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.

August 18, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Central Office Board Room
1202 Wood Ave
Sumner, WA 98390

CALL TO ORDER
School Board President Kevin Lewis called the August 18, 2026 board meeting for the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 to order at 6:00pm.

Director Bill Gaines was excused from the board meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion was made by Tom Watson to approve the August 18, 2026 board agenda, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS
Motion was made by JB Smith to approve the consent agenda for the August 18, 2026 meeting, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

July 28, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Voucher Certification
Personnel Recommendation
2026-27 Coach Roster
2026-27 Advisor Roster
Board Consent Form - Contracts
Board Consent Form - Interlocal Agreements
Maintenance and Operations Consent Form

RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

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 Tom Watson shared his experience with volunteering at the community backpack event for families in the district. He especially enjoyed seeing the outpour of support from donations of food and supplies.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS
The Sumner-Bonney Lake School Board welcomes the public to its meetings. Individuals who wish to address the Board sign up ONLINE no later than Monday at noon. Comments are restricted to three minutes.

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

BUSINESS MATTERS
2026-2027 Budget Adoption
Chief Financial Officer, Bryan Verley, presented the 2026-2027 school year Budget for adoption. His presentation was a high level view but he welcomed members of the board and community to make an appointment to review the F195 Budget. He shared that the board's approval would give the district spending authority for the general fund, Associate Student Body (ASB), Transportation, Capital Projects and Debt Service Fund)). He shared that the biggest fund, which is the General Fund, is where the district pays teachers, operations and district public education.

Bryan's shared detail regarding the General Fund because of the projected deficit due to student enrollment. He shared district projections that suggested that student counts would be about fifty students ahead but instead, the district is down about a hundred students. He projected that the district is expected to grow at about three tenths of one percent, which is about thirty students. The state is projecting statewide public education K -12 in Washington is going to be down .7% from this year to next year and attributes that to all the demographic studies, lower birth rates across the nation. Most of our increased revenue really did come from local levy because of state law changes on how much you can collect per student. He also shared that there was a fifty seven percent increase in insurance rates from our current one and that this has been trending higher for the last few years.

One area of programming that saw an increase is special education which is going from roughly seventeen percent to eighteen percent. Staffing levels are relatively flat in all reality but there will be a decrease next year because we staffed as if we were going to grow this year, by fifty. This is being done to right-size the number of students with very little change. Luckily, we have a healthy fund balance. So if we do deficit spending we have time to strategically make changes and protect the important programs.

Over the next four years, we're going to spend a lot of money. We're going to sell some additional bonds, and it's not even from year to year. Debt service is how we pay for the funds we borrow.

Resolution No. 37/25-26 Budget Adoption
Motion was made by Erin Markquart to adopt Resolution No. 37/25-26 for the 2026-2027 Budget, which reflects the four-year budget plan summary and enrollment projections., second by Tom Watson. Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution No. 38/25-26 **Acquisition of the Bill Heath Sports Complex Property**
Motion was made by JB Smith to adopt Resolution No. 38/25-26 authorizing the Superintendent to execute an Intergovernmental Disposition of Property Agreement with the City of Sumner, relating to the acquisition of the Bill Heath Sports Complex Property, subject to the adoption of an Ordinance by the City of Sumner Council that the Property is surplus and for sale to the District under the terms and conditions of the Intergovernmental Disposition of Property Agreement, second by Erin Markquart. Motion passes unanimously.

Financial Report
Chief Financial Officer, Bryan Verley, has provided a financial report to the Board of Directors for information.

BOARD DISCUSSION
There was no board discussion.

Dr. Laurie Dent shared that next Friday Q-13 will be at Heritage Park for their Zip Trip. She will get more details and share them in her weekly newsletter to the board.

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

ADJOURNMENT
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm

Attest:

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Laurie Dent
Secretary Board of Directors

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Kevin Lewis
President of Board of Directors