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Our Promise

We will **know**, **value**, and **support** every student, helping them **graduate ready** to pursue a **promising future**.

February 10, 2026 - Study Session Minutes

Bonney Lake High School
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Call to Order

School board President Kevin Lewis called the February 10, 2026 board study session for the Board of Directors at Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:05pm.

Career College Readiness Program

Director of Career and College Readiness, Aaron Tomyn, Instructor, Jason Vander Hoek and Students will present the Bonney Lake High School Robotics and Engineering program to the Board of Directors.

The objective of the presentation is to share how robotics and engineering programs prepare students for future careers through classroom learning and our extracurriculars through robotics competitions. The discussion of classes at the high school and middle school level support Sumner-Bonney Lake students in gaining practical skills they can apply in the workplace. Students participate in extracurricular activities through Career and Technical Student Organizations like First Robotics and VEX.

Aaron shared that engineering classes are being rebranded for next year to provide a clear pathway for students who want to gain different skills in engineering using CAD as well as exposure for students to Core Plus aerospace manufacturing, which is available at both high schools.

The Robotic and Engineering program also provides opportunities for students to learn Java programming and other industry standards to build and compete with robots. They have raised 60k in fundraising this year. Board members are invited to attend this year's robotics contest in March.

Over 400 students have gone through the program and now work for companies like Tesla, Boeing and careers that yield high earning jobs. Innovate, which is a new program taught by Angie Knowles at Tehaleh Heights as a STEM teacher. She shared that the program goes from Oct to March. All three middle schools and North Lake Tapps students allow for good representation. First year running the program which is used to transition students coming into high school.

Board members were given an opportunity to tour the training areas, where students were preparing for an upcoming competition.

Board Discussion

Tom mentioned his visit to a night contest and thought the program was amazing. Everything is fast paced. Tom mentioned that the program could benefit with their own competition field.

Kevin, asked for pictures of a typical practice field for reference. Aaron offered the opportunity to attend and take the tour of the field to get the full experience.

Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Attest

Laurie Dent, Secretary
Board of Directors

~~Kevin Lewis, President~~ Bill Grimes
Vice President
Board of Directors