



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Darlene Stickel, President; Mark Hottowe, Vice-President; LeAnne Bremer; Kevin Davis; Richard Graham, and Heidi Rosenberg. Guests: Sara Rushlo and Cari Wood. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Gavin Hottman, Mike Nerland, Jeffrey Niess, Jodi Wall, and Kathy Whitlock.

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## CALL TO ORDER

The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *President*, at 3:05 pm on June 28, 2022. A quorum of six members were present.

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## INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

- Darlene Stickel welcomed attendees and the following guests: Sara Rushlo and Cari Wood.

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## APPOINTMENT OF EHS/ECEAP POLICY COUNCIL

- Heidi Rosenberg was appointed as EHS/ECEAP Policy Council representative.

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## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Jodi Wall, *Executive Director of Early Care and Education*, shared highlights of the monthly report including the new designation that allows families that qualify for the SNAP food program to automatically qualify for EHS. This has been very beneficial for families applying for the program and has boosted enrollment. Additional strategies for increasing enrollment are being explored with the ESD 112 communications team with input from the Policy Council. Heidi Rosenberg attended the June Policy Council Meeting and shared there was great attendance and many accolades were shared for the ESD and services provided. Summer programs in schools have begun and are at almost full enrollment.
- Inclusionary Transitional Kindergarten Grant: Sara Rushlo, *PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Manager*, and Cari Wood, *Preschool Inclusion Coordinator*, shared an update on the Inclusionary Transitional Kindergarten Grant. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a kindergarten program for children, below the age of five, who do not have access to high-quality learning experiences prior to kindergarten. Students must go through a screening process and be determined by their school district to be in need of additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten the following year. TK is funded by basic ed dollars at the same rate as kindergarten. Teachers are certified teaching staff with early learning experience or special ed certification. Transportation, meals, specialists, and PE are provided. All TK classrooms should be inclusive. The ESD 112 ITK program is supported by collaboration within the Teaching & Learning Division.

- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
  - A. OSPI Request of ESD's to Provide Funding Support to a Partner: OSPI has notified all ESDs that they do not have enough infrastructure to support programs and have requested funding support from ESDs. The ESDs have formed a focus group to look into options to provide one-time aid to OSPI.
  - B. Board Search – District 5 Vacancy: No applications have been received.
  - C. Residential Services Discussion: ESD 112 met with Senator Wellman to discuss options for building a residential program in cooperation with ESD 113.
  - D. Update on ESD 112 Conversion to Qmlativ: Gavin Hottman, *Chief Business Officer*, shared an update on the conversion. Payroll has been prepared for the June. A large team of individuals have worked hard to make the conversion successful.
  - E. Wahkiakum and Naselle School District Robotics Teams: Robotic Teams from both Wahkiakum and Naselle visited Washington DC to compete in a worldwide tournament with 137 other teams. Wahkiakum came in second place in the competition and Naselle placed sixth.
  - F. Meetings with District 3 Superintendents: Heidi and Tim met with the superintendents within District 3. Heidi shared that the conversations were different with each district regarding their current needs. All spoke highly of ESD 112 services.
  - G. August Board Meeting: The August meeting will be held in person. Please contact Tim or Sara if you need to join remotely.
  - H. Safety Net Funding: ESD 112 received 1.75 million in funding from Safety Net. This was 98.3% of the original request.
  - I. AESA Call to Action Conference – Washington D.C. - Sept 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup>: Washington ESDs have discussed attending meetings with federal legislators as a group to discuss issues. Contact Sara or Tim if you are interested in attending.
- Employment Acknowledgements and Recognition: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director of Communications and Public Engagement*, shared employee accolades from June.

## **PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

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- **Motion passed** to approve the consent agenda items including minutes of the ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meetings –May 24, 2022; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for June 2022, ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for May 2022; and Early Head Start expenditure reports for May 2022.
- **Motion passed** to appoint Heidi Rosenberg as the EHS/ECEAP Policy Council Representative.
- **Motion passed** to approve the 2022-23 ESD 112 Board of Directors Annual Calendar as presented.
- **Motion passed** to approve the revised 2022-2023 Early Head Start Continuation Grant No. 10CH011303-04, for the budget period 9/1/2022-8/31/2023.

## **PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS**

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- Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- Correspondence: There was no correspondence this month.
- Board Attendance at Events:
  - Dr. Richard Graham attending the STEPS Program Graduation. He shared that nine students graduated this year.
  - Darlene Stickel and Heidi Rosenberg attended the ESD 112 End of Year Meeting on June 24, 2022.

## CALENDAR

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- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting – ESD 112 – August 23, 2022 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- AESA Call-to-Action Conference – Washington DC – September 21-23, 2022
- AESA National Conference – Atlanta, GA – November 30 – December 2, 2022

## BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

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- The board moved into executive session at 4:30 pm for discussion of performance of an employee under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The session was scheduled to end at 5:00 pm.

## RECONVENE/ACTION

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- The executive session ended at 4:37 pm and regular business convened at 4:38 pm.
- **Motion passed** to approve the Superintendent's compensation proposal for 2022-23 and to amend the contract between the ESD and Superintendent to end in 2025.

## ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.



For questions, please contact Sara Moore, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at (360) 952-3318 or email: [sara.moore@esd112.org](mailto:sara.moore@esd112.org). Approved minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings are kept in the ESD 112 Administration Offices and are public record.