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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD VISIT TO
WHATCOM MIDDLE SCHOOL
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 2, 2025

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location

7:30 a.m., December 2, 2025 – Whatcom Middle School – 810 Halleck Street, Bellingham, WA.

1.2 Roll Call/Attendees

Board President Jenn Mason called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Present: Directors Doug Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Scott Ritchey and Superintendent Greg Baker. Director Katie Rose was unable to attend.

Other Attendees

- Whatcom Middle School students and staff
- Executive Team members

1.3 School Visit

The board's visit to Whatcom Middle School included a presentation by leaders about the school's mission and vision and its alignment with The Bellingham Promise. Staff shared the intentional emphasis over the last few years on social emotional learning, the integration of AVID strategies and building relationships with students. Student leaders participated in some activities with board members at each table, answering questions about middle school and their experience at Whatcom.

2.0 CLOSING ITEMS

2.1 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Approved:

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Scott Ritchey, School Board President

Attest:

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Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: December 11, 2025