

WEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES JULY 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Delaney called the regular meeting of the WEA Board of Directors to order at 11:02 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020 via a Zoom conference call.

ROLL CALL

The following board directors were present for this meeting Larry Delaney, Janie White, Eric Askeland, Kathie Axtell, Katie Badger, Jen Ben, Bill Beville, Josh Boe, Jeb Binns, Kaitlin Kamalei Brandon, Shawn Brehm, Janet Caldwell, Tammie Carr, Debby Chandler, Zanovia Clark, Kevin Cope, Barb Cruz, Keven Cummins, Julianna Dauble, Swan Eaton, Shannon Ergun, Michelle Fayette, Vallerie Fisher, Filma Fontanilla, Justin Fox-Bailey, Estefa Gallardo, Cookie Grant-Suggs, Rochelle Greenwell, Tammy Grubb, Brittany Haggard, Daniel Harada, Elaine Hogg, Glenn Jenkins, Vicky Jensen, Gwendolyn Jimerson, Price Jimerson, Pamela Johnson, Sara Ketelsen, Jared Kink, Mary Lindsey, Nani Lium, Bill Lyne, Anna-Melissa, Lyons, Shannon McCann, Margarita Morfin, La Vasha Murdoch, Ray Nelson, Kirstin Nicholson, Andi Nofziger-Meadows, Christie Padilla, Martha Patterson, Michael Pena, Eric Pickens, Jeremy Pitts, Shannon Rasmussen, Becca Ritchie, Mona Rominger, Jim Schell, Audra Shaw, Jeremy Shay, Susan Smith, Kayalyn Stewart, Summer Stoner, Keith Swanson, Joe Thayer, Rachel Tochiki, Caitlin Tumlinson, Kari Van Nostran, Nichole Way, Pamela Wilson.

The following board directors were excused from this meeting: Jennifer Matter, Rita Peterson, Silas Berry, Howard Mawhinney, Tani Lindquist, Bob Gustin, Peter Knowles, Allison Snow, Suzanne Southerland, Carla Naccarato-Sinclair, Terri Winckler, Amy Stern and Jan Olmstead.

Others present: Antionette Felder (NEA Interim Director) and Jenny Steele (Parliamentarian).

Chairperson Delaney declared a quorum was present.

The following WEA staff members were present for this meeting: Armand Tiberio, Lisa Kodama, Rich Wood, Djibril Diop, Donna Wesley, Mary Howes, AJ Hoyla, Julie Popper and Christina Martinez.

NATIVE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairperson Delaney acknowledged the native lands.

BOARD ALTERNATE SEATING

That the WEA Board of Directors approve the seating of the following:

1. Katie Badger (Lake Wa) as an alternate for Howard Mawhinney (Lake Wa)
2. Mark Morrow (Bellevue) as an alternate for Tani Lindquist (Mercer Island)
3. Mike Fisher (4th Corner) as an alternate for Rita Peterson (Stanwood-Camano)
4. Cortney Beck (Quilcene) as an alternate for Silas Berry (Central Kitsap)

There were no objections and the motion **Carried** by general consent. (072320-1)

SMALL GROUPS – REOPENING SCHOOLS STATEMENT

Chairperson Delaney explained the goal of the 30-minute breakout session is to discuss the draft language presented in WEA's reopening schools statement. Small group facilitators asked the following questions:

1. Is there anything that is included in the statement that should not be?
2. Is there anything that should be included in this statement that was left out?
3. Should we honor the Governor's request and include language about providing services for our special education students with the greatest needs?
4. Lastly, can you live with this statement?

The statement approved by the board will be distributed to members and the public via web, social media, tele town hall, press release and email.

Main Motion

It was **Moved** by Becca Ritchie and **Seconded** by LaVasha Murdoch that the WEA Board adopt WEA's COVID-19 Reopening Schools statement as amended.

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-2).

No votes (5) Shawn Brehm, Ray Nelson, Keven Cummins, Tammie Carr and Audra Shaw

Abstentions (1) Shannon Rasmussen

Amendments to the Main Motion

It was **Moved** by Michael Pena and **Seconded** by Kathie Axtell to amend the main motion to include "We call for this while recognizing that some small and local rural districts have not yet been impacted by the virus" at the beginning of line 33.

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-3).

No votes (2) Keven Cummins and Becca Ritchie

Abstentions (1) Elaine Hogg

It was **Moved** by Andy Nofziger-Meadows and **Seconded** by Jeb Binns to amend line 27 & 28 to read "Instead, the number of new cases is increasing at a rate that indicate it is not safe to return to schools."

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-4).

It was **Moved** by Bill Beville and **Seconded** by Shannon Rasmussen to strike "with very few exceptions" on line 10.

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-5).

No votes (2) Glenn Jenkins and Swan Eaton

Abstentions (1) Tammy Grubb

It was **Moved** by Kaitlin Brandon and **Seconded** by Pam Wilson to include on line 44-45: "Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander".

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-6).

Abstentions (1) Shawn Brehm

It was **Moved** by Kirstin Nicholson and **Seconded** by Martha Patterson to insert “public” in line 14.

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-7).

No votes (2): Jeremy Pitts and Jeb Binns
Abstentions (1) Joe Thayer

It was **Moved** by Shannon McCann and **Seconded** by Shannon Rasmussen to strike “Specifically, we call on the Office of Financial Management to release federal relief funds that are currently being held so school” in line 64-65.

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-8).

It was **Moved** by Becca Ritchie and **Seconded** by Shannon McCann to read "WEA is committed to continuing our work with the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Health, and the Department of Labor and Industries " on line 56-57.

Without objection, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion **Carried** (072320-9).

No votes (1) Nani Lium
Abstentions (4) Justin Fox-Bailey, Cortney Beck, Michael Pena, and Kirstin Nicholson.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Delaney adjourned the WEA Board of Directors meeting at 12:55 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020 on Zoom.

Submitted by A.J. Hoyla