OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 9, 2023

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

November 9, 2023 Options High School, 2015 Franklin St., Bellingham, WA.

1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgment:

Ms. Diaz Hackler (President) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on ancestral homelands of the Lummi people and Nooksack tribe.

1.3 Roll Call:

Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Jennifer Mason and Katie Rose, Greg Baker

1.4 Audience:

- Michael Chrzastowski is a board member of the South Hill Neighborhood Association and a
  Commission. He is here this evening to recognize Stephanie Korn, the principal of Lowell Elementary School, for changes that have been made

- Dr. Baker reminded the board that replacement levies will be on the February 2024 special ballot, and the team is working to provide information to the community about the replacement levies.
- Veterans Day assemblies have been occurring at schools, recognizing those who have served in our military.
- The consent agenda includes a monitoring report on EL-5 (Communication and Counsel to the Board), and Dr. Baker highlighted some of what is contained in the report.
- The agenda also includes a lease with Whatcom Community College (WCC), related to the new Community Transitions facility that will be built there. He thanked the team at WCC and the district team who figured out how to make it happen. The Community Transitions Educational Specifications/Design Advisory Committee will begin meeting soon.
- This will be Kelly Bashaw school board director.

Dr. Baker responded to questions from the board.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Bashaw indicated that she is employed by Whatcom Community College, and agenda item 2.12 contains a lease agreement with Whatcom Community College. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Ms. Bashaw will recuse herself from voting on item 2.12. Ms. Bashaw made a **motion** to vote on item 2.12 separately. Ms. Mason seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Benjamin made a **motion** to approve the following consent agenda items:

2.1 Approval of Minutes of Oct. 12, 2023 Regular Meeting; Oct. 24, 2023 Student Roundtable; Oct. 31, 2023 School Visit
2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll
2.3 Resolution 31-23, Cancellation of Stale-Dated Checks
2.4 Resolution 32-23, Transfer of Funds from Capital Projects Fund to General Fund
2.5 Resolution 33-23, Certification of 2024 Excess Property Taxes
2.6 Hire Appraiser for Potential Property Sale
2.7 Hire Appraiser for Potential Property Purchase
2.8 EL-5 Monitoring Report Communication and Counsel to the Board
2.9 Amendment #2 to 2023-24 Whatcom Discovery Program Interlocal Agreement (#2324-002B)
2.10 Lynden School District Interlocal Agreement (#2324-087)
2.11 -092)
2.13 Personnel Recommendations
2.14 Personal Services Contracts

Ms. Mason seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Ms. Mason made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Rose, to approve the following consent agenda item:

lost and found. She loved having the opportunity to see a transitional kindergarten space. At the Teacher Academy student roundtable, the high school students talked about apathy during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, and it highlighted the importance of mental health support. In her work with the Opportunity Council, she has learned how difficult it can be for an adult to obtain government-issued identification. Students being able to obtain a driving permit and license while in the Traffic Safety program is immensely valuable.

- Ms. Bashaw thought the visit to the early learning classroom at Geneva was very special, and she saw the care that goes into helping the students feel comfortable and welcome. While she will miss those moments of serving on the school board, she feels good knowing that Scott Ritchey will do a great job as a director. Serving on the board has been a great experience for her. The district is in great hands, and she has appreciated everyone who works so hard to make the board look good. Keeping kids and families front and center of what we do is what makes this a great district. She thanked everyone.
- Ms. Diaz Hackler
  great that a student can experience what it would be like to be a teacher, without paying college tuition for that experience. Upcoming events for the board include the annual WSSDA conference Nov. 16-18 in Bellevue and a board visit at Bellingham High School on Nov. 28.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 n/a

7.0 CLOSING ITEMS

7.1 Board Assessment of Meeting: Ms. Bashaw assessed the meeting, with an overall rating of 4 *(commendable).*
Members of the executive team and the school board shared their appreciation for Ms. Bashaw and her 16 years of service as a school board director.

7.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Approved:

Douglas Benjamin, Board President

Attest:

Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: December 14, 2023

Monitoring Response Document – INITIAL COMPILATION

Policy Monitored: EL-10, Race and Equity
Date Report Submitted: 10/12/202

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3. Please note areas for additional

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