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.

May 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

CALL TO ORDER
School Board President, Kevin Lewis called the May 19, 2026 board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00 pm.

Director JB Smith was excused from the board meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion was made by Erin Markquart to approve the May 19, 2026 board meeting agenda, second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS
Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the consent agenda for the May 19, 2026 board meeting, second by Bill Gaines. Motion passes unanimously.

1. April 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
2. May 12, 2026 Study Session Minutes
3. Voucher Certification
4. Personnel Recommendation
5. Non-represented Administrator Salary Schedule - 2026-2027
6. Board Consent Form - Interlocal Agreements
7. Board Consent Form - Contracts
8. Board Consent Form - Technology RFP
9. Sumner Rotary Donation
10. Curriculum & Professional Development Surplus

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY
Dr. Laurie Dent introduced Jane Toycen who presented Cheryl Eldridge, Director of Special Services to the board of directors. Cheryl currently serves as the Assistant Principal at Crestwood.

Dr. Dent also introduced Elli McDaniel who presented the new Assistant Principal for Crestwood, Shai-Lee Baguley who joins us from Bethel School District.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Comments were given during staff recognition.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
This is the time on the agenda for Board members to report on professional development they have completed (i.e., conferences, workshops), legislative issues, and other items of interest.

Director Bill Gaines shared that he attended the growth parades and celebrated the tech department's dedication to the district. More specifically, their response to a recent emergency with damage to our fiber.

Director Tom Watson shared that he attended several events in the district, including Bonney Lake Elementary's growth parade, BLHS and SHS showcase where he witnessed students receiving scholastic recognition and the artwork that was on display.

Director Erin Markquart shared her experience from the board study session where students shared the program on language interpretation and how it presents a bridge for other students and families in the district. She also shared her experience with the BLHS showcase and how students are valued in the district.

Director Kevin Lewis also shared his take-away of the CTE pathways in the district to leave high school with skills that allow students to enter the workforce. He also shared his experience attending the VFE Art night where the music program was highlighted as well as rock band.

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 no later than Monday at noon. Comments are restricted to three minutes.

In-person Public comments were given by:
Dawn Land, who spoke about pride events in the district.

BUSINESS MATTERS
2026-2029 SBLSD Principals Association Agreement
Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District 2026 - 2029 Agreement for the Sumner-Bonney Lake Principals' Association, second by Bill Gaines. Motion passes unanimously.

Job Order Contracting (JOC) Process
Capital Projects/ Facilities Manager, John Boatman presented the Job Order Contracting process, which is a procurement method for public works projects focusing on speed, efficiency and cost control for smaller capital projects. John shared that JOC is a two year agreement that could extend to a third; it has a four million dollar cap and is listed in the unit price. He also shared the names of some agencies that utilize JOC in our area (i.e. City of Bellevue, Bellingham, Edmonds and Everett) as well as local school districts like the University of Washington. This process doesn't replace the commitment for fiscal responsibility and proper approval and oversight.

He mentioned that JOC could potentially be used for small projects in the district like the fencing, security improvements as well as major HVAC equipment replacements and electrical or piping repairs.

Resolution No. 22/25-26 MMS Administrative Office Bid Award
Bids were opened for the Mountain View Middle School Administration Office Improvements project on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Motion was made by Bill Gaines to adopt Resolution No. 22/25-26 awarding Peak Construction the contract for the Mountain View Middle School Administrative Office project, second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

March Budget Status Report
Chief Financial Officer, Bryan Verley, provided the March budget status report to the Board for informational purposes.

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:

InThinking ThinkIB.net
Kassie Meath, Director of Secondary Curriculum, is submitting a recommendation for the following instructional materials to be used in Spanish, French, Psychology, English, ESS, and Business IB Classes for first reading.

Materials Selected
Title: InThinking ThinkIB.net
Author: varies by subject site
Publisher: ThinkIB.net
Copyright: updated regularly
Name of class in which the resource will be used: Currently will be used in the following IB classes: Spanish, French, Psychology, English, ESS, and Business.

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, the following policies are included for **adoption**. First reading occurred at the April 21, 2026 board meeting.

Motion was made by Bill Gaines to adopt district policies 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices, 5250 Nepotism, 5401 Sick Leave, 6022 Minimum Fund Balance, 6920 Construction Design and 6955 Maintenance of Facilities Records, second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

INFORMATION
Maintenance and Operations Department Update
The Director of Maintenance and Operations, Dave Coutts has provided a department update to the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 school year.

BOARD DISCUSSION
Director Tom Watson shared his excitement for students in the district and the opportunity to share in the celebrations for their achievements.

Director Erin Markquart acknowledged the Sumner Rotary donation to the family center and shared

appreciation for community support.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
A Board Meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16, 2026** and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

The school board meeting took a ten minute break before going into executive session at 6:36pm. The board went into Executive Session at 6:45pm for the purpose of discussing the performance of a public employee; board meeting reconvened at 7:02pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act provision for Executive Sessions, (RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)), the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District Board of Directors will hold an Executive session for the purpose of discussing the performance of a public employee. Action is not anticipated following the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business meeting adjourned at 7:03pm

Attest:

Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors

Kevin Lewis
President of Board of Directors