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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
July 9, 2025

Board Members:
Mari Taylor, President
Nina Hanson
David Iseminger
Vildan Kirby
Paul Lund
Mary Templeton, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Student Advisory Council Officers:
Riley Boerger
Aashisri Bendalam
Yostina Mosa

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors met in an Executive Session at the Educational Service Center that President Taylor called to order at 5:45 p.m. The Executive Session was to discuss Negotiations. There were no decisions made during the Executive Session.

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors met in a Regular Session at the Educational Service Center. A Zoom option was available for this meeting that President Taylor called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Mari Taylor, Director Paul Lund, Director Vildan Kirby, Superintendent Dr. Mary Templeton and Director Dr. Nina Hanson attended via Zoom. Director Iseminger was unable to attend.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Director Lund made a motion to approve the July 9, 2025 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved. Director Kirby made a motion to approve the June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved. Director Lund made a motion to approve the June 18, 2025 Executive Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved. Director Hanson abstained due to being unable to attend the June 18, 2025 Executive Session Meeting.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS/ STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

There were no recognition of students/staff, and community members

REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

There were no reports of school buildings and programs.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

President Taylor opened the floor for community comments. Hearing none, President Taylor closed this portion of the meeting

DECISION ITEMS

Consent Agenda:

Director Kirby made a motion to approve the "Consent Agenda" items: Approval of the June 18, 2025 sum of said payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $15,000.00 is covered by warrants numbered 317411 to 317411 and manual warrants listed

below drawn on the Capital Projects Fund(s) (E:113/25). The sum of said June 27, 2025 payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $2,109,221.46 is covered by warrants numbered 317412 to 317621 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General, Capital Projects & ASB Fund(s) (E:114/25). Approval of the sum of said July 11, 2025 payroll and/or vouchers amounting to $1,193,731.22 is covered by warrants numbered 317678 to 317827 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General, Capital Projects & ASB Fund(s) (E:115/25) Approval of the sum of said July 2025 Comp & Retail payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $3,211.72 is covered by warrants numbered 000000003 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General & ASB Fund(s) (E:116/25) Approval of the sum of said July 11, 2025 VOIDS amounting to ($74.99) is covered by warrants numbered 310710 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General Fund (E:117/25) Personnel Report: Certified Employment: Kaitlyn Bailey, 1.0 MTP SIP TOSA, Alexa Chervets, 1.0 SpEd Special Services TOSA, Layne Chiarenza, 1.0 SpEd SLP, Latasha Collins, 1.0 ELC DD Preschool Teacher, Maren Donley .08 LSHS ELA-CHA/AP Tchr., Kirsten Harvey, 1.0 LSHS CTE Sports Medicine Tchr., Shannon Kittle, 1.0 SpEd, Special Services TOSA, Steven Knoefler, 1.0 HMLK, ALE 6-12 Instructor, Dominique Quong, .5 HLC Music Tchr. Non. Continuing, Lindsey Rodriguez, 1.0, LSHS CTE Business & Marketing Tchr.; Resignations: Ryan Barci Cerified HLD 6/20/25, Paula Bolof, PSE-OP LSHS 8/01/2025, Nancy Dickinson PSE-LS CMHS 8/31/25, Katie Marden PSE-LS SMHS 8/31/25, Mogen Slomchinski PSE-LS SKY 8/31/25, Kyle Strand Certified CMHS 6/20/25, Heidi Stringer Non-Rep, ESC 6/30/25, Melissa Wieland PSE-LS SUN 8/17/25, Jillian Zachry PSE-LS SUN 8/17/25 (E:118/25); Approval of the Co-Curricular Report and Administrators 25/26 MOU Salary Schedule(E:119/25); Approval of the June 30, 2025 Payroll $13,388,140.08 covered by warrants numbered 317622 to 317677 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General Fund(s) (E:120/25) Acceptance of a donation from the Lake Stevens Educational Foundation for Spring Innovative Teaching and Learning Grants in the amount of $4,905.00 (E:121/25). Acceptance of a donation LSMS PTA to LSMS for student enrichment in the amount of $840.39 (E:122/25); the acceptance of a donation from LSMS PTSA for Lake Stevens Middle School family nights, field days and sensory communications supplies in the amount of $1,468.35 (E:123/25) The acceptance of a donation LSHS Band Booster Club to LSHS ASB Band to cover transportation cost for Columbia Basin club trip in the amount of $3,684.19 (E:124/25); Acceptance of a donation from philanthropic organization, Foundry 10 to support mental health team's programming in the 2025-26 school year in the amount of $50,000.00 (E:125/25); Acceptance of a donation from Boeing/The Blackbaud Giving Fund to the Cavelero Band Program in the amount of $200.00 (E:126/25); Acceptance of a donation from Sunnycrest PTA to Sunnycrest Elementary to support field trips this year in the amount of $2,872.00 (E:127/25). Acceptance of a donation from the Lake Stevens Education Foundation for the Summer Art Connect Program in the amount of $3,000.00 (E:128/25); Acceptance of a donation from Glenwood PTA to Glenwood Elementary in the amount of $22,041.92 for special teacher requests, ASB student engagement, field trips and READ Naturally Subscription for the Resource Room (E:129/25). The motion was seconded by Director Lund and unanimously approved.

Director Lund motioned to approve the Final Acceptance of the Public Works Project. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby and unanimously approved (E:130/25).

The Facilities and School Planning and Construction Departments have reviewed the work of the contractors listed below on the following public work projects for adherence to contract documents, specifications and public work requirements.

<u>Projects</u>

Install Boxlights at various schools (K12 Installs)
Install video displays in CTE classrooms at various schools (K12 Installs)
Replace dimmer panel in stage lighting at Cavelero MHS (Quality Electric)

<u>Service Calls</u>

Service dishwasher at Glenwood ES (3Wire)
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Service dishwasher at Highland ES (3Wire)
Service dishwasher at North Lake ES (3Wire)
Service dishwasher at Sunnycrest ES (3Wire)
Address gym audio issues at Cavelero MHS (Dimensional Communications)
Repair clock at Cavelero MHS (Dimensional Communications)
Service amplifier at Hillcrest ES (Dimensional Communications)
Repair audio system ports at Lake Stevens HS (Dimensional Communications)
Repair gym audio system at Skyline ES (Dimensional Communications)
Address freezer temperature issue at Lake Stevens MS (Hoover Refrigeration)
Repair fire alarm dialer at Lake Stevens HS (Pye Barker)
Repair parking lot light at Lake Stevens HS (Quality Electric)

All items on the construction punch list have been completed and all the necessary paperwork to accept the projects has been received.

Director Lund made a motion to approve the increase in Food Services prices. The motion was seconded by Director Kirby. The vote passed with two in favor and one opposed. (E:131/25).

Director Lund made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13-25 approving the educational specifications for the new elementary school number eight. Director Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (R: 13-25). Chief Innovation, Compliance, and School Support Officer Gina Anderson, along with Executive Director of School Planning and Construction Robb Stanton, presented the specifications for the new elementary school number eight.

Director Lund made a motion to award approval of a contract with the construction Services Group of ESD 112 for construction-related project management services for general projects. Director Kirby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (E:132/25).

INFORMATION ITEMS

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations Teresa Main gave an updated Preliminary review of the General Fund, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Associated Student Body and Transportation Vehicle Budgets for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent Mary Templeton shared a special Superintendent Highlight, welcoming student Harshita Simha and her family to publicly celebrate a proud moment for our district. She introduced Harshita as a 2025 - 2026 Washington STEM Rising Star and expressed how honored she is to have Harshita represent Lake Stevens - especially for her leadership in promoting inclusion, workforce diversity, and empowering women in science. Dr. Templeton then read aloud the congratulatory letter Harshita received in recognition of this prestigious award and offered her heartfelt congratulations.

Harshita thanked her mom and dad for their support. She expressed deep gratitude to Mrs. Coulombe for providing countless opportunities and always encouraging her to be the best version of herself. She also thanked Mrs. Cullison for challenging her in healthcare experiences and helping her grow as a HOSA student. Lastly, she thanked Mr. Tedor for nominating her for the award and making travel possible by securing board approval.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Hanson expressed her gratitude for the generous donations and congratulated Hershey on receiving the Washington STEM Rising Star Award, calling her truly inspiring. She thanked Assistant Superintendent Main for compiling the budget figures and shared her sadness about the anticipated loss of certain funding. As a product of Multilingual programs herself, she said she's deeply grateful the district is exploring alternatives to assist with funding. "I do have confidence in our district," she added.

Director Lund thanked everyone for participating in the Executive Session, noting that negotiations can be challenging. He shared those successful outcomes come from bringing two parties together with mutual trust. He was impressed by how both sides were honored in reaching a resolution that works for everyone.

Addressing his attire, he added with a smile, "If you're wondering why I'm not in a suit - it's Aloha summer, where suits take a break at board meetings."

He expressed appreciation for the incredible donations, saying it's a joy to approve such generous contributions. He also shared his excitement about the progress of the "Avenger" team, the model being used, and especially their attention to student voice.

Turning to Assistant Superintendent Main, he simply said, "Wow - and wow again." Such a great explanation of the budget. To Hershey, he said, "Amazing!" As a former engineer, he's always excited when others pursue that field. He encouraged her to find her path and offered heartfelt congratulations.

Director Kirby shared her excitement for Hershey, telling her she should be proud and thanking her for choosing science. She praised her for being a champion of curiosity in a time when science is often undervalued, adding, "Thank you for choosing our district and community."

She also extended her gratitude to Assistant Superintendent Teresa Main for her hard work, noting how important transparency is in helping the community understand the budget. She also thanked Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources John Balmer for his work with negotiations. She closed by thanking everyone for being present at the meeting.

President Taylor thanked Hershey for all of her contributions and recognized the hard work of PSE Leadership during negotiations, noting the importance of coming together to do what's best. She expressed appreciation for settling contracts in July, calling it a great accomplishment.

She also thanked everyone involved in the construction projects and budget process, emphasizing that how we allocate resources reflects our priorities. "Our priorities and values remain the same - we simply pivot when challenges arise, but those challenges are still very real," she said.

She closed by thanking Chris Martin for managing the technology for the evening and wished everyone a wonderful night.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other objections from other directors, President Taylor adjourned the Regular Session at 8:23 p.m.

President

Secretary