APPROVED

Enumclaw School District

Minutes

Board Special Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday May 14, 2026 at 6:00 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 Thursday May 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

B. Roll Call

Board President Tyson Gamblin welcomed the audience to the special meeting.

II. Business Meeting

A. Discussion to Appoint Superintendent of Enumclaw School District

Board President Gamblin reviewed the superintendent search and hiring process. He stated that the Board of Directors hired Northwest Leadership Association in February to consult in the district's Superintendent search. NWLA hosted community forums and distributed community surveys to gather input for the Board's development of a leadership profile for the next superintendent. The open position was announced and the application was made available on March 10th with the application closing date of April 22nd.

From twenty-five completed application packets, the Board reviewed all submissions on April 27th. Six candidates were brought forward for interviews on April 29th and 30th and two finalists were announced to the community on May 1st.

Board President Gamblin shared that the district was pleased to host finalists Dr. Wade Barringer on May 12th and Dr. Mark Wenzel on May 13th for extensive, in-district interviews. The days included valuable engagement sessions with staff, students, families and community members. He stated that the feedback from the sessions was instrumental and provided the Board with insight into each candidate's strengths and considerations for the final executive session. Board President Gamblin also stated that, "Selecting a superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities of a school board, and we have taken this responsibility seriously. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our students, staff, families, and community members for their active participation in this important process." Board members were invited to share about the process, but there were no additional comments.
Paul Fisher made a motion to hire Dr. Mark Wenzel as the Superintendent of the Enumclaw School District effective July 1, 2026 subject to a successful negotiation of a contract and the successful completion of a 3rd party comprehensive background check.
Ben Stouffer seconded the motion.
There was no further discussion. Board President Gamblin called for a roll call vote.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Paul Fisher	Aye
Tara Cochran	Aye
Tyson Gamblin	Aye
Scott Mason	Aye
Ben Stouffer	Aye

III. 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 6:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacey Whitten