

# Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> • 5:15 p.m.

MMS Room A348 and Zoom

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**Present In-Person:** Maureen Rust, Dick Wedin, Mike McCloskey, Michelle Bibich

**Present vis Zoom:** Lowell , Michele, Jinger

**Guest:** Brandon Robertson

- Maureen welcomed Michelle Bibich as a new board member and called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.
- Approval of February minutes- Upon a motion by Dick, and a second by Maureen, the minutes were approved as printed.
- Brandon Robertson - Investment Update
  - Down 15.5% for year
  - We were still able to give scholarships in the projected amount, and may be able to do more next year!
  - Original plan - Must have \$33,000 endowed for a \$1000 annual scholarship
  - George Bettas doing estate planning. May be sending more to increase the endowment. Eventual goal of two \$2000 scholarships per year.
  - CD account due in May at \$20,000. If rolled over, we should realize an additional 10%
  - Vic Lillquist account accumulating money faster than it's being given in scholarships. 2 years, money hasn't been claimed. Mike will contact family.
  - Storms scholarship - \$145,000 distributed since 2018. \$25,000 grant this year.
- Treasurer's Report – Dick
  - February was busy!
  - Dick doesn't have access to Eventbright, Square, or Stripe, so makes reconciling accounts difficult
  - \$85,063 General checking
  - \$1,439,408 Assets
  - \$1,362,711 Restricted
  - \$76,697 Unrestricted
  - \$10,948 Caring Cupboard + \$743 from Lion's Club
  - Michele suggested reminding folks about LEAs at end of school year
  - Dick transferred 10% of SBWU to Endowment (Educational Trust)
- Superintendent's Update – Jinger
  - Big push with legislators to encourage more equitable funding for staff mix factor, and for Special Education.
  - Great weekend for EHS - Winter Musical, Girls State Basketball win, Marco Bicchieri with Knowledge Bowl, FFA, DECA, wrestlers had several big wins, national technology award
  - EHS Career Fair coming up
  - Great music successes
  - Highlighted excellent projects by wood and metals shops

- Community member would like to give a \$20,000 scholarship to a teacher. ESDEF Board will review and discuss via eMail.
- School Board Update- new liaison needed - No report
- Committee Reports/Activities
  - Board recruitment- Maureen tabled at volunteer fair last week. Several applications picked up. Several notices in newspaper. Look at matrix on application for ideas.
  - Caring Cupboard - Tabled in Mary's absence
  - Facebook- ideas for posts
    1. Annual meeting invite
    2. Stuff from SBKO
    3. LEA winners
    4. KCYA
  - Fundraiser- recap, ideas for next year
    1. Table until retreat
    2. People went home hungry
  - Learning Enhancement Awards- discuss at summer retreat
    1. Michele working on updates
  - Scholarships – Mike
    1. Due April 17
    2. Mike will work with Kyoko about Storms Scholarship
  - Staff Appreciation – Maureen
    1. Connections with Parent Groups to collaborate on activities
  - Website – Mary
    1. Need to update 2022 financials and Caring Cupboard numbers
  - Youth Awards – Mike
    1. Need to get word out some more
- Old Business
  - Annual meeting- Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 pm
    - Pasta Company, Tuscan Room, no host
    - Invitation update - Dick reminded us to look at roster
    - Board officer elections, Possible slate: Mike Pres., Maureen VP, Mary Sec. Michele and Lowell will consider
- New Business
  - Summer retreat dates- should plan now for a regular retreat, and a fundraising retreat - Will do via eMail
  - PR opportunity via Kirk Holmes
    - Maureen will Invite Kirk to our May meeting
  - Michelle suggests partnering with EHS Marketing Club
- For the Good of the Order - None
- Adjournment 6:19

**Next meeting: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Ellensburg Pasta Co, 5:15 pm**