

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.*

April 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

CALL TO ORDER

School Board President, Kevin Lewis called the April 21, 2026 board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the April 21, 2026 board meeting agenda with following addendum: Removal of Item O. Executive Session and renaming Item P. Adjournment to Item O. Adjournment to accommodate the adjustment. Second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Bill Gaines to approve the consent agenda items for the April 21, 2026 board meeting, second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

1. March 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
2. April 14, 2026 Study Session Minutes
3. Voucher Certification
4. Personnel Recommendation
5. Consent Agenda - Interlocal
6. Consent Agenda - Public Works Contract Acceptance
7. April Curriculum Surplus Report

Erin Markquart was excused.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Brandon of Bonney Lake High School marching band displayed the new band and color guard uniform.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Laurie Dent introduced Brandon Cane of Bonney Lake High School who shared the new Bonney Lake Panther band uniforms. He shared the collaborative process he participated in with artists who designed the color guard, drum major and drill team uniforms with the board. Brandon expressed gratitude on behalf of the school, for board and community support for the band.

Assessment savings and OSPI programs and smaller items. Overall state funding increased by 3% this session but the district's portion has gone down.

What is specifically happening through our district, based on enrollment, is a decline in Kindergarten and first grade enrollment to about two years ago. If the trend continues there will be concern as it affects our state funding. The monthly fiscal budget report will provide detailed information. Revenue is up 2.3 million from last year and expenses are up 2.4 million in total. After February of last year the district received a \$500 per student lump sum. While we will not be receiving that amount this year overall the district is in a good position despite the slight increase in state apportionment and taxes.

Resolution No. 17/25-26 Non-Renewal and Reduction-in-Force

Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt Resolution No. 17/25-26 authorizing a Reduction-in-Force. Second by Bill Gaines. Motion passes unanimously.

Director Kevin Lewis shared that the district isn't currently considering a reduction in workforce; this is a precautionary measure.

Resolution No. 18/25-26 Aggravate Racial Balance

As part of the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) process, the District must certify that these projects will not create or worsen racial imbalance. The projects do not affect attendance boundaries or student assignments.

Motion was made by JB Smith to adopt Resolution No. 18/25-26 Aggravate Racial Balance certifying that the project will not create or worsen racial imbalance. Second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution No 19/25-26 GCCM // BLHS, SHS and Tehaleh Heights Elementary Improvements

As part of the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) process, the District must formally document compliance with RCW 39.10 when using GC/CM alternative public works contracting procedures. The resolution updates that action to include the required statutory language.

Motion was made by Tom Watson to adopt Resolution No. 19/25-26 certifying the use and compliance of the General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) contracting procedures on improvement projects for BLHS, SHS and Tehaleh Heights Elementary. Second by JB Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report

Director of Capital Projects, Marina Tanay presented the Bond Oversight Annual Report to the Board of Directors, which includes the committee Annual Report. Marina reminded the board that the scope of the committee's work includes reviewing the process to solicit quality general contractors, architects, consultants and vendors for major projects. After a detailed review of financial statements, project scope and bid solicitations they make recommendations to the Superintendent to assist in enhancing accountability for the use of bond dollars. She shared that the committee consists of community members from a variety of industries, parents, capital facility advisory committee members and district/moderator teams moderated by our consultant Penny Mabie.

The operation rhythm for the work began in March of 2025 reviewing master schedules and establishing the charter. They spent time learning about the contractor procurement process and later deep dives with the General Contractor/Construction Manager procurement method and economic risks. Her presentation shared the committee's work to review jurisdictional permitting bottlenecks and final schematic designs for high school projects. The Bond Oversight Committee is committed to providing ongoing, independent review of major projects approved by the voters on the November

The Director of Technology, Robyn Rich provided a department update to the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 school year. The department update emphasis was on providing support for students as they develop into globally aware individuals through the utilization of technology for success in their future careers. The report also shared how their services benefit teachers by providing data-driven insights to give them real-time information on student performance so they know when to intervene in student learning and how staff and administration benefit through confidence in access or connectivity to systems and platforms. Finally, recent accomplishments include 100% district-wide accountability, phase 3 of interactive flat panels, new state-of-the-art labs at BLHS and SHS, 24 new access points for silent dismissal programs, 36 new security cameras throughout the district and integration of vulnerability management.

Public Records Transparency Report

General Counsel, Abigail Westbrook, has provided a quarterly public records report to the Board. This is a summary report regarding new public records requests that have been filed with the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District over the last three months.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Director Bill Gaines shared the advice of doing what is right for students and staff. He sighted all the activities that connect students in the district through programs like JROTC and bands that keep them involved.

Director JB Smith mentioned the district sponsored culture fair and how amazing it was to experience the diversity of events where our staff support students in creating a great experience for the community.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A Board Meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, May 19, 2026** and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Attest:



Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors



Kevin Lewis
President of Board of Directors