



**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.

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, December 14, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2023 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 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. Student representative Lillian Taylor was in attendance.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. OATH OF OFFICE

Re-elected Director of Position 3, Corey Strozier, took his Oath of Office.
 Re-elected Director of Position 5, Elizabeth Bonbright, took her Oath of Office.

7. BOARD REORGANIZATION

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors elect Lisa Keating as Board President. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors re-elect Corey Strozier as Board Vice President. Director Keating seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

8. DAIS REORGANIZATION

The Board took a brief break to rearrange seating arrangements for the newly-elected president and vice president.

9. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

Each month, the Board recognizes State and Federal civic observances that are both legislatively recognized and which align with the District's strategic plan.

9.1 STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

9.1.a DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

9.2 RECOGNITION OF WSSDA 2023 BOARD OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Chief Communications Officer Jumper recognized the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors for earning a 2023 Board of Distinction Award from the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA).

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

Director of Labor Relations Griek highlights different jobs within the district each month. Professional-Technical and Office Professional staff were recognized for all they do in support of students and staff. Silas Principal Ray also expressed appreciation for the OP/PTs working in the schools.

11. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Garcia made comments about. He also thanked Director Bonbright for the work she's done the last two years in her role as Board President, and that he looks forward to working with President Keating and continued work with Vice President Strozier.

Human Resources Director Trueblood gave a report and update on the Labor Management Committee work, which meets monthly with the Tacoma Education Association leadership and executive board. When issues come up, they try to work through the labor management process to try to problem-solve collaboratively. They recently met with the TEA Board to discuss the requests they made through a letter to the board and at the last board meeting and did some brainstorming about the items that they discussed. Director Trueblood and her team will continue to work on those issues, including ways that the district may be able to help reduce bureaucracy for staff.

12. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comments:

- o Penny Cramer addressed the Board regarding workloads and communication.
- o Lawrence Haskins addressed the Board regarding Skyline Elementary.
- o Masiel Brame addressed the Board regarding Skyline Elementary.
- o Sarah Rogers-Kelly addressed the Board regarding the Grading Policy and Synergy.
- o Steve Diamanti addressed the Board regarding public safety adjacent to Grant CEA and Hilltop Heritage.

Written Public Comments:

- o Gavin Morgan wrote the Board regarding teachers' frustrations.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

13.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

13.1.a APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

13.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

13.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

13.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

13.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

13.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM MT. TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL TO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 8-11, 2024

13.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

13.7 OTHER

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

14. POLICY MATTERS

14.1 SECOND READING OF NEW POLICY 3225 - SCHOOL-BASED THREAT ASSESSMENT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of new Policy 3225. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Medina presented the 2022-23 year-end summary and detailed immediate mitigation actions for the 2023-2024 year. President Keating commented on the report and how stark the effects of inflation and the last legislative session have impacted the district.

16. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

16.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-061 BETWEEN AVID CENTER AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2026

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23- 061 between AVID Center and Tacoma Public Schools in the amount of \$202,163.00 exclusive of sales tax from September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Director Strozier second the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

17. BUSINESS MATTERS

17.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-056 AMENDMENT #1 BETWEEN RO HEALTH AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 202

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-056 Amendment #1 between Ro Health and Tacoma Public Schools for \$325,000 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.

17.2 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-125 BETWEEN KYO AUTISM THERAPY AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-125 between Kyo Autism Therapy and Tacoma Public Schools for \$168,000.00 from September 7, 2023 - August 31, 2024. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

17.3 APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR WIRELESS SUPPORT FOR 2024-2026

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of support for wireless software and hardware with Synchronous Technologies from January 1st, 2024, through December 31st, 2026. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

17.4 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #1 WITH BNBUILDERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL HISTORIC MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment which states the cost for the Oakland High School Historic Project. The Chief Operating Officer also recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #1 in the amount of \$18,606,636, bringing the total consideration to \$22,952,767, excluding sales tax. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

17.5 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #4 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND FORMA CONSTRUCTION FOR THE POOLS UPGRADES

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve and authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #4 in the amount of \$13,372,081, excluding sales tax. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

18. OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2024 AS TACOMA WHOLE CHILD MONTH

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors proclaim January 2024 as Tacoma Whole Child Month and encourage community partner municipalities, agencies and organizations to declare their support for a whole child approach to educating and serving the children of our community. Director Strozier seconded the motion. Directors Bonbright and McElroy commented on the importance of the Whole Child movement. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

18.2 APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO THE CITY OF TACOMA TO BE USED AS RIGHT OF WAY FOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AS REFERENCED IN TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT A-1510, RIGHT OF WAY DEED NO. D-7551 AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent, or those he delegates with authority, to negotiate and approve the conveyance of this land at Hilltop Heritage from the District to the City to be used as Right of Way for pedestrian improvements as described in Construction Easement A-1510, Right Of Way Deed No. 7551, and other documents that may be needed for this transaction. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

18.3 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE "FOR" AND "AGAINST" COMMITTEES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES BOND ON THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 BALLOT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors appoint Mayor Victoria Woodards, CEO of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce Andrea Reay, and Educator Emeritus Willie Stewart to the "For" Committee; and Jay Doherty to the "Against" Committee for the Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades bond on the February 13, 2024, ballot. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

18.4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2132 IDENTIFYING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2132 and approve the updated list of the employees who can authorize transactions on district bank accounts and authorize the superintendent and/or designee to approve the plan. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

19. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Direct Bonbright shared about the annual JMAC meeting, which was a wrap-up of all the work they've done collectively during 2023 to addressing major social and economic issues in our community.
- o Director Keating also attended the annual JMAC meeting. She enjoyed the conversations regarding sustainable funding of initiatives, with a focus on the Summer Late Nights program. She was able to hear from some of the community partners who participated in the programming.
- o Director Keating attended the Traffic & Safety committee meeting. There was a great conversation around community safety in reference to the violence and crime occurring in Tacoma, and what a complicated issue it is. She's been engaging with city and county leaders on how to better support our community, including those who've been directly impacted.

Community Events:

- o Director McElroy shared that Communities in Schools is hosting a sock drive for homeless Tacoma students, and all sizes for children and adults are needed.
- o Director Bonbright attended several events, including the Local Solutions Gun Violence Prevention Summit, run by the Alliance for the Prevention of Gun Violence; invited to and attended the RAND Health and Well-Being Workshop, which focused on how to improve the health and well-being of the community. - ♦ - She attended the open house hosted jointly by the Port of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Schools for the Maritime 253 Skills Center, which was well attended by people in the community. She shared about how much enthusiasm there was, not just from TPS but from the community and our partners, and expressed gratitude for all those who are helping to move this forward.
- o Director Keating attended an event about the Bond measure that was hosted by the Foundation for Tacoma Students. She was not aware of all the community partners who are involved as far as architecture and contractors for things such as playgrounds, and things that are not always recognized such as the upkeep and upgrades of existing buildings. It expanded her view of and appreciation of our community partners.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy reiterated thanks for the districts OP/PT staff (from Whole Child recognition) and her appreciation for the staff at Manitou Park that she has dealt with specifically. - ♦ - She commented about the grading policy changes and the process the Board and staff undertook when developing the revisions. This included listening sessions with students and families, as well as engagement with and input gathered by the Superintendent's office from teachers and other staff. She acknowledged how stressful and difficult changes are. She appreciates the teachers and parents who are taking the time to continue engaging with the Board and the District to give input. - ♦ - Thinking about the Whole Child classroom supports, she addressed hiring freezes across the nation for things like police officers and teachers, and how that is affecting TPS as well. She wonders how we as a community can still support classrooms, and community and parent volunteerism - how we can get more volunteers. - ♦ - She enjoyed the tour of Stadium High School at their open-house night and the things she learned about some of their programs such as their Naval JROTC and theater program. She is impressed by all our high schools and the special things they are doing.
- o Director Strozier encouraged students, parents, and staff to maximize their time during the holiday break to enjoy and prioritize the people in their lives that matter.
- o Director Bonbright shared that all five board directors attended the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) annual conference, participating in 2.5 days of professional development, some required and others on topics that were personally interesting to each of them. She shared that Director Keating was also elected as Chair of the Federal Relations Network committee for our state school board directors.
- o Director Keating attended Congresswoman Strickland's visit to Lincoln High School. She shared how students did not hold back in asking difficult questions, and she appreciated the congresswoman's time and commitment that she engages with students. She and others were also able to meet with her afterwards to discuss things like the Maritime 253 program and other advocacy issues. - ♦ - At the WSSDA conference she attended an Alaska Native Government to

Government required training workshop; afterward she met with another Native school director from Seattle Public Schools, and they had a robust conversation about how to best engage with and understand tribal governments. -♦- She attended the Indian Education building where they were passing out meals in partnership with the Puyallup Tribe. For Thanksgiving they provided 140 meals to families, and at this event they provided over 150. She expressed appreciation to our Indian Education Coordinator David Syth for the work he and his team engage in.

Student Representative Reports:

- o Lillian Taylor shared about Silas' recent choir concert; their field trip to Leavenworth (and a bus breakdown); *Mean Girls* musical rehearsals have started; and their band/orchestra held their middle school recruitment tour. *Mean Girls* performances are the 2nd and 3rd weekends in February.

20. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

January 11, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

January 18, 2024
6:00PM - Study Session

January 25, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

21. ADJOURNMENT

President Keating adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM.