

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

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Call to Order

President Williams called the Regular Board Meeting of the Shoreline Board of Directors to order in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices at the Shoreline Center at 6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024. This meeting was also available to the community via Zoom.

Roll Call

Emily Williams, President; Sara Betnel, Vice President; Sarah Cohen, Director; Sylvia Gil, Director; Meghan Jernigan, Director (*attended remotely via Zoom*); Aiden Rouhani and Lily Fredericks (*attended remotely via Zoom*), Shorecrest Student Representatives; and Esme Harkess and Mitchell Ichinkhorloo, Shorewood Student Representatives.

Land Acknowledgement

President Williams provided a brief land acknowledgement.

Celebrations, Recognitions, Introductions and Gratitude

Given that January is School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Reyes took the opportunity to honor our school board members and student representatives. More recognition would occur at the January 30th meeting.

Superintendent Reyes introduced new Executive Director of Human Resources, Treena Sterk, who came from Seattle School District. There she served in the position of Executive Director of Human Resources, Strategies and Operations, as well as Interim Pre-K Director of School Operations and Principal of Eckstein Middle School.

Agenda Review

None

Comments from the Community

President Williams read the instructions for the community comment process. There were no community comments in person or over Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 14 Regular Board Meeting and November 28 Study Session had been submitted to the Board for their review and approval.

MOTION NO. 14: Director Cohen moved that the Board approve the minutes of the November 14 Regular Board Meeting and November 28 Study Session as submitted. The motion was seconded by Director Betnel and carried unanimously.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

President Williams announced that the Board had an opportunity to ask questions on the consent agenda and have them answered prior to this meeting. The following consent agenda was presented for adoption:

- a. Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, Donations
 - 1) Brookside Elementary - \$5,368.00 – Brookside PTA – Teacher Substitutes for Regional Math Conference

- 2) Meridian Park Elementary - \$5,000.00 – Shoreline Public Schools Foundation – Tribal History and Culture Project
 - 3) Shorecrest High School - \$7,500.00 – Shorecrest Boosters – Mattress Sale Fundraiser to Benefit Shorecrest Band
 - 4) District Food and Nutrition Services - \$5,000.00 – Penhollow’s Markets Store 193 dba Village Market Thriftway – Angel Fund
- b. Approval of Updated 2023-2024 Transportation Trip Rate, Effective September 1, 2023
 - c. Authority to Surplus Vehicle
 - d. Brookside Elementary School Fields and Play Area Upgrade Project – Authority and Project Budget – Feasibility/Design Phase
 - e. Highland Terrace Elementary School Fields and Play Area Upgrade Project – Authority and Project Budget – Feasibility/Design Phase
 - f. Transportation Fuel Storage Pump Replacement Project – Authority and Total Project Budget
 - g. Approval of Extended Field Trips
 - h. Approval of Personnel
 - 1) Certificated – Recommended for Election, Leaves of Absence, Retirement/Resignation
 - 2) Certificated – Out-of-Endorsement Assignments
 - 3) Classified – New Hires, Resignations/Retirements, Terminations
 - i. Approval of Payroll and Vouchers

MOTION NO. 15: Director Betnel moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, items 7a through 7i, which is attached hereto and becomes a part hereof. The motion was seconded by Director Cohen and carried unanimously.

As of January 16, 2024, the Board, by a unanimous vote, approved for payment, those vouchers described as follows: December 2023 Payroll Warrants #448419-448444 and Electronic Transfers totaling \$12,310,033.29; Reconciliation of Warrants Issued December 15 thru December 29, 2023 – General Fund Warrants #103513, 103514-103595, 232400263, 232400265-232400332, 232400346, 103642-103776, and 103812-103919, totaling \$1,499,065.72; Capital Projects Fund Warrants #103596-103597, 103777-103781 and 103920, totaling \$978,293.37; and Student Body Fund Warrants #103598-103641, 232400264, 232400264, 232400333-232400345, 232400347, 103782-103811, and 103921-103936, totaling \$95,914.83; for a grand total of \$14,883,307.21.

Reports and Presentations

2024 Legislative Session Update

Sara Betnel, School Board Legislative Representative, presented.

Director Betnel again provided an overview of the legislative session. There have been two small adjustments to the two-year state budget that was established in 2023:

- New capital gains revenue – first \$500 million will go to early learning, all beyond that to school construction
- Unanticipated state revenue – current forecast has this at an approximate \$1.3 billion increase

Director Betnel reviewed the “bills in focus” that are aligned with the District’s priorities of the prototypical school funding model, special education, transportation and student supports, levies and bonds, and curriculum and technology.

In regard to the special education bills, Director Gil inquired about the process used in Shoreline for identifying special education students, as well as whether or not the percentages were larger at the elementary level. Superintendent Reyes stated she would ask Trish Campbell, Executive Director of Student Services to compile that information. Director Jernigan added that the over-identification finding (Hispanic

students) from a few years ago and what the District has done to address that would be helpful information to complete the picture.

A lengthy discussion ensued around the topic of SB 5956 – Relating to enrichment levies. This bill allows local levy collections to have a district’s regionalization factor applied starting with tax collections in 2025. This bill refers to levies only; not LEA (local effort assistance). Of particular note, Director Betnel was advocating that it would be “unjust to give this authority to some districts and not pass a companion LEA bill that would ensure that other districts would get it as well.” Director Betnel asked that Superintendent Reyes share her (Director Betnel’s) advocacy letter with the full board that had been sent to legislators earlier in the day. Directors Cohen and Jernigan encouraged balance in advocacy.

Looking ahead for the rest of this session . . .

- Continue monitoring of bill progress
- Signing in on and/or testifying for priority bills
- Connecting with committee members and legislators
- WSSDA/WASA/WASBO Legislative Conference and Day on the Hill – January 28, 29 - Olympia

Board Requested Discussion and Future Topics

Student Rep Ichinkhorloo inquired if there might be any benefit, specifically in terms of funding, in separating co-ed sports teams, e.g. boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track, boys and girls wrestling, into boys cross country, girls cross country, etc. Superintendent Reyes stated she would follow up with him. Student Rep Ichinkhorloo also expressed some concerns about the awareness and visibility of community service opportunities, particularly since it is no longer a graduation requirement. Superintendent Reyes stated she would follow up with school leadership as to how awareness might be expanded. Student Rep Harkess offered her help in this regard. A nice discussion ensued among the student representatives regarding their personal experiences in this area. Board members thanked Student Rep Ichinkhorloo for bringing up this topic, particularly in view of the recent removal of community service from the graduation requirements.

Action Items

None

Reports and Communications – Board Members and Superintendent

The student reps shared recent and upcoming activities at both Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools. Board members shared experiences and Superintendent Reyes shared some upcoming calendar items. She also thanked all those who assisted with the extensive clean up work resulting from the broken pipes situations at Briarcrest (housed at North City), Lake Forest Park, Meridian Park, and Syre over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend (January 13-15).

Executive Session

None

Adjournment: 8:03 p.m.

Emily Williams, School Board President

Attest: March 5, 2024

Dr. Susana Reyes, Secretary
Shoreline Board of Directors

All documents referenced in the minutes may be viewed in the Superintendent’s Office during normal business hours.