

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
 Regular Meeting – Friday, April 3, 2020, 6:45 AM – via ZOOM

Board Member Attendance:

Jesus Baldovinos (absent) Tor Blaisdel (excused) Tara Brown (excused) Michele Cawley Amy Cziske Deborah Gauck	Mary Gordon Jinger Haberer (absent) Cara Marrs Mike McCloskey Lowell Murphree (excused) Noreen Norfleet	Brandon Robertson Maureen Rust Dan Shissler (absent) Dick Wedin
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Guest Attendance: None.

Welcome and Call to Order: Mike called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM.

Approval of March Minutes: Mary moved to approve the March 4, 2020 minutes. Amy seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Dick emailed the March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2019 financial statements prepared by Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith. Assets as of March 31, 2020 were:

- General checking: \$43,479
- Storms payment account: \$16,775
- Edward Jones accounts: \$1,105,999

- Net assets, restricted: \$1,110,461
- Net assets, unrestricted: \$55,792
- Total net assets: \$1,166,253

Brandon reported that ESDEF investments are diversified across market indexes; only 50% of its portfolio is invested in stocks. While the market is down 25% given COVID-19, the ESDEF portfolio is down 12-13%. Long-term, Brandon is concerned about low/zero interest rates because those rates determine dividends. ESDEF allocates dividends from restricted accounts to fund scholarships. Brandon will send portfolio performance data to Dick.

Superintendent’s Report: No report.

Committee Reports

Mini Grants: Michele reported that given COVID-19, the Board may need to restructure this program, as she anticipates increased requests for operational funding. Also, the ESDEF may need to allow recipients to implement their projects next year.

Superbowl Kick-Off: No report.

Communication/PR: No report.

Caring Cupboard: Mary reported that she plans to reach out to counselors about student needs. The ESDEF donated \$500 to FISH to operate one week of the Free and Reduced Lunch program; and \$107 in canned fruit to FISH. Mary questioned whether the District could distribute Caring Cupboard items via school bus, as it plans to distribute materials and food using buses. Michele is also distributing early

learning books (funded by ESDEF).

Scholarships: Mike has extended the unified scholarship application deadline to May 4; he may or may not be able to extend it again.

Mailing Lists: Mary reported that 20 fundraiser envelopes were returned; the Board will need to correct that information. She added names of those who donated but didn't attend the fundraiser. Mary thought online ticket sales worked well. Michele anticipates a decrease in businesses donations next year and said the ESDEF may need to restructure fundraiser.

Tile Wall: No report.

Nominating Committee: Brandon has postponed recruitment of Board members given COVID-19. Deborah, Dick, and Michele agreed to serve as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President, respectively. Mike agreed to serve as President. Further discussion tabled to May meeting.

Kittitas County Youth Awards: Mike reported that he has rescheduled the ceremony to Monday, May 11; he may need to reschedule again and/or mail plaques.

Website: Mary reported that she updated the website in March.

Bylaws Update/Mission Statement Development: Amy reported that she continues to revise these items.

Grant Writing: Deb reported that she's contacted ESD Project Directors for the federal and state grants awarded to the District about providing virtual services, e.g., online Youth Mental Health First Aid training. Federal and state agencies have agreed to grant carryovers and no-cost extensions given COVID-19.

Cross Training: Mike reported that he is developing training for his roles; Mary reported that she is training Tara on Caring Cupboard.

Old Business: Amy reported that the strategic planning retreat will need to be rescheduled.

New Business: Mike reported on the National School Foundation Association conference that he and Deb attended last month. He recommended that the ESDEF sponsor at least one Board member to attend the conference each year. Michele moved that the ESDEF cancel its annual meeting given COVID-19. Maureen seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:45 AM. The next regular board meeting will be May 6, 2020 at 6:45 AM, most likely via Zoom.

Submitted by Deborah Gauck, Secretary