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ESD 112 Board of Directors' Retreat Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2026

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Retreat was called to order by President, Heidi Rosenberg, at 9:00 am on March 23, 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*; Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications & Public Engagement*; 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 & School Success*.
- 1.3 Guests Present: Molly Daley, Dr. Joshua Fritts, Amy Huntley, Steve Marshall, Chris Schumaker, Mary Beth Tack, and Jillian Wellman.
- 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. PURPOSE OF THE DAY

- 3.1 Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, reviewed the meeting agenda and the mission of ESD 112.

4. ESD 112 FISCAL UPDATE

- 4.1 Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, provided a mid-year update on the ESD 112 budget for the 2025-26.

5. STATE OF THE ESD

- 5.1 Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, provided an update on the State of ESD 112 and the region.

6. DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND FORECAST FOR 2026-27

- 6.1 ESD Leadership shared brief updates on their departments and a look forward to challenges and opportunities expected in the 2026-27 School Year.

7. ESD 112 SUPERINTENDENT PANEL

- 7.1 Three superintendents from the region participated in a panel discussion regarding ESD 112 services.
- 7.2 Panelists included Amy Huntley, *Ocean Beach School District*; Steve Marshall, *Hockinson School District*; and Chris Schumaker, *Toutle Lake School District*. Each superintendent provided an overview of their district and the challenges each district is facing.
- 7.3 Each superintendent discussed current ESD 112 services and supports to school districts with the board of directors.

8. REGIONAL MATH IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

- 8.1 Kathy Whitlock, *Executive Director, Student & School Success*; and Molly Daley, *Mathematics Coordinator*, shared an update on the new Regional Math Improvement Initiative that was launched in response to district requests for a regional approach to mathematics improvement. An overview of mathematics test scores for the region was shared. Mary Beth Tack, *Superintendent of Kelso School District*, shared thoughts on the development of the regional initiative.

9. REGIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE - THERAPEUTIC EDUCATION

- 9.1 Jeffrey Niess, *Executive Director, Specialized Student Services*; and Dr. Joshua Fritts, *Director of Therapeutic Programs*, briefed the board of directors on the growth of the five therapeutic education programs and expansion in the upcoming year to meet district needs.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1 The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Heidi L. Rosenberg

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

Heidi Rosenberg, President

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

Tim Merlino, Superintendent