



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 12, 2022**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

January 12, 2022 via remote Zoom meeting.

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Ms. Bashaw called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She acknowledged th-

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public participation is limited to written submissions only, and all written comments received will be shared with the school board directors. Each board member has seen all messages received.

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January is school board recognition month, and Dr. Baker and the entire district appreciate the service that the members of the board provide to students and staff. In addition, WSSDA recently recognized Ms. Diaz Hackler for her 10 years of service on the school board.

Promise K had a successful start last week with the largest cohort yet, over 160 students at nine schools.

The Alderwood preschool and Parkview playgrounds recently opened and Sunnyland construction is progressing. The new playgrounds are more accessible for all children, including those who have mobility challenges. The bond includes funds for new inclusive playgrounds at several elementary schools.

Last week presented challenges to our school schedule. Dr. Baker is appreciative of staff who helped to keep students safe during that time. We recognized on social media the BPS transportation and custodial/maintenance staff who work hard to prepare our sites, monitor roads and navigate bus routes.

Dr. Baker noted that the COVID-19 case rates in the community have risen, and the peak will likely be reached in the next few weeks. Staffing has been and continues to be a challenge. We are working to recruit retirees, parents, etc. as substitutes. The governor, state superintendent and health departments do not expect to shut down the entire state or

all schools. We will continue to follow guidelines and requirements from the CDC and state health department. Dr. Baker responded to questions from board members.
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2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll December 2021

Affirmative votes: Ms. Bashaw, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Ms. Mason, Ms. Rose.

Abstention: Mr. Benjamin.

3.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

3.1 Review and Discuss Possible Revisions to: GPs 1-6

Governance Process Policies GP-1 through GP-6 are reviewed annually in January. After discussion, it was agreed that no changes are needed at this time.

4.0 BOARD RESPONSE TO MONITORING

4.1 Board Response to Monitoring EL-5, Communication and Counsel to the Board

There was discussion regarding the summary of the board responses to the EL-5 report that was prepared by Ms. Bashaw. Following discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason,

Approved:

Kelly Bashaw, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved February 15, 2022

Monitoring Response Document

Policy Monitored: EL5, Communication and Counsel to the Board

Date Report Submitted 11/10/2021

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Board makes the following conclusions

<u>Ends Reports:</u>	<u>Executive Limitations Reports</u>
1. The Board finds that the Superintendent: a. has achieved the goals established by the policy. b. is making reasonable progress toward achieving the goals. c. is making reasonable progress toward achieving the goals, but a greater degree of progress is expected in some areas d. is not making reasonable progress toward achieving the goals established. * e. cannot be determined*	1. The Board finds that the Superintendent: a. is in compliance b. is in compliance, except for item(s) noted

CDH:

- x The board is impressed with increased involvement with community partnerships. It adds to better outcomes for more students, which is so needed during these times.
- x The back to school party was a novel approach to meeting the needs of many.

JM:

- x

Monitoring Response Document INITIAL COMPILATION

Policy Monitored: EL-9, Asset Maintenance and Protection

Date Report Submitted 12/8/2021

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Below are my responses in connection with the report

Ends Reports:

Executive Limitations Reports

KR:

- x Appreciate the detailed explanation of how energy efficiency can be measured as well as the barriers to getting meaningful data this year. Looking forward to a full data set and the impact the team's commendable efforts will have.
- x While not directly related to the commendable work that happened over ~~2020~~ 2021 I continue to be troubled by some of the language in the section detailing Loss Experience Factor, especially as staff accidents continue to increase. Would appreciate evidence that the increase is due, at least in part, to nonwork-related physical activities, recreational activities, as well as some HPSOR\HHV WR EHFPH FRPIRUWDEOH ZLWK WLPH OR :KLOH WKLV PD\ VLP SO\ EH SRRU ZRUGLQJ LQFOXGLQJ 3