



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
June 19, 2019**

**1.0 OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1 Meeting Date and Location:**

June 19, 2019 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

**1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Ms. Diaz Hackler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Jenn Mason, Quenby Peterson, Superintendent Greg Baker and Sheri O'Day (recorder). She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples, in particular

**Chris Smith** – Is a member of BASE, a paraprofessional at Wade King and is here this evening in support of members of SEIU. The job descriptions of SEIU workers do not cover what they do throughout the day. They are there for all students every day, even for students with special dietary or sensory needs, and they improve the lives of our students. Day and evening custodians go above and beyond the call of duty, including welcoming students to school and giving students jobs to do.

- 1.4 Uwp gtl pvgpf gpwu Announcements and Report:** Summary of Dr. Baker's comments:  
High school graduations were all held

#### **4.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **4.1 Uej qqrDqct f 'F k gevqt u' T gr qt vu**

Mr. Benjamin attended the “Brother Ray’s Benefit” for sixth grade band at Boundary Bay, which had great music and was fun and low-key. He also attended the Bellingham High School dance team parent meeting and was surprised at how much it costs students to participate. The eighth-grade graduation at Whatcom Middle School today was a well-organized, fun ceremony.

Ms. Mason also attended the fundraiser at Boundary Bay and noted that it was wonderful to see the community’s support. The graduations at Bellingham and Sehome high schools were great. She attended the life skills picnic at Elizabeth Park, and it was lovely to see the students having so much fun. So much work goes towards loving and supporting our students.

meetings and parent group meetings at each school over the first few months of the school year should be commended; in light of the unsteadiness of the state budget, we are in a good place when considering the volatility that has been experienced in other districts; the board appreciates how Dr. Baker keeps them apprised of happenings within the district. Mr. Benjamin commended Dr. Baker for his communication efforts to staff and the community.

Dr. Baker thanked the school board members for their support and feedback throughout the year, thanked the executive team for their work and stated that it is an honor to serve this district.

There was discussion regarding the WSSDA self-assessment and developing a board self-improvement plan. The board decided to not take the self-assessment again this year and to instead continue focusing on the data from this last year.

**7.0 CLOSING ITEMS**

**7.1 Board Assessment of Meeting:** Ms. Peterson assessed the meeting, with an overall rating of 3 (*good*).

**7.2 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**Approved:**



Camille Diaz Hackler, Board President

**Attest:**



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

*Minutes approved:* July 10, 2019