SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors

Kevin Lewis, President
Bill Gaines, Vice President
Erin Markquart, Member
Johanneke Smith, Member
Tom Watson, Member

Our Promise:

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

February 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

CALL TO ORDER
School Board President Kevin Lewis called the February 19, 2025 Board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00 pm.

Erin Markquart is excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion was made by JB Smith to approve the February 19, 2025 board meeting agenda, second by Bill Gaines. Motion passes unanimously.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT NO. 2 APPOINTMENT
Motion was made by Bill Gaines to appointment Tom Watson to School Board Director for District No. 2 by roll call, second by JB Smith:
Kevin Lewis – yes
Bill Gaines – yes
JB Smith – yes

Vote to elect Tom Watson as School Board Director for District No. 2 passed by unanimously.

District NO. 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OATH OF OFFICE
Judge Alicia Burton will swear District No. 2 Candidate into the office of Board of Director.

CONSENT ITEMS
Motion was made by JB Smith to approve the consent agenda items for February 19, 2025, second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

Director Bill Gaines expressed appreciation for donations the district received from Emerald Hills PTA, Seattle Seahawks Charitable Foundation and the Sumner Education Association.

1. February 12, 2025 Board Study Session Minutes
2. January 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Personnel Recommendation
4. Voucher Certification - February 19, 2025
5. Board Consent Form- Interlocal Agreements
6. Board Consent Form- Contracts
7. Emerald Hills Elementary PTA Donation
8. Seattle Seahawks Charitable Foundation Donation
9. Sumner Education Association Donation

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Dr. Laurie Dent introduced the Principal of Bonney Lake High School, Tony Clarke, who shared Jayden Thayer's athletic accomplishment of becoming a 4A state champion bowler for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. Jayden will be participating in Greenbay at the Jr bowing tournament this Summer.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Laurie Dent shared news regarding cabinet level transitions happening in the near future. Elli McDaniel will step into the role of Executive Director of Elementary, a role currently held by Beth Dykman. Jane Toycen will step into the role of Executive Director for Special Services, a position currently held by Karen Finnigan.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

This is the time on the agenda for Board members to report on professional development activities they have attended (i.e., conferences, workshops), legislative issues, and other items of interest.

Director Bill Gaines shared appreciation to the Maintenance and Operations department for the blizzard brigade and building custodians.

Director JB Smith shared appreciation to the students, staff and schools who took the time to prepare gifts for the board in recognition of School Board Appreciation month. She also recognized Victor Falls for upholding the district promise of making sure students are seen, heard and known. She shared how the principal and teacher of a friend were instrumental in ensuring student progress. Finally, she shared about a recent budget training she attended to gain understanding of budget structures and revenue sources.

Director Tom Watson shared thanks for the school board's support and learning ways to get involved in the life of the district.

Director Kevin Lewis shared about a recent visit to Donald Eismann Elementary and how they engage with MLL students.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The Sumner-Bonney Lake School Board welcomes the public to its meetings. Individuals who wish to address the Board should sign up ONLINE. Comments are restricted to three minutes.

In-person registered speakers included Balvina Cortez who thanked DEE for their success with the

Reading Curriculum for her niece Sophia. Leilani Howland spoke about proposition 1 and capital project criteria of funding allocation for sites chosen for updates. Finally, Terri McCoy who spoke about education.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Resolution No. 11/24-25 State Bond Guarantee Program

This resolution authorizes the District to request participation in the Washington State school district credit enhancement program (Guarantee Program) for the potential refunding of the District's 2014 and 2015 bonds. Under the Guarantee Program, the State will guarantee the payment of the District's refunding bonds, increasing the credit rating on the bonds and resulting in lower interest costs. This resolution was presented to the board on February 12th for first reading.

Motion made by Bill Gaines to adopt Resolution No. 11/24-25 State Bond Guarantee Program which authorizes the District to request participation in the Washington State school district credit enhancement program (Guarantee Program) for the potential refunding of the District's 2014 and 2015 bonds. Under the Guarantee Program, the State will guarantee the payment of the District's refunding bonds, increasing the credit rating on the bonds and resulting in lower interest costs. Motion was second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

Director Bill Gaines provide discussion regarding the bond process. He shared that in the interest in creating these resolutions were done in the spirit of saving money for the community.

Resolution No. 12/24-25 Bond Delegation

This resolution authorizes the District Administration to approve the sale of a portion of the bonds that were approved by the District's voters at the November 2024 election. This resolution also authorizes the sale of refunding bonds to refund the District's outstanding 2014 and 2015 bonds, if a debt service savings can be achieved for the benefit of the District's taxpayers. Both bond authorizations are eligible for participation in the Guarantee Program. This resolution was presented to the board on February 12th for first reading.

Motion made by JB Smith to adopt Resolution No. 12/24-25 Bond Delegation which authorizes the District Administration to approve the sale of a portion of the bonds that were approved by the District's voters at the November 2024 election. This resolution also authorizes the sale of refunding bonds to refund the District's outstanding 2014 and 2015 bonds, if a debt service savings can be achieved for the benefit of the District's taxpayers. Both bond authorizations are eligible for participation in the Guarantee Program; motion was second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

December Budget Status Report

The Chief Finance and District Operations Officer, Bryan Verley, provided a financial report for December to the Board for information.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADOPTION

In accordance with Policy 2020: Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials the following resources have been reviewed and approved by the District Curriculum and Instructional Materials Committee.

Voces: Nuestra Historia 1, Nuestra Historia 2, Nuestra Historia 3
Kathryn Elliott, TOSA Secondary IS submitted a recommendation for the following instructional materials to be used for High School World Language Spanish 1, 2, 3 for **adoption**. The first reading was at the January 15, 2025 board meeting.

Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt Voces: Nuestra Historia 1, Nuestra Historia 2, Nuestra Historia 3 as instructional materials for High School World Language Spanish 1, 2, 3. Motion second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Materials Selected
Summary of Materials and Adoption Process
Title: Voces: Nuestra Historia 1, Nuestra Historia 2, Nuestra Historia 3
Author: Erin Almeranti - Curriculum Developer, Bryan Kandel - Lead Author
Publisher: Voces Digital
Copyright: 2022
Name of class in which the resource will be used: Spanish 1, 2, 3

Musicplay Online
Darla Offner, Director Elementary Instructional Services and Valerie Chittick, music teacher Maple Lawn Elementary submitted a recommendation for the following instructional materials to be used for Elementary General Music for **adoption**. The first reading was at the January 15, 2025 board meeting

Motion was made by JB Smith to adopt Musicplay Online as instructional material for Elementary General Music; second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

Materials Selected
Summary of Materials and Adoption Process
Title: Musicplay Online
Author: Denise Gagne
Publisher: Themes & Variations
Copyright: 1994
Name of class in which the resource will be used: Elementary General Music

POLICY MATTERS
In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws 2022 Electronic Resources and Internet Safety, 2023 Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy, 5400 Personnel Leaves and 6501 Data Privacy have been included for **first reading**.

Board Procedures
In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, 2022P Electronic Resources and Internet Safety, 2022F Electronic Resource and Internet Use Opt-out Form and 6501P Data Privacy have been included for **information only**.

PRESENTATION
ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Director of Athletics, Brian Kaelin, presented an update to the board of directors for the Athletic Department. He shared that information regarding registration and eligibility can be found on the Athletic Registration section of the Athletics webpage. Eligibility requires for both middle and high schools are communicated in numerous ways to students and parents through FinalForms. In an effort to meet the diverse student population and increase participation information is gathered from the student surveys. As a result, the district will be adding girls flag football club at Sumner High School.

Brian also shared that student participation in sports includes an emphasis on academic success, outstanding work of athletic coordinators and staff who serve as role models as well as streamlining FinalForms registration / clearance. The department continues improving their infrastructure, hiring process / requirements for staff and exploring professional development for coaches. Finally, Brian shared the installation of FMX for facility rentals, which will also streamline the process of using district resources and generate revenue.

INFORMATION

Artificial Intelligence Board Memo

Michelle Lewis, Executive Director of Learning and Innovation, has prepared an update on the district's efforts to implement artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in both classroom and non-classroom settings within the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District for the board.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director JB Smith shared that one of the district policies up for consideration is regarding AI; she emphasized this is new territory for the district but happy to see that we're looking at impact and implementation.

Dr. Dent shared information regarding the Community Summit. Board members interested in attending should register soon.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 19, 2025** and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Laurie Dent, Secretary

Attest

Kevin Lewis, President
Board of Directors Board of Directors