Board of Directors Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Live Streaming Open Meeting
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Thursday, April 9, 2020 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday April 9, 2020 via a live stream open meeting pursuant to the Proclamation by the governor amending Proclamation 20-05, 20-28 Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act. Pursuant to the Governor’s COVID-19 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. Members of the public should not come to the Central Administration building for this meeting.

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

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Heinze, Cobb, Leon, Bonbright and Keating were present.
Superintendent Santorno and Deputy Superintendent Garcia were present.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Cobb 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. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

4.1 COVID-19 UPDATE

Superintendent Santorno and Deputy Superintendent Garcia presented an update on the district’s response to the COVID-19 emergency school closure. The update included this timeline of events:

March 7: First confirmed case at Mary Lyon, school closed.
March 9: Confirmed cases at Lowell, Sheridan and Wilson, schools closed.
March 10: Free meals for closed schools begins.
March 11: Gov. Inslee restricts large gatherings, we begin cancelling events such as athletics.
March 12: Gov. Inslee directs closure of Pierce, King, Snohomish County schools March 16 to April 24.
March 16: All schools closed. Begin meal distribution at 10 middle school sites. Launch online family resources.
March 23: Expansion of meals program to include bus routes. Opening of Day Camps.
March 24: Gov. Inslee issues stay-home order statewide. Distribution of printed packets at 10 middle school sites.
March 26: Update on educational opportunities, teachers and schools develop remote learning plans.
March 27: Expansion of Day Camps to serve preschool students.
March 30: Announcement of district-wide laptop distribution plans, dates, protocol.
   April 1: Distribution of laptops to families begins.
   April 2: Gov. Inslee extends stay-at-home order to May 4.
   April 6: Gov. Inslee closes school buildings for the remainder of the school year.

Meals: As of April 7th, the district has served 195,522 meals.
Day Camps: Partners include Multicare, CHI, Greentrike, GTCF, Bamford Foundation, MPT, BG, YMCA, TPS; serving over 15 agencies; over 100 families are in registration process; online registration is available.
Online Educational Resources: each grade level is included, special education is included, additional activities and free resources are included.
Printed Educational Resources: Printed packets of the online resources, available for pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays at all Middle Schools, 10 a.m. to noon, disbursed a total of 24,560 packets to-date, distribution of new resources will begin April 14th and are available online now.
Whole Child Lessons: We’ve built out and shared with families whole child lessons. There are 14 topics so far, 42 different handouts and 168 total lessons.

Distance Learning Framework: Daily/weekly communications from schools and teachers, site-based teacher designed activities, opportunities for feedback and assessment, technology – web access / device access.

Seniors: We’re Analyzing pathways for EVERY senior – gap analysis to determine what they need.

4.2 2020 BOND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Chief Operating Officer, Chris Williams, and Executive Director of Planning & Construction, Morris Aldridge, presented a proposed schedule for the 2020 Capital Bond projects.

5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

General Counsel, Renee Trueblood, reviewed the protocol for members of the public wishing to address the board while board meetings are being held virtually.
Megan Capes submitted a letter to the board regarding use of school facilities for homeless shelter. The letter can be read here.

6. ESSENTIAL MATTERS

6.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2076 AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND SKANSKA USA BUILDING, INC

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2076 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract for Skanska USA Building, Inc. for the McCarver ES Modernization and Stewart MS Modernization projects. Director Cobb seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yea.

6.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2075 - UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, 2020 (TAXABLE)

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2075 providing for the refunding of current outstanding bonds and the re-issuance of unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds, 2020 (Taxable). Director Cobb seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yea.

6.3 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, EXTENDING THE DISTRICT-WIDE EMERGENCY CLOSURE AND SUSPENDING POLICIES, RULES AND/OR REGULATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

Director Cobb moved that the Board of Directors approve the Resolution extending the district-wide emergency closure until 11:59 p.m. June 19, 2020 and suspending policies, rules and/or regulations due to COVID-19. Director Keating seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yea.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, April 16, 2020
6:00PM Study Session - Live Streaming Open Meeting
Topic: Family Engagement Policy & Strategy

Thursday, April 23, 2020 - Live Streaming Open Meeting
6:00PM Regular Business Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Heinze moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm.