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.

August 20, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

CALL TO ORDER

School Board President Kevin Lewis called the August 20, 2025 Board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:05pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the August 20, 2025 board meeting agenda, second by JB Smith. Unanimously passed.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Bill Gaines to approve the Consent agenda items for the August 20, 2025 board meeting, second by Tom Watson. Unanimously passed.

July 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
Voucher Certification
Personnel Recommendation
2025-26 Coach Roster
2025-26 Advisor Roster
Sumner-Bonney Lake Education Foundation
Board Consent Form - Contracts
Board Consent Form - Interlocals

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Dr. Laurie Dent recognized Kerry LeBleu of The Blessing Movement for her partnership with the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District during the community service project district leaders

participated in during the August Leadership Training Academy; thirty-five cottages were professionally done in record time. Dr. Dent also thanked those who donated items for care packages to the veterans. The Blessing Movement is involved in community service projects throughout the district and supports Sumner-Bonney Lake students with $15,000 in scholarships.

Aaron Tomlyn and Michelle Lewis recognized Bonney Lake and Sumner High School FCCLA students as well as their teachers (Trisha Littlefield and Rachel Askelar) who participated in national competitions in Orlando where they placed in several top ten placings.

Aaron Tomlyn recognized CTE Staff member of the year, Jeff Wolf, who teaches Business and Marketing at Bonney Lake High School to prepare students for career readiness. He has been instrumental in leading events like "Teel and Steel" and the school store to name a few things.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS
There were no 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 Tom Watson shared that he attended the Community Summit where a number of upcoming events supporting the Sumner community was discussed. He also shared how much he appreciated participating the backpack drives at Liberty Ridge and Daffodil Elementary. He encouraged board attendees to support the Bonney Lake little league.

Director JB Smith shared appreciation for the community partnerships with YMCA, Rotary, City Council and Mayor of Sumner; their support for students at the Sumner Middle and Lakeridge Ridge backpack drives were impactful.

Director Erin Markquart shared her appreciation for the outpour of community support at the backpack distribution events as well as the backpack stuffing that took place prior.

Director Bill Gaines thanked Laurie and Kerri for the opportunity to participate in the community service project; he helped with taping and ladder moving. He also shared how the soldiers were greatly moved by the level of participation from the district.

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 public comments were made by:
Dan Wulff
Shannon Lensegrav
Bryon Hall

Donna O'Ravez
Bill Davis
Patricia Tamisiea
Cody Ott
Terri McCoy
Becky Conway

Virtual public comments were made by:
Daniel Sanders
Abby White (Hope Development Practice)
Brian Floyd

Board meeting was recessed at 7:09pm

Board meeting reconvened at 7:15pm

BUSINESS MATTERS

2025-2026 Budget Adoption

Chief Finance Officer, Bryan Verley, presented the 2025-2026 school year budget adoption. The budget being approved was presented last month during the budget hearing but board members were encouraged to ask questions. On high level the budget presentation showed the four-year General Fund trend, which indicates strategic adjustments are necessary to maintain the district's fiscal health. The Fund Balance helps the district's bond rating for capital projects and to make strategic plans for district services offered to student and their families. Bryan's presentation showed that without changes in four years the district would be down to less than two weeks of operating expenditures.

The Fund Balance is estimated to be $35 million for next year with revenue at $207 million and revenue and transfers at about $217 million when combined. The ending Fund Balance at the end of next year would be $25 million at the end of next year.

Because of the trends the district adds minimal staffing for the next two years. He shared that there are changes in the General Fund where there is a projection of $207 million because of levy increases at approximately $4.5M, General Apportionment at about $3.4M increase and Special Education with an increase of about $2.6M from the state. He shared that on the expenditure side the largest increase is in salaries and benefits, which he went into detail about last month but if there are questions, please schedule a meeting.

With tonight's vote the board would give spending approval the district in the amount of $217,506,004 from General Fund, $2,768,359 from ASB, $1,598,194 from Transportation Vehicle Fund, $99,585,561 from Capital Projects Fund, and $38,869,900 from Debt Service Fund.

Resolution No. 21/24-25 Adoption of 24/25 Budget

Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt Resolution No. 21/24-25 for the 2025-2026 Budget which reflects the four-year budget plan summary and enrollment projections, second by Erin Markquart. Unanimously passes.

Resolution No. 22/24-25 Write-off Uncollectible Accounts
Motion was made by JB Smith to adopt Resolution No. 22/24-25 Write-off Uncollectible Accounts for customer account balances in the amount of $9,817.99, second by Bill Gaines. Unanimously passes.

Budget Status Report
The Chief Finance Officer, Bryan Verley, has provided a budget status report to the Board for information.

Bonney Lake High School Expansion
Wade Jensen, Senior Associate from BCRA, Inc presented the schematic design and educational specifications for the Bonney Lake High School expansion to the Board of Directors. Wade shared that the Educational Specifications (Ed Spec) purpose which is to create a framework to identify, organize and describe critical elements of the project so there is guidance for decision making; full definition is found in the resolution. The schedule of meetings took place from February 2025 until April 2025 and included a wide range of stakeholders in the conversation; walkthrough of classrooms, entry area, support facilities and site (parking lot, fields and signage) and focus group meetings for the project. Guiding principles and goals included the "Build the Hill" vision which is already incorporated in the school culture. Diagrammatic floor plans are included to provide a general view of program spacing.

Construction is projected to start in Summer of 2026 with a completion date of Fall 2028. The project is in the middle of schematic design and estimates suggests the project is under budget.

Items included for consideration were the BLHS Educational Specification Presentation and BLHS Expansion Education Specification Package.

Resolution No. 23/24-25 Bonney Lake High School Educational Specifications
Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt Resolution No. 23/24-25 Bonney Lake High School Educational Specifications to expand Bonney Lake High School, second by JB Smith. Unanimously passes.

IUOE Collective Bargaining Agreement
Motion was made by JB Smith to adopt the IUOE Child Nutrition Services and Transportation Bargaining agreement for September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2027; second by Erin Markquart. Unanimously passes.

Items presented for consideration included: IUOE Child Nutrition and Transportation Bargaining Agreement, IUOE Child Nutrition and Transportation Salary Schedule and Letter of Agreement IUOE 2027-2028 Salary.

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:

Environmental Science, Your World, Your Turn
Cara Wilson, TOSA Secondary Curriculum, has shared a recommendation for the following instructional material to be used for High School Environmental Science for first reading.

Materials Selected
Summary of Materials and Adoption Process
Title: Environmental Science, Your World, Your Turn
Author: Withgott, et al.
Publisher: Savvas
Copyright: 2021
Name of class the resource will be used: Environmental Science grade 11

Earth and Space Science
Cara Wilson, TOSA Secondary Curriculum, has shared a recommendation for the following instructional material to be used for High School Earth and Space Science for first reading.

Materials Selected
Summary of Materials and Adoption Process
Title: Earth and Space Science
Author: Heithaus & Passow
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Copyright: 2018
Name of class the resource will be used: Earth and Space Science 10th & 11th

POLICY MATTERS

Board Policies
In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, the following policies are included for **adoption**:

Motion was made by Bill Gaines to adopt 2020 Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials and 2021 Library Information and Technology Programs in accordance with Policy 1310, second by Tom Watson. Unanimously passes.

Board Policies
In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, policy 4218 Language Access was included for first reading.

INFORMATION

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

As required by WAC 180-16-195, the District's annual application for state basic education allocation funds were submitted to OSPI. A report submitted by Assistant Superintendent, Kelly Denn is linked below as information only.

Materials submitted to OSPI included the 2025-26 Minimum Basic Education Requirement School Board Report and 2025-26 Minimum Basic Education Requirement Collection-Review.

BOARD DISCUSSION
Director JB Smith shared gratitude for the support provided to community members who wanted to share their concerns and the participation in celebration of staff/students. She appreciates the transparency and fiscal responsibility the Chief Financial Officer went through the budget.

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

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:47pm

Attest:

Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors

Kevin Lewis
President of Board of Directors