

**Ellensburg School District Education Foundation**  
Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 6:45 AM – Zoom

**Board Member Attendance:**

Tor Blaisdel Tara Brown Deborah Gauck	Mary Gordon Jinger Haberer Cara Marrs	Mike McCloskey Maureen Rust Dick Wedin
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**Board Members Absent/Excused:** Michele Cawley, Amy Cziske, Lowell Murphree, Brandon Robertson, Dan Shissler

**Guest Attendance:** Cathy Bambrick

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Mike called the meeting to order at 6:46 AM.

**Approval of June and Retreat Minutes:** Mary moved to approve the June 3, 2020 monthly meeting minutes and the June 11, 2020 strategic planning session minutes. Tor seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Dick reported that Grebb, Johnson, Reed & Wachsmith prepared the June 20, 2020 and 2019 financial statements; he will email them soon. Assets as of June 20, 2020 were:

- General checking: \$47,660
- Storms payment account: \$16,775
- Edward Jones accounts: \$1,264,742
- Net assets, restricted: \$1,270,044
- Net assets, unrestricted: \$59,133
- Total net assets: \$1,329,177

Dick reported that he has only paid \$1K in scholarships, but that he will write more checks soon. Dick reported that the Foundation approved over \$16K in mini-grants last year, but has only paid out \$5,800. Deb asked if the Foundation wants to think about allocation in different way? The Foundation may discuss this as it continues its strategic planning.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Jinger reported that the District facilitated nine focus groups of over 200 stakeholders about fall reopening models. There was an even split among participants between wanting a hybrid model (online and in-person) and a full in-person model. The biggest barrier to a full in-person model is that students must be six feet apart; a big drawback to the hybrid model is insufficient child care options. The District will implement a hybrid model for the first nine weeks of school. Group A will attend school in-person on Mon/Thurs and group B will attend school in-person on Tues/Fri. The remaining days will be online. The exception to the hybrid model is that students in special education and some Title 1 students will probably attend in-person every day, and the District may begin the school year early for them. The District will be training teachers on providing online education in case of another shutdown. Dick asked, when will the District/State/nation move to year-round schooling? The literature supports this model, especially for disadvantaged students. Tor asked, what is tipping point for the District to shut school down again? Jinger believes the District can fit 12-15 students in each classroom and maintain 6 feet distance.

### **Committee Reports/Activities**

**Caring Cupboard:** Mary reported that the Caring Cupboard appeal has almost raised enough funds to buy two adaptive trykes and other equipment for students with special needs. If Board members can think of others willing to donate, please let Mary know.

**Scholarships:** Mike reported that the District did an online scholarship award ceremony. One problem arose this year. Molly Gage submitted an application, but wasn't awarded a scholarship. When she asked why, Mike confirmed with Mike Welch that her application was blocked by the ESD server. Mike asked the Board for suggestions about how to remedy this situation. Maureen suggested that the Foundation allow her to reapply next year; all members agreed to this solution.

**Tile Wall:** Dick reported that he met with Fast Lane Signs and is waiting to hear back from them.

**Kittitas County Youth Awards:** Mike will talk with Jinger about hosting the ceremony at the football stadium, or putting signs in yard and doing a drive-by ceremony. About 50 students were nominated, split between Upper and Lower County.

**Bylaws Update/Mission Statement Development:** No report.

**Website:** Mary reported that she and Dick are moving from using Paypal to Square because it is an easier interface for the website. She asked that members peruse the website and report any concerns to her.

**Old Business:** No report.

**New Business:** Cathy and Mary will develop strategic planning goals, then will add a timeline and metrics. Maureen said she felt like the virtual session was more productive than a face-to-face session. Tor reported that he may be elected to the band parent association, and if so, may need to rethink his service commitments. He also reported that Jaymes Cady died; he donated much of his time to arts and education communities. Maureen reported that there is a GoFundMe account for his funeral costs and to help his family.

**Adjournment:** Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:30 AM. The next monthly meeting will be August 5, 2020 at 6:45 AM via Zoom.

Submitted by Deborah Gauck, Secretary