



## 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](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 <a href="http://www.tacomaschools.tv">www.tacomaschools.tv</a>, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tacomaschools">www.facebook.com/tacomaschools</a>, 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"> <li>• Sign-up for free entry tickets in advance: link on board webpage</li> <li>• Masks required</li> <li>• Attest to no COVID symptoms and temperature check before entry</li> <li>• Contact tracing information required</li> <li>• Capacity 30 members of the public</li> </ul>

*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, May 13, 2021 06:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 13, 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 6:05PM.

### 2. FLAG SALUTE

President Cobb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL

Directors Bonbright, Cobb, Keating, Leon and Strozier were present. Student representative Essman and Alternate Representative Hill were also present. Student representative Pearson was excused.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Cobb moved to amend the agenda order to move Item 13.1, Discussion of Superintendent's Recommendation to Rename Jason Lee Middle School Pursuant to Policy 6970, before Item 9, Policy Matters. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

Director Bonbright moved to adopt the amended agenda. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

## **5. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY**

### **5.1 RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS**

The Board of Directors recognized the district's newest National Board Certified Teachers and those who recently renewed.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **6.1 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Superintendent Santorno recognized Teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7).

### **6.2 NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSE DAY**

Superintendent Santorno recognized School Nurses for National School Nurse Day (May 12).

### **6.3 COVID-19 UPDATES**

#### **6.3.a SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN**

Director Thu Ament, K-12 Leadership Development, presented on the Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan.

#### **6.3.b DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2096, ACADEMIC AND STUDENT WELL-BEING RECOVERY PLAN**

A preview of Resolution No. 2096, the Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan, was presented as it will be on the next business meeting agenda for possible adoption.

#### **6.3.c ESSER: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EMERGENCY RELIEF**

Chief Financial Officer Medina presented updates on the federal ESSER funds the district has received, emphasizing that they are one-time funds, and explaining what they can and cannot be used for.

## **7. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

### *Spoken Public Comment:*

- o Kimi Irene Ginn addressed the Board regarding her support for the recommendation to rename Jason Lee Middle School.

### *Written Public Comments:*

- o Celesta Smith wrote the Board regarding the social-emotional well-being of elementary students.
- o Amanda Calverley wrote the Board regarding concerns on promoting from within.

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **8.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **8.1.a APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD RETREAT MEETING MINUTES**

#### **8.1.b APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

### **8.2 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **8.3 APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE TO THE PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER FOR APRIL 7, 2021 - APRIL 30, 2021**

## **9. POLICY MATTERS**

### **9.1 READING OF REGULATION 1310R - POLICY ADOPTION AND REVISION**

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the proposed Regulation 1310R. It was noted that the Board had reviewed and discussed changes to this resolution in a previous Study Session meeting, so there is no need for a second reading of this policy. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **9.2 FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 2020 - COURSE DESIGN, SELECTION AND ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

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

### **9.3 FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 2022 - ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND INTERNET SAFETY**

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

## **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 27, 2021. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

## **11. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

There were no curriculum and instruction items.

## **12. BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **12.1 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1,2021 - AUGUST 31, 2023**

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the Tacoma Housing Authority for the period of September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2023, inclusive of 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 years.

### **12.2 APPROVAL OF FY21 HEAD START CARES SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT 10HET001969**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve submission for the FY21 Head Start CARES COVID-19 Grant application (No. 10CH01190) in the amount of \$478,600 and, if awarded, approve expenditure of funds according to accepted guidelines. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **12.3 APPROVAL OF SYNCHRONOUS CONTRACT FOR SWITCHES AND SWITCH COMPONENTS USING FUNDING YEAR 2021-2023 E-RATE ESD112 CONSORTIUM**

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors authorize the purchase of switches and switch components from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **12.4 APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ONE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ALLIANCE**

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to sign an Interlocal Agreement with One Government Procurement Alliance. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **12.5 APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO DIVERSIFICATION, INC., WORKPOINTE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF STUDENT CHAIRS**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve Addendum No. 1 to the Diversification, Inc., Workpointe contract in the amount of \$5,000 for a total contract value of \$255,000. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was carried, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **12.6 APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO MCDOWELL-CRAIG CONTRACT FOR DISTRICT FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve Addendum No.1 to the McDowell-Craig contract in the amount of \$600,000 for a total contract value of \$2,700,000. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **12.7 APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOUR COMMERCIAL MOWERS FOR FACILITIES GROUNDS DEPARTMENT**

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the total cost of 020-Goundsmaster 3200 24HP AWD and 010-Groundsmaster 4010-D Cab T4 Compliant Diesel 54HP field mowers costing \$243,608.71 tax included. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **12.8 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM GAMETIME C/O GREAT WESTERN RECREATION THROUGH KCDA**

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent and/or designee to expend \$300,000, which includes sales tax and freight, for Franklin ES playground equipment from GameTime C/O Great Western Recreation through KCDA. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### **12.9 APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR SYNTHETIC FIELD, TRACK, AND TENNIS COURT BUNDLE**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement which states the Preconstruction Services for the Synthetic Field, Track, and Tennis Court Bundle Project and authorize the Superintendent or Designee to sign said Agreement in the amount of \$1,619,579 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 years.

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.1 DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO RENAME JASON LEE MIDDLE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO POLICY 6970**

Following Policy 6970 and Regulation 6970R, Superintendent Santorno discussed her recommendation that the Board of Directors rename Jason Lee Middle School to Hilltop Heritage Middle School. In addition, the superintendent has a secondary recommendation to revise Regulation 6970R to incorporate an intentional recognition of the Puyallup Tribe in each of our buildings as a small but comprehensive way to ensure that all students have access inside a building to the rich history of our Puyallup Tribe, which could include but not be limited to language, art, and naming of facilities, rooms, or signage.

Committee chairs Michael Knuckles and Kim Messersmith, along with committee member Charlotte Basch, who represented the Puyallup Tribe on the committee, gave an overview of the entire process, including the steps that have been taken since their initial recommendation was presented to the Board of Directors at the February 18, 2021 Study Session.

A recommendation for action will be presented at a future Board Meeting

**14. REPORT TO THE BOARD**

**14.1 SUMMER LEARNING 2021**

Director James Neil, Student Life, gave updates on the Summer Learning programs, both online and in-person, that will be offered. These programs are free to registered Tacoma Public School students. More information about these programs can be found on the Summer Learning website: <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/summer-learning/summer-learning>.

**15. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS**

- o Student representative Essman shared that graduating seniors are happy with the plans that have been made which allow each graduate to have 6 guests attend; Some students have conveyed questions about how HB1273, requiring schools to provide menstrual hygiene products, will be implemented. Regarding the Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan, he believes that Social-Emotional Learning is one of the crucial elements. He also shared his post-high school academic plans.
- o Alternate student representative Hill expressed her appreciation for the Summer Learning Plans that were shared and the Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan. She also shared her post-high school academic plans.
  
- o Director Bonbright shared about her recent visits to Reed and Boze Elementary Schools. She also gave an update about the work being done on the Joint Municipal Action Committee (JMAC).
- o Director Leon shared that he visited Wilson High School before his recent sabbatical. He's heard from parents and students that morale is high since they've been back in-person. April 8th he and his medical residents hosted physicals at Lincoln and Mount Tahoma, and they'll be doing those again in August for the next school year. He also reminded people that students 12 and up are approved to get the Pfizer vaccination and encouraged parents to get their eligible students vaccinated.
- o Director Keating shared that she and Deputy Superintendent Garcia have spent a lot of time in virtual Federal Delegation meetings, including meetings with Senator Maria Cantwell and Staff, the US Department of Education, the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Office of Civil Rights, the Office of Career and Technical Adult Education, the Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, and Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, Congressman Derek Kilmer, Congressman Adam Smith's staff, and Senator Patty Murray's staff. Topics included: COVID response, general updates, Civil Rights, and building action steps for future dates. She has also been working with Tacoma Councilmember Kristina Walker and other city and local leaders regarding youth experiencing homelessness in our community, which connects to our McKinney-Vento students.
- o Director Strozier shared that he visited Manitou Park Elementary School with Director Keating and Councilmember Chris Beale to talk to school administrators to learn about school needs in relation to traffic safety. There are a few big changes coming to that area that will help with the safety. He also commended James Neil, Athletic and Student Life Director, along with other school athletic directors, for their work in which they have been going above and beyond.
- o Director Cobb thanked the Superintendent's team for all the work they've done to make sure that seniors can have a safe graduation ceremony.

**16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Thursday, May 27, 2021  
6:00PM Business Meeting  
(In-Person at CAB)

Thursday, June 3, 2021  
6:00PM Executive Session  
(Virtual Meeting)

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

President Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:17PM.