



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 22, 2019**

**1.0 OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1 Meeting Date and Location:**

May 22, 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, Douglas Benjamin, Camille Diaz Hackler (President), Jenn Mason, Kenby 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 **Jennifer Wright** ± Is a parent who has enrolled her son in another district in order to get his educational needs met. Highly Capable Learner (HCL) students can experience struggles. She believes it is difficult for parents to navigate the system. She is a teacher, her husband is a principal, and they believe the district is under-identifying students for HCL services. Their family sought early entrance for their son, but it was an impossible task with roadblocks at every turn.
- x **LaVera Langeman** ± Is a paraprofessional in the Lowell Bridges program which serves students in special education. She stated that the Bellingham Association of School Employees (BASE) members felt disrespected when the school board meeting was moved to the date of the BASE social.

Is a paraprofessional who has worked in the Bridges program at Lowell for over 11 years. There has been an increase of students in the Bridges program and the increased volatility has the potential to lead to more staff and student injuries. She would like to see an increase in the number of paraprofessionals in the Bridges program.

- x **Emma Reardon** ± Is a student who read a letter written by another student which outlined the services that she had been provided with during her years as an HCL student. She stated that the HCL plan is a document that is not followed up. She does not feel that she has the opportunity to collaborate with other students and is isolated from her peers.
- x **Kristen Mason** ± Is the parent of four students at Silver Beach, Whatcom and



- x **Samantha Konikoff** is the parent of a fourth grade student and a kindergarten student at Silver Beach. The fourth grader is identified as HCL. There has been a lack of consistency for her student, and the teacher is now charged with making sure services are provided. The ideas presented at the beginning of the year sound great, but there is no follow through. She feels privileged that she is able to volunteer at school to make sure her son receives the services he is entitled to, but she worries about the students whose parents are not able to make sure their students receive services.
- x **Connie Campbell** is the sister of a parent in the district who was not able to attend the meeting this evening. She read a letter on behalf of her sister, which asked that the school board visualize what an HCL student looks like. It would likely be an incredibly hard working student who always goes the extra mile. Many HCL students **G R Q Vision** may have mental health issues. An HCL student who is struggling may look different than other students who are struggling.

**1.4 Superintendent's Announcements and Report: Summary of 'U % D N H U ¶ V**

- 2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll – April 2019**
- 2.3 Monitoring Report – EL-2, Organizational Continuity**
- 2.4 Resolution 8-19, Acceptance of Central Kitchen Project**
- 2.5 Award bid for Bus Maintenance Renovation Project**
- 2.6 Washington State Health Care Authority (#1819-144)**
- 2.7 Whatcom Community Foundation’s Project Neighborly Grant Agreement – Shuksan Cafeteria (#1819-159)**
- 2.8 Whatcom County Detention Center Education Program Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (#1920-002)**




**7.2 Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

**Approved:**



Camille Diaz Hackler Board President

**Attest:**



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

*Minutes approved:* June 5, 2019