



ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting December 13, 2022

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Darlene Stickel, President; LeAnne Bremer; Kevin Davis; Mark Hottowe; Nancy Miller; and Heidi Rosenberg. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Gavin Hottman, Jeffrey Niess, Mike Nerland, Jodi Wall, and Kathy Whitlock. Guests Present: Melissa Burt, Molly Daley, Karen Douglass, Margaret and Richard Graham, Tyler Hoffman, Darlene and Rainer Houser, Jana Huffman, Laura Knox, Alissa Jolly, Trish Kellogg, Abram Krebs, Rachael Lafferty, Melissa Lake, Terri Mattingly, Sara Moore, Kerry Pinney, Kaela Praiseworthy, Cari Wood, and Steve Wrightson.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *President*, at 12:25 pm on December 13, 2022. A quorum of six members was present.

ESD 112 STAFF RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

- Terri Mattingly, *ECE Child Nutrition & Licensing Specialist*, was recognized for her service to ESD 112 and retirement in December.
- Deb Drandoff, *Director of Prevention & Intervention*, was not present but was recognized for over 18 years of service.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- ESD Connects Report & Recognition: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning*, introduced Melissa Burt and Cari Wood, *ESD Connects Co-Chairs*, to share highlights of projects and events coordinated by ESD 112 since the beginning of the pandemic. An overview was shared of staff events, as well as various employee-giving opportunities – including food drives to benefit both the Open Doors Re-Engagement program and students at Fort Vancouver High School, totaling approximately \$2,592 worth of healthy snacks. Connects has also continued its longstanding tradition of organizing annual holiday giving campaigns. ESD Connects members were thanked for their efforts by the Board of Directors.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - Board Vacancy, District 1: The application period for the board vacancy was extended until December 21, 2022. One application has been received and one requested by a candidate who meets all requirements.
 - Regional Committee on School District Organization Vacancies: There are currently four openings on the committee in districts #2, #3, #4, and #5. One application was received from a candidate in district #4, Tim Oberheide, who met all qualifications for the position. The application period for the remaining positions will be open through December 21, 2022.
 - Seattle Times News Articles: A recap was shared of a recent series of articles in the Seattle Times focusing on private behavioral student programs.
 - Fentanyl Crisis: There have been two deaths of local students this year due to fentanyl overdoses. The ESD will be communicating with staff working directly with students regarding procedures.

- Small District Superintendent Meetings: Small districts that are unable to employ full-time human resources staff are experiencing challenges meeting the increased need for assistance since the pandemic began. The ESD will survey districts to determine if a cooperative model can effectively meet these needs.
- Superintendent Visits: Superintendent Merlino has recently visited all districts with new superintendents as well as Castle Rock and Washington School for the Blind. There was positive feedback regarding ESD 112 services. The number one issue for the schools visited is facilities due to the great growth that is being experienced by even traditionally small districts.

ESD 112 BOARD MEMBER RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

- Dr. Richard Graham was recognized for over 25 years of service to ESD 112 as a board member.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meetings – November 22, 2022, and ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for November 2022.
- **Motion passed**: Revised Board Policy 5401 – Sick Leave.
- **Motion passed**: Revised Board Policy 6801 – Capital Assets & Depreciation.
- **Motion passed**: Board Resolution R.22.10 – In the Matter of Appointment of Mr. Tim Oberheide to Position #4 of the Regional Committee for School District Organization for the Term 2023-2026.
- **Motion passed**: Board Resolution R.22.11 – In the Matter of Recognition of Dr. Richard Graham.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- Correspondence: Thank you email from Kendrick Lester, Klickitat School District Superintendent, to ESD 112 staff.
- Board Participation at Events:
 - Heidi Rosenberg and Kevin Davis shared information on the recent AESA National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

CALENDAR

- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – January 24, 2023 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – Feb 21, 2023 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Retreat – TBD – March 27, 2022
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – TBD – March 28, 2022 - 8:30 am – 12:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 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.