



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 16, 2023**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

February 16, 2023 Options High School, 2015 Franklin St., Bellingham, WA.

1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgment:

Ms. Diaz Hackler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people.

Lunar New Year was celebrated at Wade King recently with a traditional assembly. Construction on the new district office continues and Dr. Baker shared a photo of the progress.

There will be a community meeting on Feb. 23 regarding the 15th elementary school. It will be a chance for residents of the King Mountain neighborhood to ask questions and give feedback.

Chef Ann Cooper and representatives from districts across the country recently visited to learn

3.0 BOARD RESPONSE TO MONITORING

3.1 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. Diaz Hackler. Following discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the monitoring response document ([Attachment A](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

3.2 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-7, Budget Planning and Execution

There was discussion regarding the summary of the board responses to the EL-7 report that was prepared by Ms. Diaz Hackler. Following discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the monitoring response document ([Attachment B](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

3.3 Board Response to Monitoring – EL-9, Asset Maintenance and Protection

There was discussion regarding the summary of the board responses to the EL-9 report that was prepared by Ms. Diaz Hackler. Following discussion, Ms. Rose made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Mason, to approve the monitoring response document ([Attachment C](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

4.1 Monitoring Report Ends 2.1 (Part 1) – Student Competence

Dr. Mike Copland, Deputy Superintendent, and Brian Rick, Director of Research and Assessment, discussed the [report](#) and [data set](#) and answered questions from the board.

5.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 School Board Directors’ Reports. Highlights of comments:

Ms. Mason thought the visit to the Bellingham Family Partnership Program (BFPP) was very informative. It appears to work well for the families who believe it is the right fit for them. The GRADS student roundtable was amazing, one of the best she has attended, and she has shared with many people about the successful program. These teen parents are truly highly capable learners. She believes lives and families are forever changed for the better because of the program. 2019-2020
friends who volunteers at Birchwood has told her how amazing everyone is there and talked specifi

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Monitoring Response Document

Policy Monitored: EL7, Budget Planning and Execution
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Board makes the following conclusions

<u>Ends Reports:</u>	<u>Executive Limitations Reports</u>
<p>1. The Board finds that the Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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* 	<p>1. The Board finds that the Superintendent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. is in compliance with the acknowledgement that there is always more work to be done b. is making reasonable progress toward compliance except for item(s) noted c. is not making reasonable progress toward compliance* d. cannot be determined*
<p>*see comments below (No.3)</p>	

2. Please note commendable progress over the last year.

The board notes a second successful community block party with 2,200 students and families in attendance and the inclusion of community partners.

The board also notes the new location of Community Center while the district continues to search for a permanent location.

The board would like to share its congratulations on passing bond during a very difficult time and maximizing this funding stream.

The board is impressed with the work done to secure grants for the district. It shows resourcefulness, respect for public funds and dedication for continuing improvement.

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are made at the State and Federal levels while also managing continued budgetary outliers from the pandemic. We also appreciate continued work towards keeping the budget transparent with the annual publication of the budget book and that all of the state audits done under the V X S H U L Q W H G H A V E B E N C O M P L Y

3. Please note areas for additional improvement

None

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