SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT



DATE:	May 26, 2020	
FROM:	Denise Juneau, Superintendent	
LEAD STAFF:	Carla Holmes/Principal, (206) 252-5115	
For Introduction: For Action:	Fred Podesta/Chief Operations Officer, (206) 252-0088 September 23, 2020 October 7, 2020	

1. <u>TITLE</u>

Approval to name the Daniel Bagley Elementary School primary wing (south first floor) in honor of Mrs. Barbara Stone

2. <u>PURPOSE</u>

This Board Action Report details the recommendation from Principal Carla Holmes that the Daniel Bagley primary wing be named in honor of Mrs. Barbara Stone, a longtime Kindergarten teacher at Daniel Bagley Elementary School.

3. <u>RECOMMENDED MOTION</u>

I move that the School Board approve the naming of the Daniel Bagley Elementary School's primary wing as the *Barbara Stone Primary Wing*.

4. <u>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</u>

a. **Background:** Kindergarten teacher Barbara Stone worked at Daniel Bagley for 48 years, starting in 1969 and retiring in 2017. As an individual who dedicated their career to the students of Seattle Public Schools and Daniel Bagley Elementary, it is the recommendation of Principal Carla Holmes and the school building leadership team to name the primary wing located on the southern first floor of the building in Ms. Stone's honor.

As a teacher, she was known for her skill, dedication, and caring. One teacher described her as the most organized teacher they had ever known. A former student credited her with not only teaching you math and writing, but also how to be a kind friend and good citizen. In addition, she was recognized for her ability to teach many kids how to read and write at a very young age because of her outstanding teaching style.

A favorite part of being in Ms. Stone's class, mentioned by almost all former students and parents, was the fact that she would bake a cake the night before every student's birthday that was their favorite flavor and it would be waiting for them on their desk in the morning when they arrived. Then, the birthday student could pick the friends they wanted to frost their cake with. One former student said this was an example of how Ms. Stone "made everyone in the classroom feel welcomed, important, and cared for, no matter what." Pursuant to Board Procedure 6970BP, Principal Carla Holmes sought feedback from staff, students, alumni and community residents in regard to the naming opportunity. All feedback received was overwhelming in support of the proposed naming. In addition, the naming opportunity was discussed by Daniel Bagley's building leadership team and they unanimously voted in favor to name the wing in Ms. Stone's honor.

- b. Alternatives: No alternatives were considered.
- c. **Research:** Daniel Bagley Elementary School is proposing to name its kindergarten wing after longtime kindergarten teacher Barbara Stone. Several schools in Seattle Public Schools have named their grade level wings, among them:
 - Highland Park Elementary School *LouAnne Rundall Library* named after a former longtime library volunteer.
 - Ingraham High School *Walt Milroy Court,* named after former men's head basketball coach at Ingraham High School

5. <u>FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE</u>

Fiscal impact to this action will be less than \$100. (A custom-engraved metal brass sign, 2"x24", costs \$89 on plaquemaker.com.)

The revenue source for this motion is a donation from Carla Holmes and several other community members.

 Expenditure:
 Image: One-time
 Image: Annual
 Image: Multi-Year
 N/A

 Revenue:
 Image: One-time
 Image: Annual
 Image: Multi-Year
 N/A

6. <u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u>

With guidance from the District's Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

Not applicable

Tier 1: Inform

Tier 2: Consult/Involve

Tier 3: Collaborate

Tier 2: Consult/Involve – In accordance with Board Procedure No. 6970 BP, Principal Carla Holmes prepared a report explaining the process of determining the name for the new Daniel Bagley wing. Principal Holmes explains that the name was proposed by several community members and previous students. After receiving the Superintendent's approval, the Daniel Bagley Building Leadership Team (BLT) reviewed the proposed name and unanimously approved the recommendation. The BLT then sought feedback from school and community members through community newsletter and postings. Daniel Bagley received letters and emails of support from a) current and former staff, parents, and student, b) community members who were on the SDAT or who live in the neighborhood. The relevant feedback received demonstrated overwhelming support for this recommendation. There were many requests to be invited to any naming announcement ceremony.

7. <u>EQUITY ANALYSIS</u>

We did not use the Racial Equity Analysis Tool in our recommendation, as we did not deem it applicable for this decision.

8. <u>STUDENT BENEFIT</u>

From Abby Holmes, current 5th grader at Daniel Bagley - *I had the pleasure of being in Ms.* Stone's class as a kindergartener. I believe we should name the kindergarten wing at the new school after Ms. Stone. She has dedicated her life to the students at Daniel Bagley

... She made everyone in the classroom feel welcomed, important, and cared for no matter what.

In conclusion, by naming the kindergarten wing after Barbra Stone we would be honoring and celebrating the many contributions to students and staff. The Bagley community will continue to carry on the tradition of caring and service in her name.

9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)

Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)

Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy

Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract

Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter

Board Procedure No. 6970BP, Naming of School District Buildings Procedure, indicates that the Board shall accept or reject a proposed naming.

Other: _____

10. POLICY IMPLICATION

This motion is in compliance with Board Procedure 6970BP, Naming of School District Buildings Procedure.

Prior to bringing this motion before the Board for approval, staff followed the required steps of 6970BP regarding the Initial Naming of a Portion of School Building.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

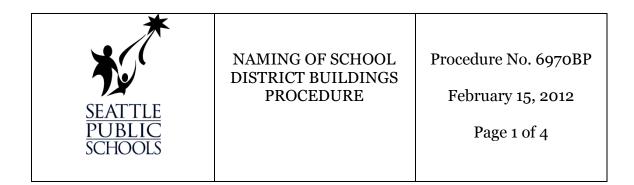
This motion was discussed at the Operations Committee meeting on September 10, 2020. The Committee reviewed the motion and moved the item forward for approval by the full Board.

12. <u>TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION</u>

Upon approval of this motion, a plaque with the name *Barbara Stone Primary Wing* will be ordered and installed near the south first floor hallway. Daniel Bagley Elementary will have a ceremony on the opening day of school. Ms. Stone plans to attend depending on her health and the social distancing requirements in place at the time of the ceremony.

13. <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- Board Procedure No. 6970 BP, Naming of School District Buildings Procedure -<u>https://www.seattleschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_543/File/District/Departments/S</u> <u>chool%20Board/Procedures/Series%206000/6970BP.pdf</u> (for reference)
- Letters from the staff of Daniel Bagley (for reference)
- Daniel Bagley Elementary School BLT meeting minutes (for reference)
- Letters of support from former Daniel Bagley School parents, and students (for reference)
- Emails of support from community members (for reference)



Introduction

The School Board does not favor changing the names of existing School District buildings or portions of buildings. However, occasionally a change in the name of a school building or a portion of a building may be appropriate. Also, from time to time it may be necessary to name a new building or name a portion of a building. Before any name change and any naming of a new building or portion of a building is finalized, school and community input shall be sought.

Procedure

- 1. Initial Naming of a Building
 - a. The opportunity to name a new building comes about as a result of new construction. Replacing an existing building, either at the same or a new site, is not considered new construction for the purpose of this procedure. (See paragraph 5 below).
 - b. Names of new buildings should be selected based upon: (i) geographical location or local community name; or (ii) distinguished individuals who have served the local community, state, or nation, whether in education or other fields.
 - c. Whenever the opportunity to initially name a building is presented, the Superintendent will request the principal or appropriate District administrator to meet with community residents and other interested individuals to discuss the naming opportunity. If a name is proposed centrally, the school community will be asked to review the proposed new name. Otherwise, the school community will be asked to recommend a name or names.
 - d. The principal or appropriate administrator should prepare a written report summarizing school and community recommendations for the proposed new name. The report should be submitted to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall then make a recommendation to the Board.

- e. The Board will accept or reject the proposed name(s).
- f. When a name is approved, the Superintendent shall send a notification of the name to the appropriate offices, locations, and persons.
- 2. Initial Naming of a Portion of School Building
 - a. Portions of a school include rooms, auditoriums, gymnasiums, athletic fields, libraries, and the like.
 - b. The opportunity to name a portion of a building or name a portion of a new building could come about for a number of reasons, including new construction or in recognition of a gift or other funding opportunity.
 - c. The name of a portion of a building should be selected based upon:
 (i) geographical location or local community name; or (ii) distinguished individuals who have served the local community, state, or nation, whether in education or other fields.
 - d. In the case of naming in recognition of a gift, the name could also be that of an individual donor or member of the donor's family. Corporate names of rooms and portions of buildings will not be allowed. Nothing in this policy shall preclude the placement of an appropriately-sized plaque, name plate, or donor wall in a room or other portion of a school in recognition of a corporate gift, provided no advertising, as opposed to recognition, is involved. Plaques, name plates, and donor walls are governed by Board Policy No. 6115.
 - e. Whenever the opportunity to name a portion of a building is presented, the Superintendent will request the principal to meet with staff, students, alumni, and community residents to discuss the naming opportunity. If the school has a site council, it shall be included in such meetings. If a name is proposed centrally, the school community will be asked to review the proposed new name.
 - f. The principal should prepare a written report summarizing school and community recommendations for the proposed new name. The report should be submitted to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall then make a recommendation to the Board.
 - g. The Board will accept or reject the proposed name change.

- h. If the change is approved, the Superintendent sends a notification of the change to the appropriate offices, locations, and persons.
- 3. School Building Name Change

Since a proposal to change a school building name could originate from many sources, the following steps should be taken:

- a. The person(s) proposing the name change should present the proposal to the Superintendent.
- b. If the Superintendent decides the school name change should be considered, he or she will request the principal meet with staff, parents, students, alumni, and community residents to discuss the proposed change. If the school has a site council, it shall be included in such meetings. The principal should prepare a written report summarizing school and community support of and/or opposition to the proposed change. This report should be submitted to the Superintendent.
- c. If the building is named after a local person, a good faith effort must be demonstrated to contact and seek input from the relatives of that person (e.g., Internet search, legal ads, phone book, daily newspaper) before the name change is approved.
- d. If the Superintendent approves of the name change, the proposed change will be submitted to the Board.
- e. The Board will accept or reject the proposed name change.
- f. If the change is approved, the Superintendent sends a notification of the change to the appropriate offices, locations, and persons.
- 4. Changing the Name of a Portion of a Building

The procedure for changing the name of a portion of a building shall be the same as for changing the name of the building itself.

5. Replacement Buildings

When a building is torn down and replaced, either at the same location or a new location, it should retain the same name unless the procedure for school building name change is followed.

6. Program Names

Naming and changing the name of programs shall be within the authority of the Superintendent.

Adopted: February 2012 Revised: April 2015 Cross Reference: Policy Nos. 6970; 6115 Related Superintendent Procedure: Previous Policies: Legal References: Management Resources:



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Board Action Report

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Carla Holmes Principal Daniel Bagley Elementary Ceholmes1@seattleschools.org

Some of the letters of support that came in were sent in as pictures.



Dear Superintendent Juneau,

We are excited to be moving back into our newly remodeled, historically landmarked elementary school. Barbara Stone was a kindergarten teacher at Daniel Bagley for close to 50 years. She retired in 2017. To honor her contribution to our school, we are proposing to name the primary wing after Mrs. Stone.

Barbara was an amazing kindergarten teacher who always created a respectful, caring community in her classroom. She made every student feel special and made learning fun. In addition, she always reflected on her practice and was continually improving her craft with her colleagues.

She dedicated her life to creating a strong foundation for all of her students to continue on the path of learning, and we are so thankful to be able to honor her commitment to the profession and our community by naming the primary wing after her.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carla Holmes, Principal

Bagley BLT Date: 5/14/20 Members Present:		
Other:		
 BLT norms and roles (Facilitator, Note taker, Time keeper) 		Notes Action (5 mins)
		Facilitator:
		Time: Notes:
2.	Check-in, Review Norms (10 min)	Notes
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		123-
		45
		Office- Specialists-
		Parents-
		Special Ed-
		IAs-
		Action Items:
3.	CSIP update (informational)	Notes
		Carla and Nicole will be attending a CSIP conference on 5/14, which will entail training on the new CSIP format.
4.	Building and enrollment updates (informational)	As part of the new building curriculum fund, we are able purchase K- 5 enVision math curriculum materials for the 20-21 school year.
5.	Barbara Stone Wing (informational)	We are in the process of developing a proposal to have the K wing at the new building named after Barbara Stone, this includes soliciting support from the community and School board approval. Please contact Carla if you have any questions or input about the wing.
6.	BLT representatives for 20-21 school year (informational)	BLT representatives serve for 2 years. If you are completing your 2 nd year, please find a new representative for the 20-21 school year. If this is your 1 st year, then no action is needed.
		Our last school year BLT meeting will be June 11 th , please have the new representative attend this BLT meeting with you.

February 3, 2020

Carla Holmes, Principal Daniel Bagley Elementary School 7821 Stone Avenue North Seattle, WA 98103

Re: New Wing Dedication in the name of Barbara Stone

Dear Ms. Holmes:

Along with Jennifer Greenfield and several other Danial Bagley Elementary School neighbors and parents, in the late 1990s and early 2000s I was a member of the Daniel Bagley Site Council. I was a member of various committees (ground maintenance, grounds improvement, technology and grants).

I was the main draft person responsible for grant funding requests which, happily, resulted in Daniel Bagley being awarded \$113,000 over a period of five years to help establish the Montessori program at the school.

As a member of the Site Council and those committees during those years, I became acquainted with several staff members and teachers, including Barbara Stone. Ms. Stone was the faculty liaison on the Site Council. I concur that Barbara Stone was instrumental in establishing and maintaining Daniel Bagley's programs and culture.

Jennifer Greenfield told me that the idea for naming the new wing after Barbara Stone came from her daughter, a Daniel Bagley alumnus (like her mother). The naming of the new classroom wing for Ms. Stone would be a fabulous gesture on behalf of the Seattle School District, and would be warmly received by the alumni and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Michael Pace

February 5, 2020

To Whom it May concern:

My name is Carrie Bader and I am a teacher/librarian at Daniel Bagley Elementary. I came to Bagley in 2005 and started working with Barbara at that time. It is with pleasure that I am writing a letter of support to name a wing of Daniel Bagley School after long-time teacher Barbara Stone. Barbara taught at Daniel Bagley for over 50 years and has dedicated her life to teaching young children.

I first met Barbara when my daughter was in kindergarten and Barbara needed a classroom reading tutor. She is gifted reading teacher and I was thrilled to be able to help her in the classroom and learn from her. From the beginning of her teaching career to her retirement she thought about her students. Whenever she went on a trip or vacation, she scoured bookstores for treasures for her classroom, she wrote postcards and letters to her students. She even invited her entire 1st grade class to her wedding!

In addition to her dedication to her students, Barbara was a valued and treasured colleague. She always had a kind word, gift or message for her fellow teachers. She remembered birthdays and special days for everyone.

Because she was such an integral part of the Daniel Bagley Community for so many years, I think it would be an appropriate honor to name a wing of the newly remodeled school after her.

Thank you for your consideration,

Carrie Bader

Librarian

Daniel Bagley Elementary

cmbader@seattleschools.org

From:	<u>Ivan Phillips</u>	
To:	Holmes, Carla E	
Cc:	Michael Pace	
Subject:	Fw: Naming Daniel Bagley Wing for Barbara Stone	
Date:	Friday, April 10, 2020 6:22:51 PM	
Attachments:	Community Message 4 10 20.docx	

Ms. Holmes,

We are Sandy & Ivan Phillips, living across the street from Bagley School at 78th and Stone. While we did not personally know Ms. Stone, the proposal makes sense to us and we support that idea of naming the new addition after her. Best regards Sandy & Ivan Phillips

From: Michael Pace Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:57 PM To: <u>'Michael Pace'</u> Subject: FW: Naming Daniel Bagley Wing for Barbara Stone

Fyi, below is an email exchange between Daniel Bagley's principal, Carla Holmes, and Jennifer Greenfield regarding naming the new Daniel Bagley kindergarten wing after Barbara Stone.

The attachment is from the email by Ms. Holmes.

- Michael

From: Jennifer Greenfield
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:22 PM
To: Michael Pace <mp@michaelpace.net>
Subject: FW: naming of wing for Barbara Stone

Hi Michael,

I have been in contact with Carla Holmes, Bagley principal, about the naming of the new wing for Mrs. Stone. The next step would normally be a public meeting but as you know that is impossible at this time due to the stay at home order by the governor. She was asking me about a good way to reach the Bagley community and I mentioned your vast email list that goes out to the immediate neighborhood.

Could you please send this out to your mailing list. We are hoping that this reaches enough people to satisfy the School Board in their decision making.

Thank you Michael!

Jennifer

From: Holmes, Carla E <<u>ceholmes1@seattleschools.org</u>>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Jennifer Greenfield <<u>jensatogreen@gmail.com</u>>
Subject: RE: naming of wing for Barbara Stone

Hi Jennifer, Please see blurb attached.

Thanks so much for your help, Carla

From: Holmes, Carla E <<u>ceholmes1@seattleschools.org</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Jennifer Greenfield <<u>jensatogreen@gmail.com</u>>
Subject: naming of wing for Barbara Stone

Dear Jennifer,

I'm working on completing the process for naming the K wing at the new building for Ms. Stone.

One of the possible requirements is that the broader community outside of Daniel Bagley is aware of this process, and typically I would hold a brief meeting but I cannot do this currently.

Do you know of any community online spaces where we might be able to publicize this project?

Thanks for your help, Carla

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Dear Bagley Remodel project,

This is a letter justifying, hoping and supporting the naming of the new primary wing in honor of Barbara Stone.

I will speak first as a teacher who worked with her for 15 years and then substituted in her room for 15 years after I retired. Barbara was the most organized teacher I ever met. When we first met, she taught me to use file folders. Simple, I know but it demonstrates how she helped every new teacher who came into Bagley. She shared her lessons, her materials, her enthusiasm for teaching freely. Not only did she work tirelessly in her classroom, she supported the projects that built the Bagley community, peer tutoring, all school environmental fieldtrips, the contemporary program and the joining with the Montessori program. Her tireless work for the community helped turn Bagley that had a year before closing to a school with a long waiting list.

Watching her work with her students and parents was inspiring. She would conference regularly with parents of student with problems. So many of them came back years later with the thanks for the start they needed. She was a tireless teacher of reading. I learned how good she was as a substitute. Her file folders for each reading group were packed. I would always make the joke that it was my personal goal to do it all for each group in the time given; never could quite make it. She made sure every student for all those years got a birthday cake she baked the night before. The student then got to frost with a friend or two they picked before serving. Her Thanksgiving feast was the total meal with her wonderful husband, Gary, carving the turkey.

Barbara was always quiet about her successes. She never wanted any praise. She did what she did because she loved being a teacher and a part of the Bagley community. When her husband became permanently disabled she knew her job had to be his care and retired quietly with no recognition. I grew up in Seattle Schools, Montlake, Meany and Garfield and taught at Hamilton, Madrona, and Bagley for many years each. I can not think of a single person who worked harder and with more love than Barbara Stone. She is very deserving of this honor and hope she is considered seriously. She was a one of a kind teacher to her own students and parents and the entire Bagley community.

Sincerely,

Jean Krogstad

April 10, 2020

Dear Daniel Bagley Neighbors,

We are excited to be continuing progress on the remodel of our historically landmarked elementary school. As we move into the finishing stages for completion in August, we are starting to plan details for the interior. As some of you may know, Barbara Stone was an amazing kindergarten teacher at Daniel Bagley for close to 50 years. She retired in 2017. To honor her contribution to our school, we are making a proposal to the school board later this spring to name the primary wing after Mrs. Stone.

We wanted to let our broader community know about this pending proposal and to invite any further questions or feedback. If you have any comments, please email principal Carla Holmes at <u>ceholmes1@seattleschools.org</u>.

Thank for your support of our Daniel Bagley community!

March 23, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I had the pleasure of being in Ms. Stone's class as a kindergartener. I believe we should name the kindergarten wing at the new school after Ms. Stone. She has dedicated her life to the students at Daniel Bagley.

Here are some of the reasons why I believe the kindergarten wing at the new school should be named after her. First is because she is kind, caring, and understanding. She is also helpful and sweet. She would treat every student equally, by helping you if you needed it or cheered you up if you were sad.

She would make learning fun by doing activities that made you want to learn by pairing a math activity with coloring. She would also teach you not only math, and writing, but also how to be a kind friend and good citizen. She taught many kids how to read and write at a very young age because of her outstanding teaching style.

On your birthday you would walk into the classroom and there would be balloons, and little goodies on your desk. You would get to choose a flavor of cake and choose some friends to frost the cake with you. You could sit with your friends and watch a movie and eat the cake. She made everyone in the classroom feel welcomed, important, and cared for no matter what.

In conclusion, by naming the kindergarten wing after Barbra Stone we would be honoring and celebrating the many contributions to students and staff. The Bagley community will continue to carry on the tradition of caring and service in her name.

Sincerely, Abby Holmes February 7, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cheryl Pomp King and my son was fortunate to have Mrs. Barbara Stone for both Kindergarten and First Grade. She is a gem! I have never met a more passionate, caring teacher. She made every student feel special. On each student's birthday she would bake them a cake, and let the student and a buddy frost it. She would have a gift and balloons on that student's desk. All holidays were special, they all looked forward to making Leprechaun traps in March. To this day my son says there is no teacher who can live up to Mrs. Stone, and that she will always be his favorite.

I started doing her weekly newsletter and continued doing it for her until she left Bagley. I've been in her classroom when students she had twenty or thirty years ago, would come to visit her. I can't think of a more deserving person to name the new Kindergarten Wing after than Barbara Stone. It would truly honor her dedication and commitment to her students and education.

Sincerely, Cheryl Pomp King