



**ESD 112 Board of Directors' Meeting  
September 28, 2022**

**ROLL CALL**

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Board Members Present: Darlene Stickel, President; Mark Hottowe, Vice-President; LeAnne Bremer; Kevin Davis; Richard Graham, and Heidi Rosenberg. Guests: Nichole Peppers, Nancy Miller. Cabinet Members Present: Marnie Allen, Monique Dugaw, Gavin Hottman, Jeffrey Niess, Mike Nerland, and Kathy Whitlock.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business meeting was called to order by Darlene Stickel, *President*, at 3:00 pm on September 28, 2022. A quorum of six members were present.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME OF GUESTS**

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- Darlene Stickel welcomed attendees and the following guests: Nichole Peppers and Nancy Miller.

**INTERVIEWS OF ESD 112 DISTRICT #5 BOARD CANDIDATES**

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- The ESD 112 Board of Directors interviewed two candidates for the District #5 vacant position: Nichole Peppers and Nancy Miller.

**BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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- The ESD 112 Board of Directors discussed the qualifications of both candidates for board vacancy in Executive Session as authorized under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The executive session began at 3:47 pm and the business meeting reconvened at 4:07 pm.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

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- Early Head Start and ECEAP Program Monthly Report: Mike Nerland, *Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning*, shared highlights of the monthly report including an update on efforts to recruit employees. Heidi Rosenkranz shared that the Policy Council Meeting had great participation by parents.
- Superintendent's Report: Tim Merlino, *Superintendent*, briefed the board on the following:
  - A. RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER STRIKE:
    - Superintendent Merlino shared an update on the recent union strike in Ridgefield School District.
  - B. RURAL GRANTS LEGISLATURE VISITS:
    - Currently, small schools with less than 1000 students can qualify for a grant to modernize buildings up to \$5 million. Skamania School District received \$4 million in funding, and with additional district funds, has extended the life of a building for 30 years. 150 school districts in Washington could qualify for funding. Skamania School District will host a visit for legislators to see the funding in action. Funding has been requested to expand these opportunities for small rural districts that cannot pass bonds.

- C. BEHAVIOR CLASSROOM REQUESTS – GORGE/BEACH DISTRICTS:
  - ESD 112 has received requests from school districts in the Gorge and beach areas for behavioral classrooms for students.
- D. UPDATE ON CAMPUS TENANTS:
  - Marnie Allen, *Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Legal Services, and Insurance Programs*, shared an update on tenants at the ESD 112 campus.
- E. GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE:
  - ESD 112 will apply for funding through the Safe Communities Act that will allow the ESD to continue to offer and expand mental health programs, as well as expand threat assessment, safety center services, and suicide prevention efforts.
  - The Early Care & Education department received \$250,000 to expand 1-2-3 Grow & Learn services.
- F. FIRST REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS MEETING:
  - The first regional superintendent business meeting was held at AC Hotel Vancouver Waterfront and featured a presentation by AWSP regarding supports that supervisors can provide to principals.
- G. GROWTH IN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS:
  - The ESD has had great success in expanding embedded mental health services in school districts. This program began with nine staff members in regional schools and has grown to eighteen embedded mental health professionals.
  - The Early Care and Education department has also increased supports to early learning programs and now have four mental health specialists on staff.
- H. ACCREDITATION:
  - ESD 189 would like to recruit board members for accreditation panels. This year, there will be a large number of districts receiving accreditation services – including seven schools with the ESD 112 region. There may be options to participate in person or virtually.
  - Reviews are usually held before the February board meeting. Board members indicated that they would prefer to split the reviews into two days due to the number of schools.
- I. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES:
  - At next month’s board meeting, the new electronic signature process will be demonstrated.
- Employee Acknowledgements and Recognition: Monique Dugaw, *Executive Director for Communications and Public Engagement*, shared accolades received by Christa Chandler, *Administrative Assistant to Human Resources, Legal Service, and Insurance Programs*, as well as communication staff Melissa Burt, Laura Martin, and Mika Yoshida. Monique also recognized the collaboration between Early Care and Education staff and the Communications team to create promotional videos highlighting staff and child care opportunities.

## 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 – August 23, 2022; ESD 112 Personnel Activity Reports for August 2022, ESD 112 Expenditure Reports for August 2022; and Early Head Start Budget Status/Expenditure Reports for August 2022.
- **Motion passed** to approve New Board Policy 3411 for Accommodating Students with Seizure Disorders or Epilepsy.
- **Motion passed:** Board Resolution R.22.05 – In the Matter of Approving Conditional Certificate – Special Education Assignments
- **Motion passed:** Board Resolution R.22.06 – In the Matter of Approving Conditional Certificate – Youth Services Assignment
- **Motion passed** to appoint Nancy Miller to the District 5 position for the ESD 112 Board of Directors.

## PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

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- Public Comments: There were no public comments.
- Correspondence: Thank you letter to ESD 112 Administration from Jack Arend, AWSP.

## CALENDAR

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- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting – ESD 112 – October 25, 2022 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- WSSDA Annual Conference – Spokane – November 17 – 19, 2022
- ESD 112 Board of Directors' Business Meeting – ESD 112 – November 22, 2022 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- AESA National Conference – Atlanta, GA – November 30 – December 2, 2022
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – January 24, 2022 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- ESD 112 Board of Directors Business Meeting – ESD 112 – Feb 21, 2022 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 5:24 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.