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# Enumclaw School District

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Monday April 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM

**Location**
District Office, Nancy A. Merrill Boardroom

**Directors Present**
Ben Stouffer, Paul Fisher, Scott Mason, Tara Cochran, Tyson Gamblin

**Directors Absent**
*None*

**Guests Present**
Jill Burnes, Stacey Whitten

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Tyson Gamblin called a meeting of the board of directors of Enumclaw School District to order on Monday Apr 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

#### B. Roll Call

#### C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Board President Tyson Gamblin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### D. Land Acknowledgement

Board President Gamblin read the following statement, *We acknowledge we are gathered upon the ancestral lands of the Seattle area's Federally Recognized Indian Tribe, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, who historically lived throughout the areas between the Cascade Mountains and the Puget Sounds, what is also known as the Salish Sea.*

### E. Approve Minutes

Scott Mason made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 03-16-26.
Paul Fisher seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### F. Approve Minutes

Scott Mason made a motion to approve the minutes from Board/Cabinet Work Study Retreat on 04-06-26.
Paul Fisher seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. Good News of the District

The Board of Directors shared the following Good News of the District:

- Congratulations to the EHS Equestrian Team for their recent competition. Eighteen riders have qualified for State.
- Student representative Elliott Cheney shared that Advanced Placement (AP) tests are coming up and he's excited to take on a big test challenge!
- Student representative Makhya Walls gave a shout out to Ms. Duerre for organizing the senior exit interviews. She said the process has been very smooth. Makhya also shared that the prom this weekend was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed being at the Museum of Pop Culture.
- The Enumclaw Schools Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser dinner on Friday, May 15th
- Teacher appreciation week will be next week, May 4-8, 2026.
- The Board's Executive Session today was to review applications for the position of superintendent and there is excitement about the candidates. More information will be coming soon.

### B. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Jill Burnes shared the following in the Superintendent's Report:

- The report always starts with the district's mission, vision and five commitments. These keep us grounded and focused on what's important!
- A Peer to Peer Mentoring program is being organized by EHS Counselor Necia Engebretsen and will begin in the 2026-27 school year. This program will connect current high school students with incoming freshmen to help them with their high school experience.
- Elementary media specialists are organizing the Battle of the Books competition in their schools. Winners from each school will compete at an All District Battle of the Books on May 12th at Enumclaw High School.
- EHS held their annual FFA plant sale last week.
- A couple of recent off campus learning opportunities were field trips to Lumen Field by the EHS Marketing Class for a behind the scenes tour and a field trip for Washington State Ferries Career Day.
- The high school recently had student visitors from Germany as a part of the GAPP program and from Japan. Students enjoyed sharing cultural experiences with each other.
- Enumclaw hosted the Unified Battle of the Bridge soccer game recently. Enumclaw won in the final minutes and the goal scorer was celebrated by both teams.
- An Urgent Repair Grant totaling $377,300 was secured by Phil Engebretsen for the Byron Kibler roof repair project and an Indoor Air Quality Grant was secured for $271,021. A State and Local Cybersecurity Grant was secured by Tom Alexander for $8,723 for phishing training for staff and firewall deployment for $128,035.
- The planning for Elementary #6 continues with staff members assisting with plans for the interior of the school. Nichole Tronvig has been hired as the Planning Principal for Elementary #6. She will start on July 1, 2026, but she is already participating in some of the design committee meetings.
- The Naming Committee for Elementary School #6 will attend the May 4th Board Work Study. They will present three finalists names and mascots for the Board to consider. The Board will vote on this at their May 18th business meeting.
- Northwest Leadership Associates closed the leadership profile survey on April 22. The next opportunity for community input will be when three superintendent finalists are named. These candidates will be in the district on May 12, 13 and 14. A schedule will be released soon so people will know how they can participate.
- A Parent Preview for Middle School English Language Arts curriculum has been scheduled for May 6th at 5:00pm in the District Office.
- Certificated Staff Appreciation week will begin May 4th.
- The District Art Show will be on May 12th at Enumclaw High School from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- The Enumclaw Schools Foundation will be holding a benefit dinner on May 15th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Enumclaw Field House.

- Last weekend the high school held their prom which kicks off "senior season." Events and dates for high school seniors are posted on the high school's webpage.

### C. School Presentation - Black Diamond Elementary

Black Diamond Elementary Principal Deserae Bull introduced the school's leadership team. She stated that they were excited to represent the amazing work with the Board concerning student well-being, literacy proficiency and algebraic reasoning.

Ms. Bull and the leadership team shared data from the Hope Surveys taken in the past and current school year. The staff is utilizing this data to offer additional supports to students. Recent improvements on the Hope Scale are attributed to the addition of the GEMS room for students to regulate, WINN time, Character Strong, academic supports and other positive recognitions in place. The team shared about the positive impact of the newly implemented "Franklin High Five" program with students earning positive recognition for being safe, responsible, respectful, and kind.

A Student Council was formed at the school this year and a video was shared with students explaining their leadership roles on the council. Student council highlights include modeling expectations, participating in assemblies, and supporting community events such as Kindness Week.

The team shared enthusiasm for the newer curriculum, Open Up Resources, and the opportunity to add creative materials to compliment lessons. They are noticing growth as they implement small groups, integrate songs and movement. Science and art projects are ongoing and students are showing perseverance as they learn, build, and create. Elementary traditions at Black Diamond include the history museum for third graders, a bike ride for fourth graders, and fifth graders participate in the DARE program and Dancing Classrooms. The school will be hosting a Share Fair Night on June 10th. Data for literacy proficiency and algebraic reasoning was shared and discussed.

### D. Middle Level ELA Curriculum Presentation

Director of T&L Lindsey Marquardt shared with the Board of Directors that a memo requesting approval for middle school ELA curriculum would be added to the agenda for the May meeting. Ms. Marquardt along with Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning Lea Tiger-Tice and EMS Teacher Amy Ihde shared the timeline and experiences of piloting two ELA curriculums and how they arrived at the decision to request adoption of the Amplify curriculum. A parent preview night of the proposed curriculum will be held on May 6th with teachers present to answer questions.

The Board of Directors asked clarifying questions concerning staff voice in the process, implementation support for teachers, alignment with elementary curriculum, and

curriculum lifespan. The Board thanked Ms. Marquardt, Ms. Tiger-Tice, and Ms. Ihde for the information.

## III. HEARING OF PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AS A WHOLE

### A. Amee Smith

Amee Smith introduced herself to the Board and stated she was present to ask for their continued support of the Enumclaw Schools Foundation (ESF). Ms. Smith shared that there were two big upcoming events happening, the Mother/Son Prom and the ESF Benefit Dinner on May 15. She stated there was a strong focus on committee recruitment this year so the need for these events to be well-attended is great. The committee would like to continue their support in bridging the gap for schools with attendance at theater and musical performances, the Character Strong program, books for babies and field trips. In the past Board members were active participants in events, she stated, and shared that the Board support matters to the work of ESF as they build their program. She thanked the Board for their time and said that she hoped to see them at the dinner.

## IV. ADMINISTRATION/BUSINESS

### A. ESD Elementary School #6 Update and Schematic Design Estimate

Consertus Director Phil Iverson and Project Manager Ryan Oto introduced themselves to the Board of Directors. They shared that the schematic design presented is created to translate the educational program and project goals into a coordinated building concept. They informed the Board that number of classrooms, the size of the gym and playfields for the school are now known. A rendering of the front of the school was shared, but the materials are still being determined. The schedule was shared concerning the site and cost model along with the construction start date.

Mr. Iverson and Mr. Oto answered the Board's questions, and recommended approval of the schematic design. Board President stated for review and public information that the funding for this project is not coming from tax payers. The funding is from the release of interest in a large school site and future mitigation fees and Oakpointe is providing the funding to construct the two playfields.
Ben Stouffer made a motion to approve the schematic design estimate.
Scott Mason seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Policies - First Reading

The Board of Directors acknowledged the first reading of Policy #1815-Ethical Conduct for School Directors (new title-Ethical Conduct for Board Members), Policy #3205-Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited, Policy #6570-Property and Data Management, Policy #6955-Maintenance of Records-Facilities.

### C.

### Policies - Second Reading

Ben Stouffer made a motion to approve Policy #2106-Program Compliance, #2108-Learning Assistance Program, #5010-Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action (new title-Discrimination-Free Workplace), and #5011-Sexual Harassment of District Staff.
Paul Fisher seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### D. Financial Report

Director of Business Kyle Fletcher submitted the Financial Report to the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting. There were no comments or questions from the Board.

### E. Payroll and Vouchers

Paul Fisher made a motion to approve payroll and vouchers as submitted.
Scott Mason seconded the motion.
Director Stouffer inquired about a payment made to Project Lead The Way wanting to know what the invoices provided. Director of Business, Kyle Fletcher, shared that this vendor provides supplies to the school's CTE programs. This particular invoice was for bio-medical supplies for a class at Thunder Mountain Middle School. Director Stouffer shared that his other questions concerning vouchers were answered via email.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## V. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Field Trip Requests

### B. Personnel Report

Personnel Report - April 2026

### C. Other

### D. Vote on Consent Agenda Items

Scott Mason made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Paul Fisher seconded the motion.
Director Stouffer complimented the work of the teacher for securing the grant for the dynamometer. The teacher who secured this, Eric Heintzinger, is excited to have industry standard equipment in his auto class.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Whitten