staff members who presented. The board felt the superintendent panel and discussion with local superintendents were very valuable.
 - 5.3.2 Audit Exit Conference: The ESD 112 audit exit conference will be held on April 3, 2026. Heidi Rosenberg and Darlene Stickel will attend on behalf of the board of directors.
 - 5.3.3 AESA Executive in Residence: The ESD will host an AESA Executive in Residence, Matt Wells, who serves as the Director of Mountain Desert Career Pathways for the San Bernadino County Superintendent of Schools.
 - 5.3.4 District Visits: Superintendent Merlino is in the process of making annual visits to meet with school districtsuperintendents in the region.
- 5.4 Employee Acknowledgments & Recognitions: Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources & Insurance Programs*, recognized the human resources team for their support of the REACH program and shared a thank you note from Heather Lopez, *REACH Afterschool Program Coordinator*.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1 *ACTION*: A motion was made by John Deeder and seconded by Darlene Stickel to approve the proposed EHS/ECEAP Code of Conduct revisions. **Motion passed.**
- 6.2 *ACTION*: A motion was made by Kevin Davis and seconded by Mel Netzhammer to approve Resolution R.25.11 – In the Matter of Obsolete/Surplus Items. **Motion passed.**

7. BOARD COMMENTS

- 7.1 Correspondence: Letter of thanks from Tye Churchwell, *Superintendent of Wishram School District*, to Jeffrey Niess, *Executive Director of Specialized Student Services*.
- 7.2 Board Participation in Events:
 - 7.2.1 Darlene Stickel attended the AESD Executive Board Meeting on March 10, 2026.
 - 7.2.2 Heidi Rosenberg attended the EHS/ECEAP Policy Council Meeting on March 19, 2026.

8. CALENDAR ITEMS


- 8.1 AESD Annual Conference – Suquamish, WA – April 15-17, 2026
- 8.2 ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – ESD 112 – April 28, 2026
- 8.3 ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – ESD 112 – May 26, 2026
- 8.4 ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – ESD 112 – June 23, 2026
- 8.5 ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – ESD 112 – August 25, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.


Heidi L. Rosenberg (Apr 29, 2026 13:47:53 PDT)

Heidi Rosenberg, President


Tim Merlino (Apr 29, 2026 10:44:08 PDT)

Tim Merlino, Superintendent