

□ December 6, 2017 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Mr. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin (President), Camille Diaz Hackler, Quenby Peterson, Steven Smith, Superintendent Greg Baker, and Ruth Rasmussen (recorder)

Mr. Benjamin said the board, leadership team, and staff were still grieving the Nov. 20th deaths of Communications Director Tanya Rowe and her son Benton. Postponement of

4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 School Board Directors' Reports

WSSDA Annual Conference: Nov. 16–19, 2017 General discussion regarding the conference, which was attended by Ms. Bashaw, Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Diaz Hackler, Ms. Mason, Ms. Peterson, and Dr. Baker.

- Mr. Benjamin attended a policy governance session and learned that WSSDA will sponsor a one-day workshop on the topic on March 10. Additionally, Mr. Benjamin will update the board at a future meeting on a book he is reading relating to policy governance: [Good Governance is a Choice](#) by Randy Quinn.
- Ms. Hackler said she received a request that our district present next year on the 4x8 schedule.

Ms. Diaz Hackler:

- office, was scheduled to tour Wade King Elementary School in late November. The meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled in early 2018.
- Ms. Diaz Hackler asked that a discussion on Boards of Distinction be added to the next board retreat agenda.

Ms. Peterson:

- Ms. Peterson said parents engage her regularly on the new 4x8 schedule and their desire for guidance to ensure their students are making the best decisions around course selection.

Ms. Bashaw:

- Ms. Bashaw updated the board on her recent visit with four Squalicum High School GRADS students.

6. CLOSING ITEMS

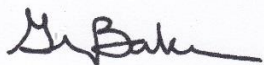
7.1 Board Assessment of Meeting: Ms. Diaz Hackler assessed the meeting with an overall rating of 4 (*commendable*).

7.2 Adjournment – 6:47 p.m.

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Kelly Bashaw, School Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: Jan. 10, 2018