

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 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 30, 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; Aiden Rouhani and Lily Fredericks (*attended remotely*), 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

In continuance of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Reyes expressed words of gratitude for all the work of our board members, recognizing that they put in many hours and often away from their families, on behalf of the district's students, staff and families. A video of students expressing their gratitude, prepared by Rachel Belfield, Public Information Officer, was shared with the Board.

Agenda Review

None

Comments from the Community

President Williams read the instructions for the community comment process. The following individual spoke in person:

- Anna Deliganis, Shorewood Alumni and Parent – Praised the presentation that took place on January 23 by the OSPI Office of Native Education. A couple points the Board should consider when deciding on which tribes to enter into Tribal Consultation with: (1) Suquamish is clearly the nearest federally recognized Tribe, being only nine miles away from this land. Tulalip and Snoqualmie Tribes are 20 and 30 miles away respectively. (2) The Suquamish Tribe is very eager to work with our school district. Contact information for the Suquamish was sent to both President Williams and Superintendent Reyes.

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. Approval of Minutes of the December 5 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approval of Renewal Agreement for Legal Services with Porter Foster Rorick
- c. Approval of Revisions to the 2021-2026 Meet and Confer Agreement with Shoreline Principals Association (SPA) and Shoreline Center Administrators (SCA)
- d. Approval of Extended Field Trips
- e. Approval of Personnel
 - 1) Certificated
 - 2) Classified
- f. Approval of Vouchers

MOTION NO. 16: Director Jernigan moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, items 6a through 6f, which is attached hereto and becomes a part hereof. The motion was seconded by Director Betnel and carried unanimously.

As of January 30, 2024, the Board, by a unanimous vote, approved for payment, those vouchers described as follows: Reconciliation of Warrants Issued January 5 thru January 12, 2024 – General Fund Warrants #103937-103957, 103962-104033, 232400348, and 232400350-232400397, totaling \$372,529.54; Capital Projects Fund Warrants #104034-104040, totaling \$47,276.00; and Student Body Fund Warrants #103958-103961, 104041-104065, 232400349, and 232400398-232400420, totaling \$63,013.49; for a grand total of \$482,819.03.

Reports and Presentations

First Reading: New Policy 6225, Use of Electronic Signature

Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, presented.

District administration would like to incorporate electronic signatures to not only streamline our processes but also to enhance efficiency and security across departments and buildings. This new policy was presented for first reading and would be brought back for recommended adoption on the consent agenda at the Board's regular meeting on February 13.

January 2024 Enrollment and November and December 2023 Financial Update

Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, presented.

Ms. Von Essen reviewed several enrollment charts, reflecting actual vs. projected by grade bands over the years 2019-20 through 2023-24. The enrollment outlook for 2024-25 and 2025-26 is as follows:

- Enrollment has been rolled up by grade level for school years 2024-25 and 2025-26 using a 4-year, non-weighted cohort factor. This is the same method (except for kindergarten) used for the 2023-24 budget.
- For kindergarten, in the past, we budgeted the same number of students as in the current year. However, since 2021-22, the kindergarten enrollment has been declining by approximately 18 students per year. Therefore, for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, we will budget 18 fewer kindergarten students each year.
- The 2025-26 enrollment projection would inherently assume that the 2024-25 enrollment comes in exactly as budgeted. The 2025-26 enrollment will be recalculated in January of 2025.
- We are projecting the 2024-25 enrollment to be 106 (1.2%) students less than this year, and the 2025-26 enrollment to be 134 (1.5%) students less than 2024-25. Over the next two years, enrollment is expected to decline by 240 (2.7%) students.

For the financial update, Ms. Von Essen reviewed actual General Fund revenues and expenditures vs. budgeted as well as fund balance trends over a 10-year period. As of December 31, 2023, the projected unreserved fund balance was \$3,971,567 or 2.4% of total expenditures, compared to the budgeted 1.4%.

After the presentation, there was a brief discussion regarding enrollment in Running Start, Honors and College in the High School courses. Superintendent Reyes announced that more information on those topics would be shared by Dr. Dan Gallagher at the February 13 regular meeting.

2024 Legislative Session Update

Director Betnel provided an update on the key legislative bills that align with the Board's 2024 priorities. This included some new bills that had come forward since the last update to the Board. The cutoff for movement was the following day (January 31) so Director Betnel indicated she would send updates to the Board on bills that moved forward. Bills that were highlighted during this presentation included:

- SB 6123 – Adjusting classified school employee salaries.

- HB 1973/SB 5852 – Concerning special education safety net. This would prevent districts from being penalized for non-substantive errors or omissions in Safety Net funding grant applications. (Senate Bill is moving forward)
- HB 2280/SB 6216 – Establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health. (Senate Bill is moving forward)
- HB 1692 – Creating student advisory groups. Establishes student advisory committees for each legislative district and the Student Representative Network with WSSDA.
- HB 1935 – Promoting resource conservation practices that include student education and leadership opportunities in public schools.
- SHB 1272 – Concerning publishing, formatting, and distribution of the state and local voters’ pamphlets. Anyone submitting a pro/con statement for a measure must be verified to live within the jurisdiction for which the measure applies. (This happened broadly across the state last year whereby those writing con statements did not live in the jurisdictions.)

Board members and student reps engaged in further discussion after the above bills were presented. Director Betnel praised the student reps for their outstanding participation at the recent WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference and Day on the Hill (January 28 and 29). In particular, Student Rep Lily Fredericks testified on the universal school meals bill by sharing her personal experience; it was moving and very powerful.

Board Requested Discussion and Future Topics - None

Action Items - None

Reports and Communications – Board Members, Student Reps and Superintendent

Students and board members provided reports on recent activities in which they participated. Of particular note, Student Rep Harkess reported on the Shorewood girls wrestling team’s very successful season, making the district tournament for the first time in 20 years and Student Rep Ichinkhorloo praised Student Rep Fredericks for her athleticism in a recent wrestling match against Shorewood; she was the star of the Shorecrest team. Additionally, Student Rep Rouhani reported on the recent combined high school food drive that brought in over 3,000 pounds of food—the single highest one-time donation that North Helpline had ever received.

Executive Session

President Williams announced at 7:05 p.m. that the Board would be convening in Executive Session in order to discuss with legal counsel representing the District litigation or potential litigation to which the District is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the District. This discussion was anticipated to last one hour; no action was taken. The Executive Session began at 7:15 p.m., was extended at 8:15 p.m. for 10 minutes, and was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.

Sara Betnel, Board Vice-President

Attest: March 19, 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.