



**Board of Directors Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will meet for a Business Meeting on the date and time above 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.

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

Thursday, February 23, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, February 23, 2023 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Board President Bonbright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Board President Bonbright 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 Bonbright, Keating, McElroy, and Strozier were in attendance. Director Leon was absent-excused.

Alternate student representative Peterson was in attendance. No other student representatives were present.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

6.1 RECOGNITION OF THE STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO ST. LEO FOOD CONNECTION - CHILDREN'S FEEDING PROGRAM

The Community Partnership Office presented the Gold Star Community Partner Award to St. Leo Food Connection - Children's Feeding Program.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

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

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

8.1 CTE SPOTLIGHT: MARITIME SKILLS CENTER

Director of Career and Technical Education Kulaas gave a presentation highlighting the CTE program with a focus on the Maritime Skills Center that is being developed.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken public comments:

- o The following addressed the Board regarding the Stafford Elementary Principal:
 - Johnathan Stanley
 - Christa Hall
 - Ashley Carbullido
- o Matt Wood addressed the Board regarding the SHAPE America Leadership Summit and SHAPE America Speak Out! Day on Capitol Hill.

Written public comments:

There were no written public comments.

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 years.

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

10.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

10.3.a ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER 2022 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

10.3.b ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER 2022 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

10.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

10.4.a APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL TRIP REQUEST FOR BIRNEY MULTILINGUAL TEACHER TO GHANA, AFRICA, MARCH 6 - 17, 2023

10.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

10.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

10.7 OTHER

11. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's next quarterly financial report was postponed and will be presented on March 9, 2023. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no curriculum and instruction items.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

There were no business matters.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o President Bonbright attended the JMAC quarterly meeting where they talked a lot about how to mitigate community violence, as well as the different entities' legislative agenda and what they hope to achieve. They are gathering partner support to help advocate for the collective issues facing our community. -♦- They also continue talking about prevention of violence which is not just an issue in our schools but in our community at large. Area elected's are actively trying to engage youth and community to help solve the problem. -♦- The Equity Policy Review Team will be recommended revisions to Policy 1310 - Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures before making recommended changes to Regulation 1310.1. These will be brought to a future Board meeting.

Community Events:

- o Director Keating shared that she attended the Mock Trial tournament that was held at the courthouse; A few of our schools' teams will be going on to the state tournament. As an observer, she appreciated the local sitting judges and

attorneys who served and how encouraging they were to students.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy acknowledged the challenges faced by the Stafford Elementary community with the crime and families and children feeling a lack of safety. She thanked the parents who shared public comments in support of their school. -♦- She commended community groups in the Gray and Manitou Park neighborhoods for the community clean-ups they've been doing.
- o Director Keating attended two of the student listening sessions that the Board is holding with some of our middle schools and high schools to learn about their thoughts on grading and how it ties to their mental health. -♦- She continues to follow the legislative session, attending WSSDA meetings and calls regarding statewide legislation and the district's priority issues. The bill cut-off week was Feb. 17th, so bills that were not passed are not moving forward. Two of the main pieces of legislation talked about in today's WSSDA meeting were regarding special education and Transportation funding. She shared how much this advocacy work takes conversation and relationships that takes a lot of time. Superintendent Garcia shared how fortunate we are that Director Keating serves in this role. -♦- She will be attending the WASA/WSSDA/WASBO conference, as well as Day on the Hill meetings with legislators. -♦- She commented on the Grading Survey that went out and encourages those who've received it to complete it. Superintendent Garcia shared more information about the survey, which is being spearheaded by the Teaching & Learning department. The information gleaned will help inform any policy changes that may be recommended. -♦- She shared that she received mail singling her out on the Board that had harmful anti-LGBTQ literature included that was specifically sent to make her and her family feel that they are "less-than." As mentioned earlier, there is an epidemic of violence, even here in our community. This kind of violence weaponizes religious belief to dehumanize and oppress and to try to control the identities and bodies of others. This is another form of violence to this community, and the impact is no less-real than physical violence. This type of violence impacts students, staff, and families. She encourages everyone to continue speaking out when they hear this kind of thinking and beliefs and for people to remember there are humans on the other end who it affects.
- o Director Strozier shared that he has earned a scholarship to attend a condensed version of a School Board finance club at Georgetown University, and today was the first class. He feels it's important that directors continue to learn and grow in their roles so they can contribute.

Student Representative(s) Reports:

- o Amanda Peterson, Lincoln High School, shared some student athletic accomplishments with the girl's basketball and flag football teams won leagues; 2 of boy's wrestlers won leagues, and the Cheer team won state. They are excited to hear that Lincoln may be getting their own tennis courts. -♦- The Black Student Union will be hosting a Black History Month assembly. -♦- The ASB will be hosting a volleyball tournament.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

March 9, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

March 16, 2023
6:00PM - Board Retreat

March 23, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:27PM.