RETREAT BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2025 at 4:00pm

MINUTES

I. RETREAT BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Roll Call, Flag Salute

Attendance: Michelle Matheson, Mike Reynolds, Summer Ventura, and non-voting Secretary to the Board: Superintendent Patricia Beathard

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (H)

Mary Fickett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Michelle Matheson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. ROLE OF A SCHOOL BOARD (H)

IV. JACOB REMBER REPORT
   a. Summer School

V. STATUS OF THE SCHOOL/DISCUSSION TOPICS – SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
   a. Curriculum and Curriculum Supplements
   b. District schedules – what do they look like? (H)
   c. State Testing Analysis (comparison data not available yet) (H)
   d. 9- Year Grant totals (H)
   e. Mission and Guiding Principles (H)
   f. Analysis of priorities from 2024-2025 (H)
   g. Priorities for 2025-2026 (H)

VI. FACILITIES
   a. Long Range Planning document (H)
   b. What next on long range planning – what is needed?
      i. Wait on facilities until next Modernization Grant work is complete at the end of summer 2026 (hopefully)?

VII. BOARD WORKSHOPS –
   a. Do we want to add these to our schedule?
      i. Levy– September
      ii. Other topics for consideration now or at September board meeting
         1. Special education
         2. Grants
         3. Highly capable
         4. School funding
         5. District budget/Discussion of current cash position/Cost cutting measures
            a. Early in the fall as related to levy
            b. Maybe again before bargaining in May/June
         6. Other?

VIII. FINANCIAL
   a. Budget challenges
      i. Loss of ESSER funds September 2024
      ii. Loss of intensive tutor funding ($90,000) June 2025
      iii. Funding that is not keeping up with inflation

iv. Cost cutting measures (H)

b. Budget questions

c. Managing cash position

IX. REQUIRED BOARD TRAINING

- WSSDA website – certificates to Alicia Simmons

a. Educational Equity (H)

i. Initial Requirement - 5 hours - (Two trainings)

1. Beginning with the 2022 calendar year, each school director must take any two of WSSDA's educational equity courses. Newly elected or appointed directors must meet the initial professional development requirement within two years of taking office

ii. Continuing Requirement - 2.5-hours (One training)

1. In subsequent terms of office after completing the initial professional development requirement, directors will need to take one elective course per term.

b. Every school director must complete training on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA), Public Records Act (PRA) and records retention within 90 days of taking the oath of office following appointment or election.

X. Do we want to attend the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Organization) Annual Conference?

a. November 20-22, 2025 at Hyatt Regency Seattle

b. Preconference – Thursday, November 20 - $210 each

c. All days $580 each + hotel rooms, travel, and meals

XI. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mary Fickett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm. Michelle Matheson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval: _____ *Date:* 9/30/25

Summer Ventura, School Board President

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Patricia Beathard, Secretary to the Board