



Board of Directors Business Meeting Meeting Minutes

The Tacoma School Board is meeting in-person at an open meeting that will also be live-streamed pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation 20-28.14 Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act dated December 7, 2020 https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/proclamations/proc_20-28.14.pdf and the Miscellaneous Venues COVID-19 Requirements dated February 1, 2021: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Misc%20Venue%20Guidance.pdf>

Live Streaming Open Meeting	In-Person Open Meeting
<p>Attend at www.tacomaschools.tv, www.facebook.com/tacomaschools, Click Channel 25 and Comcast Channel 26</p> <p>Those at increased risk for COVID-19 are encouraged to watch via live-streaming</p>	<p>Central Administration Building 601 South 8th Street Tacoma, WA 98405 4th Floor Auditorium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-up for free entry tickets in advance: link on board webpage • Masks required • Attest to no COVID symptoms and temperature check before entry • Contact tracing information required • Capacity 30 members of the public

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 acknowledgment serves as a first step in honoring our nearest tribal neighbors and partners who have inhabited this region since time immemorial, and to whom we give thanks for allowing us passage to their lands. We shall intentionally create inclusive and respectful partnerships that honor Indigenous cultures, histories, identities, and sociopolitical realities.

Thursday, March 25, 2021 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 25, 2021 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

Board President Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Board President Cobb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Bonbright, Cobb, Keating, Leon, and Strozier were present. Student representatives Essman and Pearson were also present.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

5. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

5.1 RECOGNITION OF GOLD STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO RANKOS PHARMACY - LIZ RANKOS

The Board of Directors recognized Liz Rankos and Rankos Pharmacy with the Gold Star Community Partner Award.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 COVID-19 UPDATES

Deputy Superintendent Garcia shared the COVID-19 Update. Topics included reminders about health and safety standards, the current and upcoming status of in-person classes, and other updates such as vaccination and testing opportunities, spring activities, and plans for summer learning.

6.2 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE, 03-25-21

Planning and Construction Executive Director Aldridge gave updates on Downing and Fawcett Elementary and Hunt Middle Schools building progress. He also gave updates on the Design-Build certification, safety and security upgrades happening district-wide, and athletic courts and fields improvements for several schools throughout the district.

7. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comments:

- o Tom Pierson addressed the Board regarding the superintendent replacement process.
- o Holly Bamford Hunt addressed the Board regarding the superintendent search.
- o Fahren Johnson addressed the Board regarding the superintendent search.
- o Tanya Durand addressed the Board regarding replacing Superintendent Santorno.
- o Shon Sylvia addressed the Board regarding the superintendent hiring process.
- o Tafona Ervin addressed the Board regarding the superintendent transition.
- o Shannon Ergun addressed the board regarding the new superintendent.

Written Public Comments:

- o Sally Perkins wrote the Board regarding the TPS superintendent agenda item.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Bonbright moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

8.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1.a APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

8.1.b APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 18, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

8.2 AUTHORIZATION OF CERTIFICATE TO PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER

8.3 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

9. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

A quarterly presentation 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 May 2021.

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

11. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no curriculum and instruction matters.

12. BUSINESS MATTERS

12.1 APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATED EARTH SERVICES, INC. (AESI) SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000 FOR THE HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve Associated Earth Sciences, Incorporated, supplemental geotechnical consulting services at Hunt Middle School. The total value of the purchase order shall not exceed \$400,000. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12.2 APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR FY2021 HEAD START COLA GRANT (GRANT NO. 10CH01190) and NFS WAIVER

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve submission for the FY2021 Head Start COLA Grant application (No. 10CH01190) in the amount of \$78,280 and the NFS waiver in the amount of \$19,570, and if awarded, approve expenditure of funds according to accepted guidelines. [Funding source: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start]. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12.3 APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE PRECONSTRUCTION DESIGN/ BUILD SERVICES FOR FAWCETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement with Hensel Phelps Construction Co. which states the Preconstruction Services for the Fawcett Elementary School Replacement Project and authorize the Superintendent or Designee to sign said Agreement in the amount of \$1,549,379.00 excluding 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.

12.4 APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR SYNTHETIC FIELD, TRACK, AND TENNIS COURT BUNDLE

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to Korsmo Construction for the Design/Build alternative method for the Synthetic Field, Track, and Tennis Court Bundle for multiple school sites. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 ELECTION OF SUPERINTENDENT UNDER RCW 28A.400.010

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors elect Joshua J. Garcia as Superintendent of Tacoma Public Schools under RCW 28A.400.010 and enter into contract negotiations. Director Keating seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and Directors Bonbright, Cobb, Keating, and Strozier voted yea. Director Leon abstained. The chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas and 1 abstention.

14. REPORT TO THE BOARD

14.1 DEMONSTRATION OF COMPASS STUDENT APPLICATION

Director Edmond, Student Data Science and Analytics, gave an overview of the Compass Student Application that has been developed to give students extra tools and access to and more personal control over their academics. The app for middle school students went live on March 22nd; high school students will get their tailored version next. The elementary student application will be available this coming fall. The app will continue to be refined for each grade cohort over time.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, April 1, 2021
6:00PM Business Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021
6:00PM Study Session

Thursday, April 22, 2021
6:00PM Business Meeting

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

- o Student representatives Essman and Pearson spoke about how their return to in-person classes has been. They both commented that they appreciated the in-person engagement with teachers and other students, and that the return has been done safely and efficiently.
 - Rep. Essman gave an update on in-person sports and how the seasons are going.
 - Rep. Pearson gave an update on the work being done in SAMI's Restorative Justice club to help students readjust to being in-person and respecting each other.
- o Director Bonbright shared about the Revisioning Workshop that was done at the last JMAC meeting and talked about the next step in the process that is being led by Rainforest Strategies.
- o Director Leon shared that he recently visited Mason and Truman Middle Schools. He was able to visit with teachers and students, and morale was high. He also visited the nurses and specifically looked at their COVID response process. There are still PPE needs for music programs, particularly wind instruments. He sits on the Safe Streets board, and they'll be having an auction on May 19th. His residents and Faculty will be doing a school physical fair at Mt. Tahoma and Lincoln on April 8th.
- o Director Keating shared that she and the district's LGBTQ PLC team were invited to give a training to University of Puget Sound Masters' Teaching students and faculty. They received great feedback from both students and faculty. She gave a shout-out to the incredible school counselors in our district.
- o Director Cobb shared that she attended a Future of Tacoma Students board meeting and what a strong partnership that is with TPS. She also attended a Headstart Policy Council meeting and shared that it's exciting to see the positive actions moving

policies and programs forward.

17. ADJOURNMENT

President Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:39PM.