



ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting June 27, 2023

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mark Hottowe, President; LeAnne Bremer; Susan Barker; Kevin Davis; Nancy Miller; and Darlene Stickel. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Gavin Hottman, Jeffrey Niess, and Kathy Whitlock. Guests Present: Jackie Brock, Deanna Doerk, Carol Hall, Richard Glinert, Steve Hertel, Jenny Kosaki, and Kati Perrin.

CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors Business meeting was called to order by Mark Hottowe, *President*, at 3:01 pm on June 27, 2023. A quorum of six members was present.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Richard Glinert, *Special Education Teacher – Ocean Beach School District*, and Steve Hertel, *School Bus Driver*, were recognized as retirees and thanked for their years of service to ESD 112.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Program Highlight: Early Intervention Services: Carol Hall, *Director of Early Intervention*; Deanna Doerk, *Early Intervention Program Coordinator*; and Kati Perrin, *Early Intervention Specialist / Lead Evaluator*; shared an overview of ESD 112 Early Intervention Services. ESD 112 has provided early intervention services for over 25 years and currently serves 426 children in Clark, Klickitat, Skamania, and Pacific Counties. Early intervention staff make approximately nine hundred visits each month. Children are eligible for services based on a developmental delay, disability, or health condition that may affect their development and learning. Therapy is delivered in natural environments such as the home or child care.
- Early Head Start & ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jackie Brock, *Education & School Readiness Manager*, reviewed highlights of the monthly report which included information on new funding from DCYF for 36 ECLIPSE slots beginning on July 1, 2023, which will help to provide additional supports to ECEAP and early ECEAP students with complex needs.
- First Reading – Policy 5411 - Vacation: Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Legal Services, and Insurance Programs*, reviewed proposed changes to Policy 5411 which will align the policy to the new salary schedules.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
 - CSG Update: CSG was awarded new contracts for Fife and Inchelium School Districts and will answer RFQ's for Richland, Oak Harbor, Meridian, and Taholah School Districts.
 - New Grant Funding: New funding was awarded through a DCYF My Jobs Workforce Grant for \$1.64 million over two years to provide services within the juvenile justice system at Echo Glenn, Green Hill, and in group homes. Job exploration counseling and post-secondary services will be provided to approximately two hundred youth.
 - Safety Net: ESD 112 secured \$2.68 million in Safety Net funding.
 - Board Elections: Superintendent Merlino shared an overview of the timeline for this year's ESD board elections which will be conducted by WSSDA for the first time.

- Communications Awards: The ESD 112 Communications Team was awarded a Platinum Team Achievement Award by the International Hermes Creative Awards, as well as a Golden Achievement Award and Award for Excellence from the National School Public Relations Association. All three awards are the highest that can be achieved by an organization.
- New Superintendents: White Salmon Valley School District has hired Rich Polkinghorn as the new superintendent. Toutle Lake School District has selected Scott Fenter to serve as interim superintendent in the upcoming year. Kalama School District has also selected an interim superintendent, Jennifer McCallum.
- Board Calendar: Superintendent Merlino reviewed the proposed board meeting highlights for the 2023-24 School Year.
- New Carpeting: New carpeting will be installed in the 2500 Building over an 18-month period beginning on the week of July 3-7, 2023.
- Employee Acknowledgements & Recognition: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications and Public Relations*, recognized Colleen Wahto, Lisa Alexander, Susan Peng-Cowan, Gahlya Auel, the Specialized Transportation program, and the Career Connect Team SW team.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting – May 23, 2023; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for June 2023; ESD Expenditure Reports for May 2023; and EHS Budget Status/Expenditure Reports for May 2023.
- **Motion passed**: To approve the 2023-24 Board of Directors Annual Calendar.
- **Motion passed**: To approve Board Resolution R.22.16 In the Matter of the Approval of the 2023-24 Compensation Proposal.
- **Motion passed**: To approve the Employee Contract report.
- **Motion passed**: To approve Board Resolution R.22.17 In the Matter of the 2022-23 ESD 112 Budget Extension in the amount of \$94,944,659.
- **Motion passed**: To approve Board Resolution R.22.18 In the Matter of Approval of the 2023-24 ESD 112 Budget in the amount of \$103,243,688.
- **Motion passed**: To approve Board Resolution R.22.19 In the Matter of Placing Special Education Teachers on Limited Certificates or Out of Endorsement.
- **Motion passed**: To approve Board Resolution R.22.20 In the Matter of Placing Youth Services Teachers Out of Endorsement.
- **Motion passed**: To approve Board Resolution R.22.21 In the Matter of Obsolete/Surplus Items.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

- Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- Correspondence: A commendation letter received by ESD 112 Specialized Transportation Department from OSPI and WSP.
- Board Participation in Events:
 - Darlene Stickel attended the AESD Executive Board Meeting on June 12, 2023.
 - Heidi Rosenberg attended the EHS/ECEAP Policy Council Meeting on June 15, 2023.
 - Mark Hottowe and Heidi Rosenberg attended the ESD 112 End of Year Celebration on June 16, 2023.

CALENDAR

- ESD 112 Board of Directors Meeting – ESD 112 – August 29, 2023
- AESA Educators’ Call to Action Conference – Washington D.C. – October 4-6, 2023
- AESA National Conference – Anaheim, CA – November 29 – December 1, 2023

BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

- The ESD 112 Board of Directors moved into Executive Session at 5:14 pm to discuss the performance of an employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

RECONVENE/ACTION

- The executive session ended, and regular business reconvened at 5:24 pm.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Superintendent’s compensation proposal and to amend the contract between the ESD and Superintendent to end in 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 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.