



Board of Directors Business Meeting Meeting Minutes

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Tacoma Public Schools acknowledges that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Puyallup Tribe. This acknowledgement serves as a first step in honoring our nearest tribal neighbors and partners, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and give thanks for allowing us passage to their lands who have inhabited this region since time immemorial. We will make intentional efforts to create inclusive and respectful partnerships that honor Indigenous cultures, histories, identities, and sociopolitical realities.

Thursday, January 14, 2021 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2021 via a live stream open meeting pursuant to the Proclamation by the governor amending Proclamation 20-25, 20-28 Open Public Meeting and Public Records Act. Pursuant to the Governor's COVID19 Emergency Orders, the Governor's Proclamation 20-28, Tacoma School Board Resolution 2074 and by order of the Superintendent, the Tacoma Public Schools Central Administration Building is closed to the public.

Board President Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Cobb, Keating, Strozier, Leon, and Bonbright were present. Student representatives Pearson and Essman were present, as well as alternate student representatives Hill and Ye.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors adopt the agenda as presented. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken public comments:

- o Layne Alfonso addressed the Board regarding Student Athlete Participation in High School Sports.
- o Penny Cramer addressed the Board regarding Personal Experience with Remote Learning.
- o Sarah Kim addressed the Board regarding Reopening of Schools.

Written public comments:

- o Blake and Emily Koehn regarding Concerns with the Current Plan to Bring Some Children back to In-Person Learning.
- o ChaNell Marshall regarding the Status of the TPD SRO Contract Termination Vote.
- o Wendy Daray regarding Continue Remote Learning for Now.

5. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

5.1 RECOGNITION OF GOLD STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO TANYA ANDREWS DURAND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GREENTRIKE

The Community Partnership Office presented the Gold Star Community Partner Award to Greentrike executive director Tanya Andrews Durand, their staff, and the Greentrike Board of Directors.

5.2 RECOGNITION OF THE TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN JANUARY 2021

Superintendent Santorno asked staff, students, parents, and community members to join in recognizing and thanking the Board of Directors for their hard work and the countless hours they spend to provide students with a solid, improving public school education.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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6.1 WHOLE CHILD MONTH

Superintendent Santorno shared the proclamation from Washington Governor Jay Inslee which declares January as Whole Child Month.

6.2 COVID-19 UPDATES

Deputy Superintendent Garcia gave COVID-19 updates, including details regarding the updated guidelines for each level that came from the Governor and the State Department of Health for reopening schools, what plans are in place at each school for the different levels of reopening, the status of vaccinations, and information regarding Tacoma Online.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Strozier moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

7.1.a APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2020 SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT MINUTES

7.1.b APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2020 SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7.1.c APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

7.2 AUTHORIZATION OF CERTIFICATE TO PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER

7.3 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

8. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Presentations on the financial health of the district will be made during regular board meetings on a quarterly basis. The next quarterly report is planned for February 2021. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance/financial-reporting>.

10. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no Curriculum and Instruction reports.

11. BUSINESS MATTERS

11.1 APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Keating moved that the board approve the Interlocal Agreement (Contract No. TSD-21-040) between Eastern Washington University and Tacoma Public Schools for College in the High Schools from January 25, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.2 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND KORSMO CONSTRUCTION, INC FOR DOWNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Director Bonbright moved that the board approve the GMP Amendment which states the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) on the Downing Elementary School Project and authorize the superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment in the amount of \$31,000,000 excluding sales tax. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.3 APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - ESD112 AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director Bonbright moved that the board approve Interlocal agreement No. TSD-21-026 between the Tacoma School District and the ESD112 in Vancouver, Washington. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

13. REPORT TO THE BOARD

There were no reports to the board.

14. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Updates/Comments:

- o Student representatives shared comments and concerns about the plans for schools reopening and regarding school sports starting up.
- o Director Leon encouraged everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they qualify, emphasizing its safety. He mentioned the mental health benefits for students of participating in sports and the arts, as long as they're done in a safe manner.
- o Director Strozier visited several high school athletics programs and saw first-hand how appreciative student athletes were to be back and the safety measures that were being followed.
- o Director Keating wanted to emphasize that the Board is unable to meet virtually because the Governor's Open Public Meetings Act legislation during COVID-19 is currently prohibited. She expressed appreciation to career counselors, who have been introducing the Running Start program to secondary students. A Finance and Entrepreneur Club was started this week, which is a fun way to teach financial literacy and entrepreneurship to students.
- o Director Bonbright shared that she will be the chair of JMAC this year (rotates annually). At their next meeting they will be adopting the RFP proposal for a 6-month project that will benefit all residents within the region.
- o Director Cobb attended the Head Start Policy Council meeting. She commented on how challenging it seemed, early on in the pandemic, to have children (of all ages) wear their masks, and what a great job that they're doing. She commended all the parents who've taught their children to be safe and build good habits.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, January 21, 2021
6:00PM Study Session

Thursday, January 28, 2021
6:00PM Business Meeting

Thursday, February 11, 2021
6:00PM Business Meeting

16. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors met for an Executive Session with Legal Counsel at 8:05PM for approximately 1-hour on the above date in a virtual setting, pursuant to the Proclamation by the Governor, amending Proclamation 20-05, 20-28 Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act. The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss with legal counsel, district litigation or potential litigation, to which the district is, or is likely to become, a party. Executive sessions are closed to the public. No action was taken.

Minutes approved by the Board on: _____

Signed by: _____
Superintendent Carla J. Santorno

By: _____
Board President, Andrea Cobb