

Prior to voting on the consent agenda, Mr. Benjamin said he wanted to acknowledge the recent generous support of the Sustainable Whatcom Fund of Whatcom Community Foundation, which included a \$1,000,000 grant to support the new Bellingham School District central kitchen.

Additionally, Mr. Benjamin said the board should formally express appreciation to the members of the finance and operations team whose professionalism and dedicaandn0 612 792 reW*nBTF

The legislative conference is scheduled for Sept. 20-22 in Spokane. Ms. Peterson may not be able to attend and Mr. Benjamin noted that he may attend if Ms. Peterson is not able. Ms. Peterson will share more details with the board via email.

Ms. Mason attended the fundraiser at Boundary Bay and was excited to see the jazz band performance and the support for the program.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 New Business (as needed): Ms. Peterson asked if the agenda for the board retreat is being planned. Ms. Bashaw indicated that it is, and Dr. Baker asked that any requested