

**Ellensburg School District Education Foundation**

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 6:45 AM – Zoom

**Board Members Present:**

Michele Cawley Deborah Gauck Mary Gordon	Jinger Haberer Mike McCloskey Lowell Murphree	Maureen Rust Dan Shissler Dick Wedin
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**Board Members Excused:** None.

**Board Members Absent:** Tara Brown, Brandon Robertson

**Guest Attendance:** None.

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Mike called the meeting to order at 6:52 AM.

**Approval of 10/7 and 10/21 Minutes:** Maureen moved to approve the 10/7/20 minutes and 10/21/20 fundraiser retreat minutes. Dick seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Via email, Dick reported that Madeline deMaintenon, our CPA, is still on maternity leave and will be back doing our books sometime in January. In the meantime, Richard Wachsmith is stepping in and processing the checks. We will not get a financial services monthly report as we have in the past since Madeline kept tabs on the monthly reports. Assets as of 11/3/20 were:

- General checking: \$45,421.52
- Storms payment account: \$44,275.00
- Edward Jones accounts other than Wahle scholarship: \$1,286,767.77

Michele was very successful in contacting last year’s mini-grant recipients; many have submitted their invoices. There are only 1-2 scholarships that are yet to be paid.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Jinger reported that ESD is using a hybrid model. She has visited all schools, students are wearing masks and are socially spaced, and teachers are engaged with students. ESD has received letters from parents saying that even though students are only attending twice/week, it has made a positive difference in their engagement. At the secondary level, ESD is trying to ramp up engagement. ESD expects that many staff and parents will participate in upcoming professional education re: distance learning methods. ESD has opened up meetings with Dr. Larson, Public Health Officer, to all staff. He predicts that masking and social distancing will last into next year, so it is important for ESD to improve distance learning methods. ESD will probably retain some distance learning methods after COVID. ESD has COVID protocols in place, and has been able to isolate those with COVID. There are two other districts that are visiting ESD to examine their COVID protocols. Mike reported that ESD is bringing selected students in on Wednesdays for learning pods to improve their engagement. A Behavioral Analyst and Counselors are providing mental health services, and ESD is also partnering with the community for services. The special education team has been providing life skills and behavioral health services since the first week of school. In the second semester, the team will try to make up for time lost in the spring on Wednesdays. Students are attending varying days of the week depending on their IEPs. Michele reported that the Early Learning Coalition has been providing special education staff with books. Mike reported that the MMS special education team is phenomenal. Jinger

reported that the ESD special education team received top marks in state report. The Behavioral Analyst only works with the special education team now, but may work with a broader mental health team. ESD may look for additional mental health services. Mary asked is special education students will be outside all year? Jinger said no.

### **Committee Reports/Activities**

**Caring Cupboard:** Mary reported she has provided cold weather supplies for special education students. She sent a solicitation letter that brought in \$2-3K. Dick reimbursed ESD for the adaptive trike they bought last spring. There are funds remaining for additional adaptive equipment. Dick suggested rolling those funds into Caring Cupboard general funds. If Levi Teasley needs additional funds, he can apply to Caring Cupboard or for a mini-grant.

**Tile Wall:** Dick reported that wall is up and looks good. He will make the second payment, then the wall will be done. Mary will update the brochure.

**Old Business:** Strategic planning update: Mike will turn this over to Maureen; she can move forward with Cathy Bambrick. Fundraising retreat: Lowell drafted a letter and will send it in January. Mary suggested targeting previous donors and fundraiser attendees. Lowell also suggested appealing to folks who haven't given before; that gives us chance to connect with them, and gives them the opportunity to engage with ESDEF. Scholarship fair: Mary will update the website with fair information, e.g., videos. Dick asked if we're changing from Square as it doesn't collect addresses. Mary reported that our website consultant is looking into other options.

**New Business:** The National School Foundation Association is asking for virtual conference workshop proposals; Mike and interested others will develop a proposal. Mini-grants: Michele reached out to teachers about expending funds; most expended their grants after her reminder. Apple awards: Dick reported that our policy is that Board members who have served three years or more receive an apple. He asked if we should buy apples for Amy and Cara? The Board said no. Mary feels Board tenure should be longer than three years for an apple to show its significance. The Board will send thank you letters to Board members who have served less than two terms and an apple for those who have served two terms or more. Dick will change the Board policy and send it for approval.

**Adjournment:** Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:39 AM. The next regular board meeting will be 12/2/2020 at 6:45 AM via Zoom.

Submitted by Deborah Gauck, Secretary