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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 5, 2026

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Meeting Date and Location

1:00 p.m., March 5, 2026 – District Office, 1985 Barkley Boulevard, Bellingham, Washington.

1.02 Roll Call:

Mr. Ritchey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Directors Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Scott Ritchey (President), Katie Rose and Superintendent Greg Baker were present.

2.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION

2.01 Policy Governance Updates

The board discussed EL-7 and the idea of staff describing in the budget book what areas the state underfunds and thus our local levy compensates for.

2.02 Board Learning – History of The Bellingham Promise

The superintendent shared the development of The Bellingham Promise, starting in 2010 with the Entry Plan process, all the way up to today's current version.

2.03 Superintendent Informal Mid-Year Report and Evaluation

The superintendent shared with the board some of the accomplishments thus far this year, and the board gave feedback to the superintendent.

3.0 CLOSING ITEMS

3.1 Adjournment – 3:45 p.m.

Approved:

Scott Ritchey, Board President

Attest:

Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: March 19, 2026