OFFICIAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 3, 2026

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

November 3, 2026 – District Office, 1985 Barkley Blvd., Bellingham, WA.

1.2 Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement

Mr. Ritchey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi people and Nooksack tribe. Present: Directors Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler, Jenn Mason, Scott Ritchey (President) and Superintendent Greg Baker. Director Katie Rose was unable to attend.

2.0 Public Hearing:

Mr. Ritchey opened the public comment portion of the meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive verbal or written public comment on the possible closure of Carl Cozier Elementary School. Each speaker had three minutes to speak as per the Board's regular procedures. The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Christina Lovell
2. Bridget Provalenko
3. Josh Levenson
4. Rachel Buri
5. Jedediah Givens
6. Lisa Aspessi
7. Madeline Aspessi
8. Maria Ugas
9. Miguel Perez
10. Dona Bracke
11. Sam Andreas
12. Aiden Priest
13. Vanessa Bronsema
14. Emily Foster
15. Ryan Aspessi
16. Laurie Hoyt

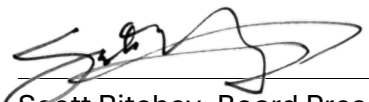
17. Meagan McLaughlin
18. Kristina Krieger
19. Aurora, Remi and Kylie
20. Kate Martin
21. Anna Petrie
22. Katie Slavens
23. Jana Prades
24. Amanda Ager
25. Chris Mandell
26. Eamonn Collins
27. Morgan Hermanson
28. Lindsay Mendoza
29. Michael Berres
30. Jesse Williams
31. Spike Osadchuk

3.0 CLOSING ITEMS

- Ms. Mason expressed appreciation for the community's participation, including the students who expressed love of their school. She acknowledged that her child was a student at Carl Cozier.
- Mr. Ritchey stated that his three children also attended Carl Cozier.

3.1 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved:



Scott Ritchey, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: November 12, 2026