

vaccination is not currently required for school staff, it is encouraged. Dr. Baker reviewed some of the other layers of protection that will be in place to protect students and highlighted some of the changes from last school year to the present. He then responded to questions from the school board.

Dr. Baker gave an update on the construction of Alderwood and Parkview elementary schools, which will open for students on Sept. 1, and the beginning phases of construction for the new Sunnyland Elementary School.

Over the next few weeks, we expect more discussion nationally and locally about masking and vaccines.

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Diaz Hackler indicated that an immediate family member is employed by Construction Supply Co., and agenda item 2.2 contains an invoice from Construction Supply Co. Ms. Bashaw indicated that she is employed by Whatcom Community College, and agenda item 2.2 contains an invoice from Whatcom Community College. To avoid a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23.030, Ms. Diaz Hackler and Ms. Bashaw will recuse themselves from voting on item 2.2 (Approval of Expenditures and Payroll). Ms. Diaz Hackler made a motion to vote on item 2.2 separately. Mr. Benjamin seconded the motion. Unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Benjamin made a **motion** to approve the following consent agenda items:

2.1 Approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Regular Meeting

2.3 Resolution 17-21, Adoption of 2021-22 Budget

2.4 Resolution 18-21,

2.2 Approval of Expenditures and Payroll July 2021

Affirmative votes: Mr. Benjamin, Ms. Mason, Ms. Rose.
Abstention: Ms. Bashaw, Ms. Diaz Hackler.

3.0 BOARD RESPONSE TO MONITORING

3.1 Board Response to Monitoring EL-2, Organizational Continuity

There was discussion regarding the summary of the board responses to the EL-2 report that was prepared by Ms. Mason. Following discussion, Ms. Bashaw made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Diaz Hackler, to approve the monitoring response document ([Attachment A](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

3.2 Board Response to Monitoring Ends 1, 2, 3 (Combined)

There was discussion regarding the summary of the board responses to the Ends 1, 2, 3 (combined) report that was prepared by Ms. Mason. Following discussion, Mr. Benjamin made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Diaz Hackler, to approve the monitoring response document ([Attachment B](#)). Unanimous affirmative vote.

4.0 POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

4.1 GP-7 Agenda Planning

Mr. Benjamin noted that it was difficult to follow this policy over the past year due to the pandemic. No changes.

4.2 GP-7.1 Board Self-Assessment

No changes.

4.3 GP-7.2 Annual Board Agenda

Ms. Bashaw made a **motion**, seconded by Ms. Diaz Hackler, that GP-7.2, Annual Board Agenda, be approved. Unanimous approval.

5.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 . Highlights of comments:

Ms. Diaz Hackler noted that the board regularly receives letters and comments from parents and the community, which all are reviewed by the board. She noted that there will always be differing opinions from the community and the board makes its decisions based upon what they believe is best, keeping in mind that sometimes we need to agree to disagree on issues.

Ms. Mason thanked staff for the tremendous amount of work that went into preparing the 2021-22 budget.

Mr. Benjamin thanked Ms. Mason for her comments regarding the budget preparation, as the budget book tells the story of what the district does. I an instructive tool.

Ms. Rose is looking forward to the return to in-person board meetings. She also is grateful for district staff pressssssssssss.97 139.58 Tm0 g0 G()JTJET@0.00000912 0 612 792 re0.0nF3 1

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

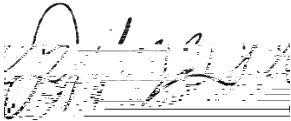
6.1 Mr. Benjamin and Ms. Mason noted that the board is looking forward to the public being able to address the board in person. Dr. Baker shared that district staff is working on what it would take to return to in-person meetings, keeping in mind that the COVID-19 landscape is always changing.

7.0 CLOSING ITEMS

7.1 Board Assessment of Meeting: Ms. Diaz Hackler assessed the meeting, with an overall rating of 4 (*commendable*).


7.2 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Approved:



Jennifer I. Mason, Board President

Attest:



Greg Baker, Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved: September 15, 2021