APPROVED

Enumclaw School District

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday June 8, 2026 at 6:30 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
Elliott Cheney, 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 Jun 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

B. Roll Call

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Board President 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 05-18-26.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. Approve Minutes

Scott Mason made a motion to approve the minutes from Executive Session on 05-18-26.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Approve Minutes

Scott Mason made a motion to approve the minutes from Executive Session on 05-28-26.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

H. Approve Minutes

Scott Mason made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Work Study on 06-01-26.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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Scott Mason made a motion to approve the minutes from Executive Session on 06-01-26.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Good News of the District

The Board of Directors deferred the good news of the district to Superintendent Burnes to share.

B. Superintendent Report

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

- The meeting always starts with the Theory of Action, mission and Five Commitments. The things that keep us grounded in the work that we do.
- Seniors participated in project "Make 'Em Weep" today. The 2026 graduates visited district schools to present honorary diplomas to staff who made an impact on their lives. Graduates visiting Westwood Elementary participated in a kickball game with students and staff. It was a great day for our staff, students, and the graduates.
- The Agriventure Field Trip, organized by Rene Popke of the Enumclaw Expo Center, was an excellent learning opportunity for fourth and fifth grade students. There were13 stations for students to engage in hands-on learning and a variety of experiences with agriculture experts and local farmers.
- Model UN Advisor, Brandon Guglielmetti, traveled with students to Spain to participate in Model United Nations Conference. Students participated in workshops and trainings and researched and wrote debates for real world problems. EHS student Jessica Brown won the award for best position paper.
- An essay contest sponsored by the Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce, Essays for America 250, has been shared with students and submissions are being received at the District Office. Winners of the contest will be awarded the opportunity to be Grand Marshalls in the Enumclaw Fourth of July Parade.
- Mr. Blair's eighth grade class participated in a NPR Podcast Challenge celebrating the United States 250th birthday. Students will learn contest results in July.
- The June 1st Board Work Study was an opportunity to thank and celebrate the 26 staff members retiring from the district. 17 of these staff members have served in the district for over 20 years and there is 607 combined years of service for all of the retirees.
- Katy Gibson was announced as the new principal at Black Diamond Elementary Principal. She will begin serving in the district on July 1, 2026.
- The Evergreen Elementary School groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for June 26th.
- The district's annual surplus sale will be on June 26th and 27th.
- The summer feeding program will begin later in June with staff being hired now to run this important program for our community.
- Eighth graders will complete their exit interviews at Enumclaw Middle School on Tuesday, June 9th and at Thunder Mountain Middle School on Wednesday, June10th.
- Tomorrow, Tuesday, June 9th, will be the Enumclaw High School graduation ceremony at 7:00 p.m.

C. Presentation - Highly Capable Program

Director Student Support Services Carolyne Zieske introduced herself to the Board and shared pictures and excitement over the "publication celebration" held in May with the students and families of the newly, published student authors. She stated that this

celebration of learning has a strong connection to the district's commitments of student well-being and literacy along with the Theory of Action. She shared that as students present their stories to the Board, they will hear them speak about their authentic and exciting learning experiences.

Nicole Webb, Highly Capable Facilitator, shared that she works with students in grade kindergarten through eighth grade. Ms. Webb shared about the process of encouraging students to write, explore the staying power of books, and connect with their own story writing. Fifty-two students have been published in the book titled, *The Enumclaw Anthology*. The book is currently number one on Amazon's new releases in poetry anthologies.

Student authors shared their experiences with the Board. They spoke about the importance of having their voices heard, persevering through their writing process, and shared things they learned about themselves and the characters they created. They offered hope that the world would learn from their stories and they were thrilled with their legacy of a published book. The students presented the board members with their book and signed copies for them.

D. Evergreen Elementary Project Update

Consertus Director Phil Iverson and Consertus Project Manager Ryan Ota thanked the Board for their time. Mr. Iverson stated that the project is going quickly and commended the district leadership team for embracing the commitment to the work presented and the tight timelines.

Mr. Ota shared updated renderings of the building's main entrance and stated that 60% of the design development plan is completed. Major contracts have been executed and a Ten Trails community informational meeting was held to share information concerning the construction process. The final design committee meeting was held last week. As for next steps, they are three permits that have been submitted for approval. The construction start is scheduled to begin on June 22.

Mr. Ota shared that the next items for the Board to review will be a contract amendment presented at the July 27th meeting. The project schedule was shared with the Board and at this point everything is on schedule with no delays.

The Board of Directors asked if there were any long lead items or areas of concern. Mr. Iverson answered that there were no long lead items at this time, but there is always a concern with permits. They are waiting on the Site Plan permit and the civil engineer is aware of the timeline. The Board had no further questions.

III. ADMINISTRATION/BUSINESS

A.

Ratification of Superintendent Contract

Paul Fisher made a motion to approve the Superintendent Employment Agreement between the district and Mark Wenzel, effective July 1, 2026, to appoint Mark Wenzel as Superintendent of the District effective July 1, 2026, to approve the Transition Services Agreement providing for up to five paid days prior to July 1, 2026, during which Dr. Wenzel may participate in onboarding, transition planning, meetings, and other preparatory activities. Prior to July 1, 2026, Dr. Wenzel shall not exercise the authority of Superintendent, and all authority and responsibilities of the office of Superintendent shall remain vested in the current Superintendent, and authorize the Board President to execute the Superintendent Employment Agreement, Transition Services Agreement, and any related employment, onboarding, and transition documents on behalf of the District.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Resolution 1171: Capital Facilities Plan

Director of Business Kyle Fletcher presented the 2026-2031 Capital Facilities Plan. This is an annual process and the plan is forwarded to the City of Black Diamond, the City of Enumclaw, and King County. These entities will review the district's plan and move to adopt it as a part of their plan.

Mr. Fletcher reviewed the projected enrollment updates with new residential impacts anticipated over the next six years in Enumclaw, Black Diamond and unincorporated King County. He also shared how the district anticipates student generation rates. Mr. Fletcher explained the current district's standard of service and student capacity at the elementary, middle and high schools. Student enrollment projections were viewed based on impact to schools and construction/portable needs.

Mr. Fletcher shared the Finance Plan and the Impact Fee Calculations along with District Credit Factors. The 2026 Proposed Impact Fees were shared with a breakdown by housing type.

Mr. Fletcher shared that he works closely with Pacifica Law Group attorney Denise Stiffarm on this project. The Board of Directors thanked Mr. Fletcher for the presentation.
Paul Fisher made a motion to approve Resolution 1171: Capital Facilities Plan.
Scott Mason seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Resolution 1172: Request for Budget Extension

Director of Business Kyle Fletcher shared with the Board that the Capital Projects Fund was approved by the Board in August. These funds are used for facilities and maintenance improvements. The fund did not include the budgeted expenses related to

the new elementary school project in Ten Trails because a final agreement was not in place at that time.

Since the 2025-26 budget adoption, the district has secured funding and revenue through an amendment to the school mitigation agreement and financial agreement with Oakpointe. There is now a more accurate picture of expenses related to the project. To cover these known expenses, the district is seeking approval for an extension of $8,000,000 appropriated to the Capital Funds. Project.

There were no questions from the Board of Directors.

Board President Gamblin called for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. There was no one in attendance desiring to address the Board of Directors concerning Resolution 1172. The Public Hearing was closed.
Ben Stouffer made a motion to Resolution 1172: Request for Budget Extension.
Scott Mason seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Policies - Second Reading

Paul Fisher made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #1006-Board of Directors, #2140-Comprehensive School Counseling Program, Policy #5401-Sick Leave, Policy 6910-Construction Financing, and Policy #6920-Construction Design.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. 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.

F. Payroll and Vouchers

Scott Mason made a motion to approve payroll and vouchers as submitted.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Field Trip Requests

B. Personnel Report

Personnel Report - June 2026

C.

Other

D. Vote on Consent Agenda Items

Paul Fisher made a motion to approve consent agenda as presented.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. BOARD PROCESS DEBRIEF

A. Debrief

Board President Gamblin congratulated Director of Business Kyle Fletcher and the Fistcal team for a clean audit with no findings. Mr. Fletcher shared that the work with the State Auditors Office is a 2 1/2 month process and the team was pleased with the high marks from a clean audit.

Board President Gamblin shared that the meeting was Superintendent Jill Burnes last official Board meeting. He shared his appreciation to her for stepping in and leading the district the past six months.

There were no additional comments.

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 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tyson Gamblin