



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 13, 2019**

1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Meeting Date and Location:

March 13, 2019 - 1306 Dupont St., Bellingham, Washington

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call:

Ms. Diaz Hackler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Directors Kelly Bashaw, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Douglas Benjamin, Jenn Mason, Quenby Peterson, Superintendent Greg Baker and 6 K H U L (Call to Order). She acknowledged that this meeting is being held on the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples, in particular the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack tribe.

1.3 Audience:

x **Chris Smith** is a paraprofessional working in the Life Skills program at Wade King Elementary. He wished everyone a happy Education Support Professionals week and stated that he understands BASE bargaining is off to a good start.

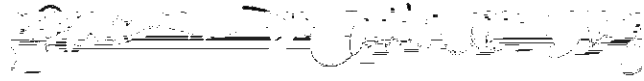
1.4 6 X S H U L Q W A n n o u n c e m e n t s a n d R e p o r t: Summary of ' U à y . 1 / 7 S ... ic â ð à y . 2

- x Executive Director of Communications and Community Relations Jackie Brawley demonstrated updates to the [school board](#) section of the website. The school board now has its own tab, and a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) section has been added related to policy governance. School board members made some suggestions for additional changes.
- x Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Steve Clarke and Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Jay Jordan, co-chairs of the [Attendance Areas PreK-12 Standing Committee](#), J D Y H D Q X S G D W H R Q . W K H F R P P L W W H growth on the north side of the city, some schools are over capacity for enrollment. The committee has been meeting and will likely submit a recommendation this spring that will change the attendance areas for all four middle schools beginning in the fall of 2020. The committee is considering the factors that are outlined in [Policy 3130](#). Mr. Clarke and Dr. Jordan have met with many neighborhood groups and individual families who have expressed concern about the changes, and they will be meeting with a group of Silver Beach families to walk their neighborhood, as the families G R Q ¶ W I H H O W K D W V W X G H Q W V Z L O O K D Y H V D I H Z D O N changed. Questions from the board members were answered by Mr. Clarke and Dr. Jordan.
- x Dr. Baker noted that the legislature is still in session and working on the state budget. Budget proposals will likely begin coming out in the next few weeks. Dr. Baker and his team are working on a draft district budget and are planning to send a message to the community regarding the budget by spring break. There is hope that there may be some new sources of revenue that could put the district in a better position than was originally thought. He outlined some areas that will likely be affected by reductions. He noted that some staff will be added to special education due to higher enrollment, as well as in grades K-3 because of new class size ratio rules. Dr. Baker responded to questions from board members.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

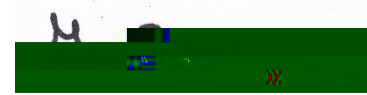
Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Bashaw, to approve the following

6.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Camille Diaz Hackler, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: April 17, 2019