

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation

Board Meeting Minutes • Tuesday, May 2, 2023 • 5:15 p.m.
MMS Room A348

Present in-person: Mike, Dick, Mary, Michelle, Maureen

Present vis Zoom: None

Excused Absence: Jinger

Guest: Bill Stovall

- Welcome and Call to Order – Mike started the meeting at 5:20
- Approval of April minutes- Mary moved to approve the minutes, Dick seconded, minutes approved.
- Scholarship proposal: Ellensburg residents Bill and Lora Stovall have proposed an annual \$20,000 scholarship to be awarded to a district teacher (or divided among two or more teachers), specifically to reduce or pay off any student loan debt. Preference will be given to a first-generation college graduate. Details regarding the application and selection process will be discussed at the **board retreat** on July 8 and passed by Bill for final approval. The goal is to have the application ready to launch in the fall. Michelle noted that all district schools except for EHS are Title I and have access to student loan forgiveness for their teachers.
- Treasurer’s Report – Dick reviewed the most recent account statements. Dick noted the _____ credit union donation; they will be added to the list of donors.
- Superintendent’s Update – none. Jinger’s last day in the district is June 16, the last day of school.
- School Board Update- none. There are four school board positions coming up in the next election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

- Board recruitment-
 - All were encouraged to continue to brainstorm potential board members, including those who ran for school board member in the recent election. Mary will update the application and send it out.
- Caring Cupboard -Mary
 - Active but slowing down in warmer weather.
- Facebook- Mike
 - Mike presented a schedule for posting to our FB site (attached). Maureen will check for her invite to allow for posting.
- Learning Enhancement Awards- See Old Business
- Scholarships – Mike
 - 29 applications received. Mike asked the board members to review the applications and send him their top three candidates asap. They are due 5/15.
- Staff Appreciation – Maureen
 - All elementary schools and the middle school will be sent checks in the amount of \$150 to apply toward their spring staff appreciation efforts. Mary

has created a small sign to put out at each event acknowledging ESDEF's support and appreciation for our district staff.

- Mike will add Staff Appreciation to the **retreat agenda** to discuss ideas for fall events. Perhaps a barbeque around fall conference time.
- Website – Mary
 - No report
- Youth Awards – Mike
 - No report

OLD BUSINESS

- LEA Updates:
 - Remove professional development (conferences) as an eligible cost from application.
 - Add reimbursement details and process.
 - Ask: How have you interacted with ESDEF in last 12 months?
 - Required attendance at meeting or event: Choice of presenting at an annual meeting, regular board meeting, or SBWU.
 - Announce winners on Facebook, website, and local news outlets.
 - Tighten spreadsheet.
 - Mary will update the form in time for distribution May 15th.
- Brochure
 - Mary has worked on updating and revising. All will go over it one more time to revise language, making the ESDEF projects more apparent.
 - Maureen made a motion to approve up to \$150 for having Abbot's print the brochure; Michelle second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bylaws amendments
 - Mary made a motion to approve Dick's proposed changes; Maureen seconded. The changes were approved.
 - Discussion regarding the School Board Liaison, quorum, and board size were tabled until the **July retreat**.
- Cathy Idler grant addition
 - Cathy received a 2023 LEA grant to purchase games for the ESD preschool, calculating for 56 students. Enrollment is now 76 students, and she is requesting an increase of \$200 to her award to cover the extra expense. Via email, Mary made a motion to approve, Maureen second, motion passed.
- Car Show Insurance Request:
 - Three students from CWU's College of Business requested to use the ESDEF insurance policy for a car show fundraiser and to have ESDEF process the resulting proceeds into trade school scholarships. The board agreed insurance policy requests must come from an organization/institution, not individuals. Dick will respond to the students to suggest they purchase a rider for the day and to note the discussion about scholarship stewardship would be a different conversation.
- For the Good of the Order – Kirk Holmes will be invited to the **June meeting**. Red Apple awards will be discussed at the **July retreat**.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36.

Next meeting: June 6, 2023, Morgan A348, 5:15 pm

Michelle Bibich • Mary Gordon • Jinger Haberer
Mike McCloskey • Maureen Rust • Dick Wedin