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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 26, 2024

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Meeting Date and Location

3:30 p.m., April 26, 2024 – San Juan Island School District Office, 285 Blair Avenue, Friday Harbor, Washington.

1.02 Roll Call:

Mr. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Directors Douglas Benjamin (President), Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Scott Ritchey, Katie Rose and Superintendent Greg Baker were present.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION

2.01 Board Improvement – WSSDA Self-Assessment

The board reviewed the data obtained from the WSSDA self-assessment. After discussion about "don't know" board responses, it seems that a study session focused on curriculum could be helpful. Ms. Mason and Mr. Ritchey will make some recommendations for next steps at the board's August 2024 retreat.

2.02 Board Visibility/Advocacy

The board talked about the current context and any adjustments they would like to make.

2.03 GP-7.1 Board Self-Assessment Document

The board discussed their thoughts on the current assessment and whether there are updates needed. After hearing some of the suggestions about changes, Ms. Rose and Mr. Ritchey volunteered to create an updated document to be discussed at the June 18, 2024 meeting, with the hope that the board can further review and make final suggestions at the August 2024 retreat.

2.04 B/SR 3.1.1 Board Monitoring Response Document for Ends Reports Report/Evaluation

The board discussed the possibility of adjusting language in this document to alleviate confusion between "is making reasonable progress" and "is making reasonable progress … but a greater degree of progress is expected …" After discussion, possible edits to the document will be prepared for review at the May 16, 2024 regular meeting. Ms. Diaz Hackler and Mr. Benjamin will also complete a review of the Ends policies to determine if any changes should be made to the policies, and will report their findings at the August 2024 board retreat.

3.0 CLOSING ITEMS

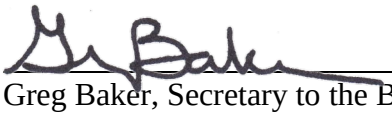
3.1 Adjournment – 5:30 p.m.

Approved:



Douglas Benjamin, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: May 16, 2024