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October 12, 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 and Sheri O’Day (recorder).

1.4 Audience:

Many great things have been going on around the district, and Dr. Baker shared photos of recent events. National Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, and our high school students enjoyed assemblies that were led by Latinos in Action student groups. Monday, Oct. 9, was Indigenous Peoples Day, and the Lummi Nation

welcomed hundreds of community members to join a celebration featuring speakers, dancing and cooked salmon.

- Dr. Baker gave an update, with photos, of ongoing capital projects:
 - Addition of four classrooms at Kulshan Middle School.
 - Tennis court expansion projects.
 - Field improvements at Bellingham High School.
 - Over the past week, district office staff had the opportunity to tour the new district office that is under construction.
- As the board is aware, the state does not fund after-school activities and athletics, because they are extracurricular. Our local levy makes it possible for students to participate in these activities. Dr. Baker shared photos of recent after-school events, including Unified Sports. He noted that the high schools' all city orchestra performance at Bellingham High School is this evening.
- Dr. Baker noted that tonight's consent agenda includes two policy governance monitoring reports, EL-1 (Expectations of Superintendent) and EL-10 (Race and Equity). Responding to board feedback from last year's report, the EL-1 report includes evidence around communication with community stakeholders.
- The district's [Climate Action Plan](#) was recently published, and Dr. Baker thanked Chief Operations Officer Jessica Sankey and Director of Facilities and Sustainability Mark Peterson for leading the work of the [Sustainability Advisory Committee](#). Student voice is very much reflected in the plan.
- Tomorrow is a professional development day, with many choices and opportunities for district staff to participate.
- The consent agenda contains two resolutions directing the district to add replacement operations and technology levies on the February 2024 election ballot. Every district in our county will be running similar levies. The operations levy funds many staff positions and student activities. Dr. Baker gave examples of the tax implications for the two replacement levies and gave an overview of what would be funded by the replacement technology levy.
- Dr. Baker is continuing with his listening and learning tour and shared photos of his days at Alderwood, Kulshan and Fairhaven schools. He enjoys spending time in classrooms and getting to know students and staff.

Dr. Baker responded to questions from the board.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**

- 2.6 Resolution 29-23, Replacement Educational Support and Operations Levy and Resolution 30-23, Replacement Technology Capital Projects Levy**
- 2.7 New Policy – Policy 6804, District Office Café Operation**
- 2.8 Policy 6215 Update, Voucher Certification and Approval**
- 2.9 Memo Discipline Appeal Council**
- 2.10 EL-1 Monitoring Report – Expectations of Superintendent**
- 2.11 EL-10 Monitoring Report – Race and Equity**
- 2.12 State of Washington Department of Health Amendment to Grant Award and Agreement (#2223-224A)**
- 2.13**

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 n/a

5.0 CLOSING ITEMS

5.1 Board Assessment of Meeting: Mr. Benjamin assessed the meeting, with an overall rating of 4 (commendable)

5.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Approved:



Doug Benjamin, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved January 18, 2024