



**Board Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will meet for a Business Meeting on the date and time below in the 4th Floor Auditorium at the Central Administration Building. All regular board Business Meetings, Committee of the Whole and Study Session meetings are open public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend. Executive sessions are closed to the public. Public parking and the main entrance are located on the west side of the building at South G Street.

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Live Streaming Open Meeting	In-Person Open Meeting
Rainier Connect Channel 25, Comcast Channel 26 or Live Link: bit.ly/goktpstv	Central Administration Building 601 South 8th Street Tacoma, WA 98405 4th Floor Auditorium
Broadcast and Recorded at www.youtube.com	

Thursday, January 25, 2024 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 25, 2024 in the fourth-floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Board President Keating read a statement to honor and acknowledge that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

4. ROLL CALL

Directors Keating, Leon, McElroy and Strozier were in attendance. Director Bonbright was absent-excused. Student representative Taylor was in attendance.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

6.1 RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO THE TACOMA YACHT CLUB FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2023

The Community Partnership Office presented the Shining Star Community Partner Award to the Tacoma Yacht Club.

6.2 RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO MULTICARE HEALTH CLINIC AT MT. TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

The Community Partnership Office presented the Shining Star Community Partner Award to MultiCare Health Clinic at Mt. Tahoma High School.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

Director of Labor Relations Griek highlights different jobs within the district each month. Substitutes were recognized for all they do in support of students and schools

7.2 WHOLE CHILD CHAMPION RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Directors recognized the staff members who were nominated as this year's Whole Child Champions. They were nominated for this honor by their students, parents of students, and school staff.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

8.1 BENCHMARK REPORT: ANNUAL - PARTNERSHIPS (VOLUNTEERS & ORGANIZATIONS)

Community Partnership Director Scott-Thomas gave the Annual Benchmark Report on Partnerships (Volunteers and Organizations).

8.2 BENCHMARK REPORT: ANNUAL - ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (GRADUATION)

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Edmond and Director of Schools Hostetter shared the annual benchmark report regarding Academic Excellence (Graduation). The 2023 graduation rate set a new record at 91.1%, compared to the statewide average of 83.6%.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comment:

- o Penny Cramer, Tacoma Education Association President, addressed the Board in recognition of the Whole Child Champions who were recognized, and for all of our educators, teachers and substitutes, full-time and part-time.

Written Public Comment:

- o Steve Diamanti wrote the Board regarding public safety issues at TPS.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 11, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

10.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

10.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

10.4.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL TO MAINLAND CHINA, MARCH 15-25, 2024

10.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

10.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR SAMI, SOTA, AND IDEA TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 17-22, 2024

10.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

10.7 OTHER

10.7.a APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS, GIFTS, OR DONATIONS

11. POLICY MATTERS

11.1 SECOND READING OF NEW POLICY 3422 - STUDENT SPORTS - CONCUSSION, HEAD INJURY AND SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of new Policy 3422. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Medina presented the January 2024 financial update (not a year-end update as was stated on the agenda).

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

13.1 APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN PIERCE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2023-2024 SWIM SEASON

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interdistrict Agreement TSD-23-117 between Franklin Pierce School District and Tacoma Public Schools for the 2023-2024 swim season. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TACOMA (TACOMA CREATES) AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve proposed Contract No. TSD-24-005 between The City of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Schools from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.2 APPROVAL OF TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND METRO PARKS TACOMA "BEYOND THE BELL" CONTRACT AND DATA SHARING AGREEMENT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the proposed contract No. TSD-23-118 between Tacoma Metro Parks and Tacoma Public Schools from September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.3 APPROVAL OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #3 WITH NEELEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE GROUND FLOOR (WILLIE STEWART ACADEMY NORTH) TENANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment 3 which states the cost for the 9th & Broadway Ground Floor (Willie Stewart North) Tenant Improvements Project and authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said Amendment in the amount of \$987,000 excluding sales tax. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.4 APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH WASHINGTON PATRIOT CONSTRUCTION FOR THE JENNIE REED ELEMENTARY MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to Washington Patriot Construction for the Design/Build alternative method for the Jennie Reed Elementary Modernization Project. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.5 APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LOWELL ELEMENTARY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to Korsmo Construction for the Design/Build alternative method for the Lowell Elementary Replacement Project. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director Keating shared about the work being done in her role as chair of the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) Federal Relations Network. On January 15, Directors Keating and Strozier were guests of Representative Melanie Morgan at the State Capitol for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, sitting in the wings of the house floor. They were the only guests called out by the Speaker of the House and honored for being there, which was a great honor for TPS. She thanked the Tacoma area representatives in the 27th, 28th, and 29th Legislative Districts for their commitment to public education. She also testified in the Senate Education Hearing committee. - ♦ - She will be in Washington, D.C. attending the NSBA Equity Symposium and leading a cohort of school board colleagues from around the state to meet with our federal delegates.

Community Events:

- o Directors Strozier and Keating attended the Hunt Open House.
 - Director Strozier thanked the voters for their support that made the building possible.
 - Director Keating shared how fun it was to attend the delayed Open House and to formally celebrate them (as the building had opened during the pandemic). - ♦ - The Hunt students did a mini preview of their spring musical, *The Addams Family*, and did an awesome job.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy thanked the Superintendent and Communications Department for adding links to the TPS website that makes it easier for families to find community resources [found under "Get Involved" on the home page]. - ♦ - She also shared that February is Black History Month which is deeply personal to her, especially in her role working as a role model for youth in the community. She encourages people to lean into being their best, anti-racist selves to uplift the next generation and continue to lift our graduation rates. - ♦ - She has heard that there are petitions from seniors regarding caps and gowns and shared that they should reach out to their schools' administrators.
- o Director Strozier shared about his visit at Truman Middle School for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and that it went well. He gave a shout-out to Principal Stout, Tristan Allen and the ASB student leaders for the job they did. - ♦ - He and President Keating attended the Hunt Open House. He thanked the voters for their support that made the building possible. - ♦ - He encouraged staff and students to keep going as we head into the next half of the school year and to help others as well.

Student Representatives:

- o Representative Taylor (Silas) shared performance dates for their *Mean Girls* musical. Performances will be February 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17. Tickets are available at silasmeangirls.brownpapertickets.com, purchased at the door, or on [Silas' website](#).

Superintendent Update:

- o Superintendent Garcia shared a reminder that the Beyond the Bell registrations are live on your school's websites with the largest number of offerings ever. - ♦ - As we near the halfway mark for the school year, he shared his appreciation for our teachers and encouraged students to keep working hard. He also encouraged families to support your school's arts and athletics and activities. Keep cheering on kids as they're doing amazing things!

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

February 8, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

February 15, 2024
6:00PM - Study Session

February 22, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Keating adjourned the meeting at 7:41PM.