



**Board of Directors 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, October 12, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, October 12, 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, Leon, and Strozier were In attendance. Director McElroy arrived at 6:30pm due to extenuating circumstances.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

6.1 STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

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

6.1.a OCTOBER 2: CHILD HEALTH DAY

6.1.b OCTOBER 8: WASHINGTON STATE CHILDREN'S DAY

6.1.c NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

6.1.d DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH

6.1.e FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

6.2 RECOGNITION OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RECEIVING THE 2023 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD

The Board of Directors recognized the Purchasing Department team for being awarded for its commitment to professionalism and leadership of the procurement function.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Garcia gave shout-outs to the schools he visited this past week for the good work he saw being done.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

8.1 BENCHMARK REPORT: ANNUAL EARLY LEARNING (3RD GRADE)

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Edmond presented the Annual Benchmark Report for Early Learning (3rd Grade).

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comments:

- o Jason Struna addressed the Board regarding Travis Elementary teaching resources.
- o Betsy Kindblade addressed the Board regarding Travis Elementary School staffing.
- o Michele Cooper addressed the Board regarding the issue of bullying.
- o Jenelle Walter addressed the Board regarding Travis Elementary School staffing.
- o Ashley Bodnar addressed the Board regarding Travis Elementary School staffing.

Written Public Comments:

The following members of the public wrote the Board regarding Travis Elementary School staffing:

- o Lee Barker
- o Geraldine Gannaw
- o Travis Elementary staff members collectively wrote a reply to Board comments made at the 09/28/23 business meeting: (Lee Barker, Cindy Brandt, Christel Elliott, Kendra Hartman, TaLana Penton, Lindsay Roper-Hetland, and Emily White)

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent 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 years

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

10.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

10.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

10.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

10.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA, NOVEMBER 15-18, 2023

10.5.b APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM SOTA TO BEAVERTON, OR, FEBRUARY 16-18, 2024

10.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

10.7 OTHER

11. POLICY MATTERS

11.1 SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY 1430 - PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of Policy 1430. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

11.2 SECOND READING OF NEW POLICY 4311 - SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES PROGRAM

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of Policy 6973. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

11.3 SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY 6973 - ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR DIGITAL RESOURCES

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of Policy 6973. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's next quarterly financial report is planned for November 9, 2023. Monthly financial statements can be found on the Thursday, October 12, 2023 06:00 PM

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district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

13.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-150 WITH COLLEGE BOARD FOR AP TESTING

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the College Board contract TSD-23-150 in the amount of \$250,000. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. 2, SOUTH PUGET SOUND MARITIME SKILLS CENTER AND PORT MARITIME CENTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement amendment for the initial design phase of the South Puget Sound Maritime Skills Center and Port Maritime Center Planning and Development. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

14.2 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #7 TO CONTRACT TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NO. 10 AND KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SYNTHETIC FIELDS UPGRADES BUNDLE PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve GMP Amendment #7 which states the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for scope of work at Peck Park Baseball Field. The Chief Operating Officer also recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #7 in the amount of \$453,895 for a total GMP Amendments #1 - 7 of \$26,710,218 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.

14.3 APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT WITH BNBUILDERS FOR THE PRECONSTRUCTION DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND MARITIME SKILLS CENTER AND PORT MARITIME CENTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Initial Design Build Services Agreement for the Predesign and Schematic Design phase of the South Puget Sound Maritime Skills Center and Port Maritime Center Planning and Development. The total value of the fees in this Agreement is \$3,616,724 excluding sales tax. Executive Director of Planning & Construction Aldridge clarified that the District will pay the full amount, but will then be reimbursed. The District's portion of the cost is \$1,322,127. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

14.4 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-148 BETWEEN QUESTICA LTD. AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE BUDGET SOFTWARE TO TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Questica Ltd. for their Budget Suite application, not to exceed \$214,000 (plus sales tax). Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2130 AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024

As this was a first reading, there was no action taken.

15.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2131 IDENTIFYING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2131 and approve the updated list of the employees who can authorize transactions on these accounts and authorize the superintendent and/or designee to approve the plan. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director Keating attended the Traffic & Safety Committee meeting. She shared that November 14th is the "National Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day." In partnership with the City of Tacoma, both Manitou and Fern Hill will be participating. They will also be reading books about Ruby Bridges. Director Keating plans to participating in the Manitou walk that day.

Community Events:

- o Director Keating recently attended the Hilltop Artists at Hilltop Heritage event, where they had a group of Fellows

from the Annie E. Casey Fellowship program from across the country here to learn about their program. Hilltop Artists also had their Annual Luncheon, where she was the keynote speaker. She gave a shout-out to our students who helped with many facets of the event. She also acknowledged students Eddie and Ashley, who were the student speakers who shared what Hilltop Artists brings to them as students. Neither of them had given a public speech before. There were over 500 people at the luncheon.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy gave an update that resulted from the comments she made at the September 28th meeting in regards to the public comments received from staff and parents at Travis Elementary with their concerns. She clarified that when she made those comments, she was speaking in the context of the different personal experiences she's had there (when McCarver), as a person, and who she is in community. After that meeting, she reached out to the principal and met with several teachers, staff, students and parents at the school to see what policies the Board can review and possibly revise to help their school. She also reached out to Deputy Superintendent Nolan to get more insight into the issues facing the school and the supports we have in place. She looks forward to meeting with the staff and parents who are staying after this meeting to discuss further. She wants to be an ally for the school.
- o Director Leon expressed his appreciation for all the parents, teachers, and staff members from Travis Elementary who have come to this meeting and the last to speak to us about their concerns. He shared that the Superintendent and staff have made accommodations to help achieve an equitable balance and distribute TPS resources to help balance the needs at Travis and at all schools. He knows that it's not perfect everywhere, but the Board and District leadership take it very seriously. He clarified that the Board's role is not operational in nature, as these issues are.
- o Director Strozier shared about his recent attendance at the Launch Summit (held in Indianapolis), with Chief Financial Officer Medina and CTE Director Kulaas. The summit allowed them build and strengthen relationships with peers from across the U.S. committed to strengthening innovative pathways for students. There were 11 states present. They spent time studying the work that's in progress and looking forward and charting future work. -♦- He spent time at and spoke at Mason Middle School attending the "See Something, Say Something" assembly. As a school, they have recommitted to stop bullying. He gave shout-outs to Mr. Akin and Ms. Brown, along with other staff, for setting this up.
- o At the end of the meeting, Director Leon asked a clarifying question about whether District leadership would be meeting with the Travis Elementary staff at the end of the Business Meeting. President Bonbright clarified that they (District leadership and 1 or 2 board members will be meeting separately with them after this business meeting has adjourned. He also asked if the information that will be shared in the discussions will be disseminated more widely with staff from the school. President Bonbright answered that there have already been several meetings held with staff at the school to share this information, so this meeting will be with those here who have not been able to attend. [AMENDMENT: There was only one meeting held with staff at Travis Elementary prior to the meeting being held after this business meeting, not several, as erroneously stated.]

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

October 19, 2023
6:00PM - Study Session

October 26, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

November 9, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:16PM.