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.

May 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

CALL TO ORDER
School Board President Kevin Lewis called the May 21, 2025 Board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion made by Tom Watson to approve the May 21, 2025 board meeting agenda, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS
Motion made by Bill Gaines to approve consent agenda for the May 21, 2025 board meeting agenda, second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

1. April 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
2. May 14, 2025 Board Study Session Minutes
3. Voucher Certification
4. Personnel Recommendation
5. Board Consent Form - Contracts
6. Crestwood Elementary PTA Donation
7. Liberty Ridge PTO Donation
8. Sumner Rotary Donation
9. SBLSD Surplus Report

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY
Officer Brandon Anderson of the Sumner Police Department was recognized for his outstanding work with students in the district as a CSO and Stacey Scholes, who has taught Pacific Northwest history for twenty-five years. Stacy is the recipient of this year's Governor's Award of Excellence for her work in history. She was introduced by her principal Toby Udager of Lakeridge Middle.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

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 JB Smith shared take-aways from the Safety Advisory Council meeting, the site visit with the community-based students at Delano's and free resources for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Director Tom Watson shared some of the events (Bonney Lake Steel & Teal and Robotics) he enjoyed in the district and to learn about what students are doing in their schools.

Director Erin Markquart shared her appreciation for staff, administrators and teachers who champion students in this district. She also acknowledged Miko for her introduction of Officer Anderson.

Director Bill Gaines shared how the district is in the home stretch to complete the year strong. He thanked everyone for their support to students.

Director Kevin Lewis acknowledged those who coordinated the cultural festival.

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.

There were no public comments offered at this meeting.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Capital Projects Bond Update

Director of Capital Projects, Marina Tanay and Development and Construction Manager of Falcon and Fern, Matt Guilanians presented the May Sumner Bonney Lake Builds project update to the Board of Directors. Marina shared the collaborative work that took place with Communications to create the logo for the building project. The presentation included updates on the Sumner High School master plan phase 2 where education spec meetings will wrap up in June and the final document will be brought to the board for acceptance. Schematic designs should be completed by mid-July.

In addition to updates on Sumner High, there was information shared about Bonney Lake High School's expansion plans which include the completion of schematic designs in August. It is believed that there will be eleven new general education classrooms, three science labs and four new Developmental Learning Center (DLC) rooms.

Finally, there was information regarding the new middle school in Tehaleh, which is estimated to be completed in Winter of 2028/29 and field improvement projects for next year.

Marina detailed budget summaries that included contingencies, project and program costs for each

project that matches the larger amount approved in the bond by the community. They will provide updates on any contingencies should anything change.

Resolution No. 15/24-25 BCRA, Inc Architecture Agreement
Motion made by JB Smith to approve Resolution No. 15/24-25 BCRA, Inc Architecture Agreement authorizing the Superintendent to execute the BCRA, Inc Architecture Agreement for the Bonney Lake High School Expansion project, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

BCRA, Inc Architecture Agreement
Motion made by Bill Gaines to approve the BCRA, Inc Architecture Agreement for the Bonney Lake High School Expansion project, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution No. 16/24-25 Hutteball+Oremus Architecture Inc Agreement
Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve Resolution No. 16/24-25 Hutteball+Oremus Architecture Agreement authorizing the Superintendent to execute the owner-architect agreement to engage Hutteball+Oremus Architecture in providing architectural services for the Sumner High School Phase 2 Addition Project, second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Hutteball+Oremus Architecture, Inc Agreement
Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the Hutteball+Oremus architect agreement for the Sumner High School Phase 2 Addition Project, second by J B Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Budget and Fiscal Presentation
The Chief Finance and District Operations Officer, Bryan Verley, presented a budget and fiscal update to the Board that included highlights from the legislative session as well as the district's current fiscal reality. The high-level overview of the biannual budget showed that while the state's investment in K-12 has increased over the last ten years, there has been a decline since 2019 biennium. There is also a limited increase in MSOC in the amount of $35.27 per student. Bryan also shared that the district should expect to receive a one-time unrestricted payment of a little over $500,000 for the current fiscal year which will help cover the deficit.

Bryan shared that the district's is currently spending a little more that it is bringing in and suggest that small adjustments be made to keep schools strong and finances healthy. Because of the district's strong fiscal position we have received an "Aa3" rating that could lead to an upgrade in the next year.

Budget Status Report
The Chief Finance and District Operations Officer, Bryan Verley, provided a budget status report for March 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.

PurposeFull People
Cheri Simpson, Director of the Whole Child submitted a recommendation for the following

instructional materials to be used for Elementary K-5 SEL Curriculum for **adoption**. First reading for this item was included on the April 16, 2025 board agenda.

Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt the PurposeFull People for Elementary K-5 SEL Curriculum, second by JB Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Materials Selected
Summary of Materials and Adoption Process
Title: PurposeFull People
Author: Character Strong
Publisher: Character Strong
Copyright: 2025
Name of class in which the resource will be used: Elementary K-5 SEL Curriculum

POLICY MATTERS
Board Policies
In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, the following policies have been included for **second reading/ adoption**.

Motion was made by Bill Gaines to adopt board policies 2029 Animals as Part of the Instructional Program and 2029F1 Animals as Part of the Instructional Program Request Form, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

Board Procedures
In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, 1620P Board-Superintendent Operating Principles was included for information only.

INFORMATION
Safety Advisory Committee Update
Director of Safety and Security, Brian Scheerer provided a written update on the Safety Advisory Council's work. Brian shared that the committee will be seeking a two-year extension from the board in the future. In the first year of their extension, they will focus on feedback from building leaders on how they're using the safety protocols across the district and in the second year provide feedback from 2022-25 sub-committees.

He shared a plan to launch the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) program in 2026-27 through the Army ROTC. The council will also explore implementing student-led safety teams.

Maintenance and Operations Department Update
Maintenance and Operations Director, David Coutts, provided a department update to the Board of Directors that included recent achievements with the stormwater management system across the district and continued efforts to align with the Washington State Clean Buildings Act. Areas of improvement include addressing challenges in recruiting and retainment of qualified maintenance staff to meet the growing demands as well as expanding professional development opportunities for staff to adapt to evolving operational demands.

BOARD DISCUSSION
Director Kevin Lewis revised exploring a different day for board study session and board meetings. He proposed moving meetings to Tuesdays.

Dr. Dent shared that the board's decision should be finalized soon to allow staff time to adjust district wide meetings. She shared that the change will involve a policy change, which will be brought to the board in June for vote and make the change effective for September.

Director Erin Markquart shared how she valued the time the board spent on defining the Board Operating Principles, which are key to board conduct as governing body.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
A Board Meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 18, 2025** and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business the board meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors

Attest:

Kevin Lewis
President of Board of Directors