



**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.

-- NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC --

The elevator in the Central Administrative Building is currently out of service. If you require an accommodation to attend or participate in the board meeting, please contact the Board Secretary, Tracy Jones, at tjones4@tacoma.k12.wa.us or (253) 571-1443 as soon as possible.

Live Streaming Open Meeting	In-Person Open Meeting
Rainier Connect Channel 25, Comcast Channel 26 or Live Link: bit.ly/goktpstv	Central Administration Building 601 South 8th Street Tacoma, WA 98405 4th Floor Auditorium
Broadcast and Recorded at www.youtube.com	

Thursday, May 9, 2024 06:00 PM

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors met for an Executive Session at 5:30PM for approximately 25-minutes on the above date in the 4th-Floor Boardroom. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss with legal counsel the consideration of the minimum offering price for sale or lease of real estate if there's a likelihood that disclosure would decrease the price (RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)). Executive Sessions are closed to the public. No action was taken.

Adjourned: 5:55PM

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 9, 2024 in the fourth-floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

3. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Board President Keating read a statement to honor and acknowledge that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

5. ROLL CALL

Directors Bonbright, Keating, Leon, McElroy, and Strozier were in attendance. Director Leon had to leave at 7:00PM. There were no student representatives in attendance.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

7. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

7.1 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.

7.1.a ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

7.1.b MEMORIAL DAY

7.2 RECOGNITION OF THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL SKILLS USA STATE CHAMPIONS IN AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING IMANE QABIL, ALEXANDRA COLOCHO, AND JADEON SCRANTON

The Board of Directors recognized the Lincoln High School Skills USA State Champions in Automated Manufacturing and Technology.

7.3 RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS: ZETA LEE AS STATE CHAMPION IN THE GIRLS 3A/4A 115-POUND WEIGHT CLASS AND WILLIAM ROSS AS STATE CHAMPION IN THE BOYS 3A 126-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

The Board of Directors recognized Lincoln High School wrestling champions Zeta Lee and William Ross for their respective weight classes for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.4 RECOGNITION OF MOUNT TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN DIVISION I UNIFIED BASKETBALL

The Board of Directors recognized Mount Tahoma High School as the Special Olympics of Washington State Champions for Division I Unified Basketball for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.5 RECOGNITION OF SILAS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER, TRU WILLIS, FOR HER 3A/4A WIAA STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP IN WEIGHT CLASS 190

The Board of Directors recognized Silas High School wrestler as the 3A/4A Girls WIAA State Wrestling Champion in the 190-weight class for the 2023-2024 school year.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In addition to the reports below, the following items were shared:

- Chief Operating Officer Williams gave an update on the Birney Round Building water/plumbing issues and the steps being taken to rectify them. Superintendent Garcia reminded the Board that Birney has three separate buildings, and this issue is only affecting the round building. The Birney Elementary website has all the information about updates.
- Superintendent Garcia recognized TPS teachers as part of Teacher Appreciation Week, school nurses for National Nurses Week and May 8th as National School Nurses Day. He also recognized the TPS "small and mighty" Communications department for School Communications Day on May 10th.

8.1 CURRICULAR UPDATES FOR 2024-2025

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Neville gave curricular updates regarding proposed updates for Middle School Science and "Since Time Immemorial (STI) lessons for K-5.

8.2 2024-25 TRANSPORTATION UPDATES: BELL SCHEDULES AND BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Deputy Superintendent Nolan and Director of Transportation Midles gave an update on where we are with the 2024-25 transportation bell schedules and before/after school programs.

9. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no staff report to the Board.

10. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken public comment:

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- Penny Cramer (TEA President) addressed the Board regarding Teacher/Educator Appreciation Week and educator needs.
- Principal Anne Tsuneishi shared Washington Elementary School's TPA appreciation for the Board.
- Paris Roberts addressed the Board regarding the need for follow-up and accountability when mandatory reporting incidents occur.
- Jasmine McCane addressed the Board regarding an incident that occurred with an Arlington Elementary School teacher.
- Marquita Dickson addressed the Board regarding the Birney Assistant Principal position.
- Shalisa Hayes addressed the Board regarding the Arlington Elementary School teacher incident.

Written public comment:

- o There were no written public comments.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

11.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

11.1.a APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 25, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

11.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

11.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

11.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

11.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM MT. TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL JROTC TO WARRENTON, OREGON, MAY 15 - 19, 2024

11.5.b APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL TO SKILLSUSA COMPETITION IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, JUNE 24 - 29, 2024

11.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

11.7 OTHER

12. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

13. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's monthly financial report will be presented at the May 23, 2024 business meeting.

Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

14. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

14.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE PORT OF TACOMA FROM MAY 2024 TO AUGUST 2026

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Tacoma Public Schools and The Port of Tacoma, May 31, 2023- August 31, 2026. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.2 APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TSD-24-053 WITH MARY M. KNIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR WASHINGTON CONNECTIONS ACADEMY

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Washington Connections Academy Interlocal Agreement TSD-24-053. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15. BUSINESS MATTERS

15.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-19-198 AMENDMENT #1 BETWEEN FINALSITE - ACTIVE INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM MAY 9, 2024 - MAY 8, 2029

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-19-198 Amendment #1 between Finalsight - Active Internet Technologies and Tacoma Public Schools in the amount of \$481,403.00 from May 9, 2024 May 8, 2029. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.2 APPROVAL OF NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, DBA NATIONAL BUYBOARD, BUYBOARD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between BuyBoard and Tacoma Public Schools for a five-year term. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.3 APPROVAL TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH BNBUILDERS FOR THE DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH PUGET SOUND MARITIME SKILLS CENTER AND PORT MARITIME CENTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the amendment to 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. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.4 APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT TO ORCA PACIFIC INC. FOR POOL CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a three-year contract to Orca Pacific, Inc. with an option for an additional two-year extension, for pool chemicals and supplies. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.5 APPROVAL TO AWARD A SPRINKLER ON-CALL SERVICE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CONTRACT TO NORTHWEST FIRE SYSTEMS

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to approve a 2-year contract through August 2026 with Northwest Fire Systems for sprinkler on-call services, maintenance, and repairs for an amount not to exceed \$400,000, 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.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

17. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

- o Director McElroy shared about several upcoming community events.
- o Director Bonbright and several others attended the Community in Schools fundraising breakfast and the Maritime Skills Center Open House.
- o Director Keating, alongside several TPS staff, was honored to be invited by University of Puget Sound Masters of Teaching students to sit on a panel regarding Tacoma Public Schools where complicated and critical questions were asked. -♦- She attended the Hilltop Artist's annual glass sale. -♦- She attended the Eastside Community Center Law & Justice Summit.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy asked several clarifying comments of General Counsel Gbenro to clarify what the roles of School Board directors are and what they are not. She asked Superintendent Garcia to describe the process that is followed when the Board receives reports of incidents that happen in schools.
- o Director Bonbright and several other directors attended the Superintendent's Parent & Faith Leaders advisory meeting. She shared what great performances were given by both Grant Center for the Expressive Arts and Lincoln High students productions of Newsies and Newsies Jr.
- o Director Strozier shared that May is Mental Health Awareness month and noted that mental health is just as important as physical health. -♦- He shared that there are only about 20 school days left in the school year and encouraged seniors and other students to keep working hard to finish the year strong.
- o Director Keating attended the Mary Lyon book fair, their first since 2019. -♦- She attended plant sales that have been happening at the high schools. Both Lincoln's and Mt. Tahoma's sold out early. She mentioned what great customer service was given by students. She commended staff as well for all they do to help the students put on these events. -♦- She is mentoring a small group of Wainwright 5th graders on their IB project. Her group's topic is child trafficking. -♦- Finally, she spoke about the public comments that have been leveled at the board recently. She reminded people that these are volunteer positions. Board members serve because they value this community. As board members, they personally have dealt with racism, homophobia/transphobia, etc. Some have received threats. They each sought these positions and they show up, working hard collectively to improve the systems and to make things better.

18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

May 16, 2024

6:00PM - Special Meeting to hold an Executive Session

May 23, 2024

6:00PM - Board Business Meeting

June 6, 2024

6:00PM - Board Business Meeting

Board President Keating reminded that Board meetings will temporarily be moved to the PDC Auditorium beginning with the May 23rd meeting until such time that the elevator repairs at CAB are completed.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Keating adjourned the meeting at 7:47PM.