SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN.

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**Our Promise**

We will **know**, **value**, and **support** every student, helping them **graduate ready** to pursue a **promising future**.

# October 9, 2024 - Study Session Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

## Call to Order

School board President Erin Markquart called the October 9, 2024 board study session for the Board of Directors at Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00pm.

## Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Strategic Plan

In accordance with district policy 0300 and 0700, district administration provided a high-level update to the board on the progress made towards the five aspirational goals in the strategic plan. There will be detailed presentations during the year that reveal strategies for accomplishing our goals as a district. Tonight's presentation provided a basic understanding of the strategic plan review process, information on the progress already made toward the aspirational goals in 2023-24 and discuss considerations and next steps for the board.

As a result of state-wide projections district levels have been redefined in both math and English Language Arts. With the redefinition assessments indicate that students learning at grade level, which is indicated with level 2-4 or meeting college readiness proficiency, which is 3 or 4. The scores reported in tonight's study session are based on 3 or 4.

On the county level, scores are also based on level 3 or 4. Statewide, Sumner-Bonney Lake School District ranks in the top 3 for ELA and 5$^{th}$ in math. Dr. Laurie Dent reminded the board that the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District takes pride in tight alignment with the strategic plan which allows the work to have a consistency. The presentation shared the district's benchmarks in student performance and how they align with each strategic goal to reach 80% in 2026. She reminded the board that the benchmarks

are the district's high standards for their work with student performance. Down arrows indicate a decrease and up arrows are an increase in student performance.

After two years the administration has noticed an increase in the number of junior and senior level students coming into the district who are credit deficient, an increase in the number of students qualifying for special services, which impacts staffing, resource allocation and graduation rates. Director Gaines raised the question of available resources to track students negatively impacted by new regulations that impact the graduation rate. Superintendent Dent, proposed whether there might be an interested in studying other scheduling options as part of the research needed to identify a strategy to address issues impacting the graduation rate.

**Board Discussion**

Director Paul Williams shared his appreciation to the administration for the work that went into the presentation and their transparency in sharing the impact the statewide changes had on school rankings and district goals.

Director Johanneke Smith shared that while the numbers are a snapshot, they do not reflect the complexity of the work involved in attaining the goals set by the district.

Director Kevin Lewis shared how the administration's willingness to share this information in such a transparent manner helps build trust.

Director Bill Gaines has agreed to fill the role as legislative member for the SBLSD. In this role he will share the board's legislative priorities with OSPI.

With no further business the board study session adjourned at 7:22pm

Laurie Dent, Secretary

Attest

Erin Markquart

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