



Sept 28, 2021

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Marcia Henkle, NCESD

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Legislative Liaison

Melissa Gombosky

Executive Director,

AESD/OSPI Network

Jessica Vavrus

I. Welcome/Introduction

Marcia called the meeting to order at 9:02am and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda

Marcia moved to approve the consent agenda and the June meeting minutes. Motion passed.

III. 2021/22 Planning

a. **AESD Executive board officer Vacancies.** Tim Merlino gave a summary of the vacancies and current board situation. Board discussed the merits of Marcia continuing to lead as Vice-President vs. appointing a president emeritus, re: the AESD constitution. Discussion about backups if Marcia was unable to lead the meeting. Discussion of preparing slate of officers to annual meeting and creating nominating committee. Action: Merle appointed chairman of nominating committee and will recommend selecting committee then present the members to the board for approval at the November meeting. This committee will bring forward a slate of candidates to be presented at the April meeting.

b. **2021/22 Committees & Board Projects.** Tim Merlino. Recommending creating a committee of Darcy, Jessica, and Terry to recommend changes to the AESD constitution based on the results of the redesign process. Action: Marcia made motion to create Constitutional review. The motion was seconded and passed. Jessica summarized the Incoming Board member orientation virtual handbook project (approved by the board 2/10/21). Action: Marcia called for volunteers June, Cliff and Dana offered to be a part of the committee to create this tool. Jessica will review historical data of these efforts

c. **Calendar of Meetings.** Jessica presented a planning document for upcoming business at 2021/22 board meetings. Questions: Should the board continue study sessions? Should the board arrive early for informal gathering prior to in-person meeting? Discussion of value of study sessions and networking time.

Board requests: The board requested a date after the 28th of October for a zoom study session to prepare for the 11/18 meeting. The board also requested networking time prior to in-person meeting in Bellevue; and that networking time to be added for any in-person meeting. Jessica and Sare will schedule and secure these requests.

d. **WSSDA Conference Proposal/Session Update.** Jessica: Former president, John Zurfluh requested that we submit an AESD presentation proposal for the WSSDA conference. The session was accepted and will be held on 11/20 during the WSSDA Annual Conference. Title: "A Backbone of

Support for Washington's Schools & Communities: Nine ESDs. One Network." Presenters Tim, Marcia, and Jessica

iv. ESD Network Re-design

Terry Brandon gave a description of the most recent redesign work. (Refer to slide deck for redesign update points) ESDs as the resource of choice. Discussion of method of oversight and what value the Board brings.

v. Network initiative & Partnership Updates

Initiative Updates. Jessica:

- AESD Behavioral Health COVID Project: \$7,880,000/year for two years of ESSER funds for direct Behavioral Health services at 51 school sites.
- Educational Technology & LMS Solutions Transitions: \$2,150,000/year for access to devices, training programs, and capacity building.
- Learn to Return COVID Testing Program Support: Partnership DOH, Health Commons with funds to each ESD to support regional COVID testing coordination.

Legislative Update. Tim: Supplemental year, short session, likely in hybrid format. Significant Dem majority. Revenue forecast is an increase of \$927 million. Financial trends are improving. COVID recovery, special Ed funding, nurse funding, regionalization. AESD priorities. Pass bill allowing all ESD employees to access PEBB, fully fund all ESD program costs at actual levels, support school district legislative requests as lobbied through WASA and the School Funding Coalition. Dale: Is the Test to Stay program still a legislative priority? Larry Francois gave a Test to Stay update and explanation as to how it relates to Learn to Return.

vi. Good of the Order Updates from ESD Boards

- ESD 189, Merle Kirkley: Social justice work
- ESD 114, Cliff Huenergard: Full Board, equity work
- ESD 113, Dale McDaniel: Staff shortages in early learning, 4 positions up in the elections, one empty position and one contested position, in-person retreat Oct 7
- ESD 121, Barbara Peterson: 6 candidates running for election, retreat next month ESD 101, June Sine: 5 positions up and no oppositions.
- ESD 171, Marcia Henkle: Three new members on board, no competition. Heavily contested elections in large school districts.
- ESD 112, Tim Merlino: 4 positions up, all uncontested.

viii: Adjourn

Marcia adjourned the meeting at 10:30am.