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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
April 15, 2026

Board Members: David Iseminger, President
Mari Taylor
Paul Lund
Ryan Dickson
Brian Kesler
Mary Templeton, Superintendent/Board Secretary

Student Advisory Council Officers: Afebia Aemere, Vice-president
Ginelle Sarpong, Secretary

The Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors met in a Regular Session at the Educational Service Center. A Zoom option was available for this meeting that President Iseminger called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: President David Iseminger, Director Mari Taylor, Director Paul Lund, Director Brian Kesler, Director Ryan Dickson, Superintendent Dr. Mary Templeton and SACo members Afebia Aemere and Ginelle Sarpong.

AGENDA/MINUTES

Director Lund made a motion to approve the April 15, 2026 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Kesler and unanimously approved. Director Kesler made a motion to approve the March 25, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Dickson and unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Lake Stevens Middle School Principal Mike Randles and Associate Principal Jamie Sinning introduced the Lake Stevens Middle School Students of the Month for March: Valeria Hernandez, Trisha Murthy, Benjamin Olson, and Annalise Storey. North Lake Middle School Principal Brad Ables and Associate Principal Kelly Goodmansen introduced the North Lake Middle School Students of the Month for March: Eleanor Gadd-Hehn, Hadley Kohn, Ethan Bradford, and Grayson Roser. Cavelero Principal Shannon Tarrach and Associate Principal Janelle Parken introduced the Cavelero Mid High School Students of the Month for March: Karla Angeles Carmona, Leilani Parsell, Joel Dellino, and Kendall Dy Tioco. Lake Stevens High School Principal Leslie Ivelia introduced the Lake Stevens High School Students of the Month for March: Ella Bernoski, Kirill Nosulchak, Dakota Brothers, Juliana Manely, Rylee McMillan, and Emma White. Ella Bernoski, Kirill Nosulchak, Juliana Manley, and Rylee McMillan were unable to attend. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. John Balmer introduced the APPLE Award Recipients: Lori Bannister, Amanda Elhardt, Daniel Farnham, Teresa Mature, and Matt Pewitt. SACo Vice-President Afebia Aemere, Secretary Ginelle Sarpong, along with SACo members, presented the SACo Award to Grounds and Maintenance Employee Brandon Walsh.

President Iseminger thanked attendees and shared a student's comment, "I just love this district," noting it reflects the strong community of educators, students, and families. He highlighted their collective impact in making the district a great place to live and learn, and expressed appreciation for the students' thoughtful and insightful remarks.

A break was taken approximately from 7:33 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. President Iseminger welcomed everyone back.

REPORTS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS

There were no Reports of School Building and Programs at this time.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

President Iseminger opened the floor for community comments. Hearing no further comments, President Iseminger closed this portion of the meeting.

DECISION ITEMS

Consent Agenda:

Director Kesler made a motion to approve the "Consent Agenda" items: Approval of the April 9, 2026 vouchers and invoices have been examined, audited, and allowed by the Board of Directors; that the sum of said payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $20,153.25 covered by warrants numbered 320537 to 320539 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the Capital Projects Fund. Approval of the April 17, 2026 vouchers and invoices have been examined, audited, and allowed by the Board of Directors; that the sum of said payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $2,798,777.37 is covered by warrants numbers 320540 to 320705 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General, Capital Projects & Fund(s). Approval of the April 17, 2026 vouchers and invoices have been examined, audited, and allowed by the Board of Directors; that the sum of said payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $5,200.32 covered by warrants numbered 9000019215 to 9000019261 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General & ASB Fund(s). Approval of the April 17, 2026 Comp & Retail Tax have been examined, audited, and allowed by the Board of Directors; that the sum of said payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $706.58 is covered by warrant numbered 000000013 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General and ASB Fund(s). Approval of the March 2026 payroll has been examined, audited, and allowed by the Board of Directors; that the sum of said payroll and/or vouchers and invoices amounting to $13,788,788.13 is covered by warrants numbered 320230, 320357 and 320494 to 320536, ach numbers 9000017588 to 9000019214 and manual warrants listed below, drawn on the General Fund(s). Personnel Report: Classified Employment: Courtnea Breeden PBS Paraeducator, Morgan Papka Temp RR Paraeducator, Jacqueline Temp PBS Paraeducator; Volunteers: Lauren Vellinga CMHS, Gus Westendorf LSHS; Resignations: Jamie Bower 4/14/2026, Marieliz Deleon Martinez 4/1/2026; Retirements: Kelly Dubeau 3/31/2026, Mike Hampton 3/31/2026, Darlene Moe 6/30/2026, Marilyn Philpott 8/31/2026. Approval of Co-Curricular Report. Approval of a donation from Lake Stevens Middle School PTSA to LSMS Music Department in the amount of $504.68. These funds will be used to purchase necessary classroom materials that require replacement. Approval of a donation from Stevens Creek PTA to Stevens Creek Elementary in the amount of $1,000. These funds will be used for the purchase of a cricut machine, vinyl feeder and heat press. Approval of a donation from Mount Pilchuck PTA to Mount Pilchuck Elementary school in the amount of $1,800. These funds will be used for learning enrichment. Approval of a donation from hope Community Outreach to Family Engagement and Student Success Specialist Team in the amount of $1,500. These funds will be used to support students and families in need within the Lake Stevens Community. The motion was seconded by Director Dickson and unanimously approved.

Director Lund made a motion for approval of the final acceptance of public works projects. The motion was seconded by Director Kesler. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Taylor made a motion for approval of Resolution No 7-26: Approval of interim GMP amendment two, to the SC/CM contract for the Safety and Program Improvements and Additions Project. The motion was seconded by Director Lund. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Director Taylor made a motion for approval of Resolution No 8-26: Avoiding racial imbalance with the Glenwood Elementary School modernization project. The motion was seconded by Director Dickson. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Director Kesler made a motion for approval of Resolution No 9-26: Use of New-in-Lieu Replacement for Glenwood Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Director Taylor. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no Discussion Items at this time.

INFORMATION

There were no information items at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Mary Templeton shared appreciation for student recognition of district efforts and highlighted the "Did You Know with Dr. T" initiative, noting plans to feature more student involvement, including promotion of the upcoming high school play, Puffs, opening this weekend. She also provided an update on ES8, sharing that construction has officially begun and noting a positive interaction with the construction crew, underscoring the project's significance for the community.

SACo COMMENTS

SACo not present for comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Lund expressed appreciation for recognition programs such as Students of the Month and Apple Awards, highlighting their value in showcasing student voices and community connections. He shared reflections from recent board visits to multiple schools, noting engaging classrooms, strong student participation, and appreciation for teachers embracing innovative instructional practices. He also commended the district's communication tools as effective and meaningful in highlighting district work and honoring community support.

Director Taylor thanked attendees and shared that the evening was energizing and meaningful, highlighting the privilege of hearing directly from students. She reflected on a Student of the Month nominee with a strong impact as a peer mentor, emphasizing the importance of inclusion, connection, and meaningful relationships for all students. She expressed gratitude for both students and staff, noting the mutual admiration between them, and briefly mentioned the upcoming play, Puffs.

Director Dickson shared that student recognition events are inspiring, highlighting the wide range of students' future aspirations and the strong presence of those pursuing careers in education. He noted the meaningful language students use to describe their school experiences as a reflection of staff efforts and community support. He expressed appreciation for the collective role in creating a safe, supportive environment that helps students pursue their goals.

Director Kesler reflected on how student recognition has expanded beyond academics to include character, citizenship, and contributions to the community, emphasizing the importance of these qualities in shaping students' future impact. He also thanked district leadership and staff for organizing recent school visits, noting the thoughtful planning and meaningful opportunities for engagement and reflection. He concluded by congratulating award recipients and recognizing the evening as a success.

President Iseminger reflected on the value of recent school visits, noting they provided meaningful insight into daily classroom experiences and the intentional work behind student success. He emphasized that the district's positive culture and achievements are

the result of consistent effort and leadership at all levels, highlighting the importance of both accountability and support in fostering an environment where students and staff can thrive.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other objections from other directors, President Iseminger adjourned the Regular Session at 7:59 p.m.

President

Secretary