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.

March 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 March 19, 2025 Board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00 pm.

In celebration of Music in Education month, the BLHS Vocal Persuasion Jazz Choir opened the meeting with "My Romance". Many of the performers are scheduled to sing at state this year.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the March 19, 2025 board meeting agenda, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by JB Smith to approve the March 19, 2025 consent agenda items as listed, second by Bill Gaines. Motion passes unanimously.

1. March 12, 2025 Board Study Session Minutes
2. February 19, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Personnel Recommendation
4. Voucher Certification
5. Board Consent - Interlocal Agreement

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Spanther Basketball State Champions joined the board in celebration of their win this season. Second year as state champions. Coach Arnold, Bailey and Vojir introduced the players and shared information about the program.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Dent shared how she appreciates serving in a district to celebrate all its students.

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 Tom Watson shared highlights of activities he attended. Emerald Hills PTA and the opportunity to engage with the community. He shared his experience with a recent bus ride that included an emergency exit drill.

Director JB Smith shared her appreciation for the coaches of the Spanther Lake team for their support. BLE and their student interaction on the playground. They learned a lot about student concerns and the level of engagement in the security of students in their schools.

Director Erin Markquart shared her experience in attending The Outsiders as well as the STEM fair. She also shared her appreciation for the Community Summit and the work they do in finding community partners who will support our students.

Director Bills Gaines share his take-aways from the Pierce County Community Center with college career readiness. The program has grown to encompass all grade levels and provide skills that teach them how to become life-long learners.

Director Kevin Lewis shared that the STEM Fair presentations also showed group projects, which allowed all students feel like they had a role in the event. Pierce County Skills Center is a hidden gem and great opportunity to understand how students are engaging. He shared his take-away from the "Build the Hill" presentation at the Community Summit, which included elected officials from the community.

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 Comments

Dana Sprouse – No Show
Elizabeth Kleingartner – FCCLA Club at Sumner High School

BUSINESS MATTERS

Budget Update

Chief Financial Officer, Bryan Verley is presenting a Budget Update to the board. The presentation focused on activity important statewide dates for the legislative session. Washington State Eco Forecast council shared key takeaways, which included a change in revenue forecast as down by 5 million dollars Legislative session ends April 27 but could be extended in special session at that time we will have a more accurate picture of fund allocation.

Bryan shared the enrollment trends, which are based on full-time enrollment, have remained pretty much

the same. Projections as of January of this year show just over $10,000 which is considered stable growth. Legislative bills to watch this session include MSOC, Special Education and Transportation. SB5192 and SB5263 are still alive. 5192 originally $300 million now $160 million for the ask, but would increase allocation by $77 per student. SB5263 original ask was $1.65 billion over two years but now $554 million for state implementation; illuminating the 16% cap on special education funding.

Revenue funding sources for the district from state, federal and local government. Currently the district receives 4% of its funding from the Federal government, which covers ESSER, Special education, Title, Food Services, general purpose and other grants.

Budget Status Report
Chief Financial Officer, Bryan Verley, provided a written financial report for January to the Board.

2025-26 Budget Calendar
Chief Financial Officer Bryan Verley, provided the 2025-26 Budget Calendar to the board.

POLICY MATTERS
Motion was made by JB Smith to adopt board policies 2022 Electronic Resources and Internet Safety, 2023 Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy, 5400 Personnel Leaves, 6501 Data Privacy, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

INFORMATION
Child Nutrition Report
Director of Child Nutrition, Charlotte Marrison, prepared a written report updating the board on the Child Nutrition Department for 2024-2025.

BOARD DISCUSSION
Director Erin Markquart shared her findings from the federal funding map and what disparities will impact our district.

Director Kevin Lewis echoes Director Markquart's concern and also share curiosity on how the funding changes might impact on students with 504 plans.

Director JB Smith shared her frustration with progress in Special Education on the state level, which would be negatively impacted due to lack of funds at the Federal level. She also shared that in light of recent discussions, students will still be allowed adequate time to partake in school lunches

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
A Board Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, April 16, 2025** and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors

Attest:

Kevin Lewis
President of Board of Directors