



### **Board of Directors**

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### **Our Promise**

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

### **March 12, 2025 - Study Session Minutes**

Central Office Board Room  
1202 Wood Ave  
Sumner, WA 98390

### **CALL TO ORDER**

School board President Kevin Lewis called the March 12, 2025 board study session for the Board of Directors at Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00pm.

### **BOND PROJECTS DISCUSSION**

Program Manager, Matt Guilianians of Falcon and Fern and Capital Projects and Facilities Manager, John Boatman presented a bond project update to the board of directors that included a review of the bond projects, the program schedule, the bond oversight committee schedule and the architects. Matt shared that the district received fourteen applications from architectural companies. With the assistance of a committee the selections were narrowed down to five. The three companies that were chosen received draft contracts.

Matt began the discussion of the project schedule with a focus on the top three projects which include the BLHS expansion, the SHS master plan as well as the new middle school at Tehaleh. The following projects are scheduled to kick off Ed Spec and design in Summer/Fall 2025 for Donald Eismann queuing expansion, parking and field improvements, Tehaleh Heights expansion, Daffodil Valley field improvements, Crestwood and Liberty Ridge interior/exterior remodels. The timeline is an estimate that depends on several pieces, including building the infrastructure and internal coordination.

John Boatman shared information about the Bond Oversight Committee, scheduled to start March 24. The committee will run for two years and is representative of the community in both Sumner and Bonney Lake. Penny Mabie of Definitely Mabie will facilitate the meetings. The purpose of the committee is to provide, in coordination with the district project team, transparency and accountability through quarterly review of the delivery on the 2024 bond projects.

Elle Warmuth, the Executive Director of Communications has developed a communication plan that includes transparent communication about construction updates that are designed to build public confidence and trust in the district; information regarding the building projects can be found at



sumnersd.org/construction. The communication plan will include a bond communication toolkit with branded templates that allow for a consistent message to go out to the community, construction updates into current communication platforms, staff-parent community at each project site and leverage construction projects and community investment to enhance partnerships.

Board members are encouraged to share any questions they might have with Dr. Laurie Dent, who will work with John and Matt to get timely responses to board members.

### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Director JB Smith shared her appreciation for the crisis response procedures in place in the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District. The procedure allows the district to notify the community about tragic student/staff related events. She also raised concerns about federal funding and its potential impact to the school district.

Bryan Verley shared that 7% of the district funding comes from federal sources but things like our lunch program wouldn't go away, however, there might be some impact to title programs; however, the 2.5% we receive is minimal compared to other districts.

Dr. Laurie Dent shared that in celebration of their significant win, the Special Olympics Basketball team, the Spanthers, will be joining us at next week's board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

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Laurie Dent, Secretary  
Board of Directors

Attest

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Kevin Lewis, President  
Board of Directors