

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, May 6, 2025 • 5:15 p.m.

MMS, Room A348 • Monthly Meeting

Board members present: Mary Gordon, Michelle Bibich, Dick Wedin, Mike McCloskey, Maureen Rust, Gloria Bugni

Board members absent: Phil Backlund, Heather Burfeind

Guests: Kristi Martone, Katy Cavanaugh, Haley Redlin, Nate Bradshaw, Courtney Karns, Haley Naboychik, Ione Crutcher, Atlas Ramirez, Rosa Ramirez, Lily Crut, Gaylen Marsh, Rick May, Mita Crut, Scott Rose, Wyatt Cruz Rose, Kaitlynn Byers, Henrik Barlow, Roxana Ahumada, Sophia Bair

OPENING AGENDA ITEMS

- Welcome and Call to Order – President Maureen Rust
 - The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.
- Approval of April minutes- approved with corrections

PRESENTATIONS FROM 2024 LEARNING ENHANCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

- **Nate Bradshaw**, MMS presented slides and information on the field trip taken with his 7th grade Pacific Northwest History highly capable students to the Kittitas County Fisheries operations. This included several stops to witness firsthand the efforts being made to study the Chinook and Coho salmon in the Yakima River.
- **Haley Noboychik**, Choice Schools Instructor introduced the following students to present their project work:
 - Ione Crutcher- designed and sewed kneeling pillows to celebrate her connection to the Puyallup Tribe, with the help of her mom
 - Atlas Ramirez- designed and sewed her own prom dress with the help of her sister, inspired by Purple Rain by Prince
 - Henrick Barlow- created mounted resin dinosaur heads with help from You Tube videos
 - Henrick Barlow, Lily Crut, Gaylen Marsh- presented a PR video celebrating the success of Big Picture Learning happening at Choice Schools. Their mentor was Rick May, local photographer and the video will premier at the Roslyn Theatre for the next Chamber After Hours gathering.
- **Haley Redlin**, Lincoln presented slides to show the impactful day students had when author Ellie Peterson came to Lincoln to talk to students about

writing. Ellie was voted the 2023 Washington State Picture Book Author of the Year for her book 'How to Hug a Pufferfish'.

- **Katy Cavanaugh**, Valley View presented her work with Ozobots, small robots used to teach early coding, math and problem solving in her 3rd grade class. Board members were allowed to experience the Ozobots firsthand.
- **Kristi Martone**, Valley View presented slides of the many immersive play centers she creates for her kindergarten students including Target Day and Veterinarian Day. The many different centers allow for open and free play encouraging collaboration, problem solving and communication.
- **Courtney Karns**, Ida Nason Aronica presented information on the water table she purchased for the Ida students in her music classes. The water table provides free play and exploration with sounds.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- **Treasurer's Report** – Dick presented the monthly report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

- **Board Recruitment**- tabled
- **Caring Cupboard** – tabled
- **Social media** – tabled
- **Learning Enhancement Awards**- please send updates to Michelle for next year. Application will be live June 2, 2025
- **Staff Appreciation** – Maureen will take printed signs to each school, and donuts to EHS
- **Tile Wall**- tabled
- **Website**- tabled
- **Youth Awards** – tabled

Old Business

- Maureen will email board members to find dates for our summer retreats

NEW BUSINESS

- **Scholarships**

The board discussed their reading of all scholarship applications and winners were chosen for:

Michelle Bibich • Phil Backlund • Gloria Bugni • Heather Burfeind • Marvin Douvier Mary Gordon • Mike McCloskey • Maureen Rust • Troy Tornow • Dick Wedin
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1. ESDEF
2. EHS Class of 1974- CTE focus
3. Margaret MacLennan – CWU, Teaching focus
4. Jim and Kay Martin – Education focus
5. Norman and Sharleen Woods – Business focus

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting: June 3, 2025, Morgan Principal's Office, 5:15 pm