

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.*

February 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

CALL TO ORDER

School Board Vice President, Bill Gaines called the February 17, 2026 board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00 pm.

Director Kevin Lewis was excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Erin Markquart to approve the February 17, 2026 board meeting agenda, second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the Consent Agenda items for the February 17, 2026 board meeting, second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

January 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2026 Board Study Session Minutes
Personnel Recommendation
Voucher Certification
Board Consent - Contractual Agreements
Board Consent - Interlocal Agreements
Emerald Hills Elementary PTA Donation
First Washington Robotics Donation
WIAA School Board Resolution
Public Works Project Acceptance Consent

Director Bill Gaines publicly thanked Emerald Hills Elementary PTA and First Washington Robotics for their donations.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Dr. Laurie Dent introduced Michelle Lewis, Executive Director of Learning and Innovation for presentations to this year's National Board Certification recipients. Congratulations to Kelsie Baldwin (Learning Specialist, Tehaleh Heights Elementary), Sarah Frewaldt (1st Grade, Victor Falls Elementary), Maria Montoya (Science, Sumner High School), Victoria Bay (Math, Sumner High School), Hannah Wentz (2nd Grade, Daffodil Valley Elementary), Katie Duncan (Science, Bonney Lake High School) and Ruth Kinley (Science, Sumner High School) for their hard work. Recognition was also given to Jenna Chantler (SHS) and Julie Hannan (MLE) who facilitated the cohort. The recognition signifies that a teacher has met the highest standards in education, making them an expert educator in their field. Our teachers voluntarily take on the rigorous training to analyze their teaching methods in order to understand how their learning impact student learning in our district.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Laurie Dent invited attendees to the STEM Fair at Sumner High School, which promises to have something for everyone.

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 JB Smith shared appreciate for recipients of the national teacher certification. She also shared her experience participating in the Sumner University event with leaders in the City of Sumner. She shared how the six-hour course provided information on the complexity of running a city and how it parallels to the operation of a school district. Brandon was recognized as he was highlighted during the training for his community involvement.

Director Erin Markquart talked about her experience from the February study session presentation where there was opportunity to engage with robotics and engineering students. She shared how much she appreciated learning more about the district's intentional efforts to transition from into the program at an early age as well as the level of engagement among students. Also mentioned feedback from parent in another district who provided feedback on the activities in the Sumner-Bonney Lake school district.

Director Tom Watson shared all the activities he participated in during the month. He shared how he enjoyed seeing the community participation at the Kiwanis Spaghetti feed and the Sumner High Youth Forum which allowed him to engage with seniors. He also shared how much he appreciated the CFF group and all that was shared during the mayor's talk.

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. This month the board heard from Tristyn Wulff and Anthony Johnson.

BUSINESS MATTERS

General Contractor/Construction Manager Update

Director of Capital Projects, Marina Tanay and Development and Construction Manager, Matt

Guilanians of Falcon and Fern will present the General Contractor/Construction Manager Update to the Board of Directors. The presentation included an explanation of the three projects (Bonney Lake High expansion, Sumner High Phase 2, and Tehaleh Heights expansion) and how they are supporting local and small/minority owned contractors. There was also clarification as to decisions that will come to the board for decision during the construction process.

It was shared that GC/CM for these three projects will assist in managing market volatility and long-lead equipment and help builders solve problems during the design phase. Mr. Guilanians of Falcon and Fern shared a high-level difference between design-bid and GC/CM. He shared that in design-bid the design is completed and the lowest bid wins. While GC/CM process is contractor selected and based on qualifications and project approach fee. This includes help with estimating and phasing during design. GC/CM allows for negotiating a Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC) to ensure not exceeding the construction amount. Mr. Guilanians of Falcon and Fern shared the challenge of phasing around the academic calendar and testing as well as gaining to the construction while creating safety zones.

Marina shared that the board's role moving forward in these projects will include approving the selection of GC/CM firms, preconstruction contract for the Tehaleh Heights expansion project, approving MACC and total contract cost for projects as well as mini-MACCs. The board will also be given regular updates on budget, contingency status, schedule and participation from local business involved in the projects.

Finally, success will be measured by on-time occupancy for students and staff, final cost or under MACC, strong safety performance during construction and as well as positive feedback from principals, staff and maintenance after occupancy.

Resolution No. 13/25-26 Execute Agreement between Sumner-Bonney Lake and General Contractor/Construction Manager for Tehaleh Heights Elementary Expansion Project

Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt Resolution No 13/25-26 Authorizing the Superintendent to Execute the Owner-Architect Agreement with McGranahanPBK for Architectural Services related to Tehaleh Heights Elementary Expansion Project, second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

McGranahanPBK and Tehaleh Heights Elementary Contact

Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve McGranahanPBK agreement B103-2017 with Sumner-Bonney Lake School District for the Tehaleh Heights Expansion project, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution No. 12/25-26 Signature Authorization on School Construction

Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt Resolution No. 12/25-26 that authorizes designated personnel to sign and act on behalf of the district for matters related to state school construction funding, second by Erin Martquart Motion passes unanimously.

Budget Status Report

Chief Finance Officer, Bryan Verley, has provided a budget status report for the Board of Directors for information.

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:

Bridges to Literature & Content

Michelle Lewis, Executive Director of Learning & Innovation is submitting a recommendation for the following instructional materials to be used for English Language Learners Support curriculum for first reading.

Materials Selected

Summary of Materials and Adoption Process

Title: Bridges to Literature & Content

Author: Dr. Jennifer L. Trujillo

Publisher: Vista Higher Learning Inc.

Copyright: 2023

Name of class the resource will be used: English Language Learners Support Grades 6-8

Get Ready!

Michelle Lewis, Executive Director of Learning & Innovation is submitting a recommendation for the following instructional materials to be used for English Language Learners Support curriculum for first reading.

Materials Selected

Summary of Materials and Adoption Process

Title: Get Ready!

Author: Dr. Jennifer L. Trujillo

Publisher: Vista Higher Learning Inc.

Copyright: 2021

Name of class the resource will be used: English Language Learners Support Grades 6-12

POLICY MATTERS

One of the board's main responsibilities is to regularly review and update district policies/procedures. The policy committee, made up of two board members and district leaders, examine policies/procedures before they are presented to the entire board for first reading and eventually adoption. This two-step process ensures careful consideration before final decisions are made.

Board Policies

In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, policies 5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action and 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited were included for adoption.

Motion was made by JB Smith to adopt board policies 5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action and 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited, second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, policies 2106 Program Compliance and 2421 Promotion Retention were included for first reading.

Board Procedure

In accordance with Policy 1310: Adoption and Amendment of Policies and Bylaws, procedures 2170P Career and Technical Education and 2421P Promotion Retention are included for information.

INFORMATION**Athletics and Facilities Department Update**

Director of Athletics, Brian Kaelin has provided an Athletic and Facility Department update to the Board of Directors.

2026-27 Budget Development Calendar

Chief Financial Officer Bryan Verley has provided the 2026-27 Budget Calendar to the Board of Directors.

BOARD DISCUSSION

There was no board discussion during this portion of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 17, 2026** and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

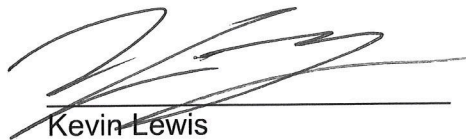
ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Attest:



Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors



Kevin Lewis
President of Board of Directors