

with staff who want to do what is right for students of color. Today Dr. Baker met with a group of middle and high school students of color to hear their perspectives on this issue. Our district has one resource officer who supports our 23 schools, as well as staff who serve as campus monitors at our secondary schools. The sight of a police officer can cause anxiety and fear for some students, and we do not want students to feel that way unnecessarily. If the goal of the position is to build relationships, having one officer does not suffice. Students are more likely to form relationships with the campus monitors. In addition, our first responder lunches were well-intentioned, but we have heard from some staff that they would prefer to not have that occur within the school day. First responders are valued members of our community and some have connections with our schools as parents or are former students. We want to be careful about how we communicate with them regarding their value in our community. Board members agreed that this is a complex issue and that taking time to listen to different perspectives is important. Dr. Baker noted that, as with any significant change, when we arrive at a decision there will be some who will be upset, but staff will have authentically listened to everyone.

Staff is working on professional development on the topic of racism and will also offer some opportunities to parents.

The draft budget has been created, and Dr. Baker acknowledged Assistant Superintendent of Finance Simone Sangster and her team for their work on the proposed budget. The budget is a year-round process, and there are no new announcements in this budget. Part of the budget process is to formally share the entire budget with the board and then bring it forward for a vote at our next regular meeting. Dr. Baker shared some of the highlights and noted that a conservative approach was taken going into next year, in the event that the legislature makes

- 2.3 Resolution 7-20, Delegation of Authority to WIAA**
- 2.4 Resolution 9-20, Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund**
- 2.5 Resolution 10-20, Intent to Construct Alderwood Elementary School**
- 2.6 Resolution 11-20, Intent to Construct Parkview Elementary School**
- 2.7 Wetland Conservation Easement to City of Bellingham**
- 2.8 Award of Bid for Alderwood Elementary School Rebuild**
- 2.9 Approval to Enter into Contract with Coast to Coast Turf**
- 2.10 Constructability Review Report, Alderwood Elementary School**
- 2.11 Constructability Review Report, Parkview Elementary School**
- 2.12 Annual Report on Asset Preservation Program**
- 2.13 WWU Subrecipient Agreement/Professional Educator Standards Board (#1920-162)**
- 2.14 Whatcom Family YMCA Summer Childcare Partnership Agreement (#1920-164)**
- 2.15 Vamos Outdoors Project Agreement for Services (#1920-165)**
- 2.16 Gym Star Sports Center (#2021-**

