



## Board of Directors Business Meeting Meeting Minutes

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will hold an Executive Session from 5:45PM to 5:55PM in the 4th Floor Conference Room. The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss, under RCW 42.30.110(a)(ii), security risk assessments to the extent that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security. Executive sessions are closed to the public. All regular board business meetings and study session meetings are public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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, March 11, 2021 06:00 PM

### 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors met for an Executive Session at 5:45PM for approximately 10-minutes on the above date in the 4th Floor Auditorium. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss, under RCW 42.30.110(a)(ii), security risk assessments to the extent that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security. Executive sessions are closed to the public. No action was taken.

### 2. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 11, 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 6:03PM.

### 3. FLAG SALUTE

Board President Cobb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. ROLL CALL

Directors Bonbright, Cobb, Keating, Leon, and Strozier were present. Student representative Essman and alternate representative Hill were also present.

### 5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

### 6. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

#### *Spoken Public Comments:*

- o Kimi Irene Ginn addressed the Board regarding Updating Policies with Community Input.
- o Eric Baker addressed the Board regarding School Reopening Request for Continued Remote Learning Option.
- o Phil Adebimpe addressed the Board regarding Lack of Accountability, Professionalism, and Follow-Through in My Neighborhood High School.

#### *Written Public Comments:*

- o Kimi Irene Ginn, Steve Smith, and Sally Perkins wrote the Board regarding TPS Policy Review: Community Engagement, Equity Lens, Student Learning and Labor Policy Lens.
- o Eric Baker and Rebecca Baker Thompson wrote the Board regarding a Remote Learning Option to In-Person Instruction for the 2020-2021 School Year.
- o Margaret Ross wrote the Board regarding Support for Board Adoption of the Arts ARE Educational Resolution.

### 7. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

#### 7.1 RECOGNITION OF STAFFORD ELEMENTARY P.E. TEACHER MATT WOOD FOR WINNING A 2021 KCTS GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

The Board of Directors and the Tacoma community recognized Matt Wood for his innovative teaching and for winning a KCTS Golden Apple Award.

#### 7.2 RECOGNITION OF TRUMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR TRISTAN ALLEN FOR WINNING THE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON STUDENT LEADERS, 2020 MIDDLE-LEVEL ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

The Board of Directors and the entire Tacoma Public School District recognized counselor Tristan Allen for earning the honor of AWSL Regional Middle-Level Advisor of the Year.

### 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### 8.1 COVID-19 UPDATES

Deputy Superintendent Garcia gave COVID-related updates including health and safety protocols that are in place, the current status of different grades and programs. A presentation on best practices with masks was given. Other spring activities and summer learning updates were also given, along with vaccination updates for TPS staff and other community members with our community partners.

### 9. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Keating moved to 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 yeas.

#### 9.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 9.1.a APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS RETREAT

##### 9.1.b APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

#### 9.2 AUTHORIZATION OF CERTIFICATE TO PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER

#### 9.3 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

### 10. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

### 11. 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>

## 12. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no curriculum and instruction matters.

## 13. BUSINESS MATTERS

### 13.1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2094 REQUEST FOR TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT 10 180-DAY WAIVER FOR GRADES K-12.

Director Bonbright moved that the board approve Resolution No. 2094, a request for the Tacoma School District No. 10 one hundred eighty-day waiver for 2021-2022; 2022-2023; 2023-2024. Director Keating seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### 13.2 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF FACE MASK DONATION FROM UNITED WAY WORLDWIDE

Director Strozier moved that the board approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a Financial Information Management System Contract with FOCUS School Software, LLC (Funding Source: Tech Levy). Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### 13.3 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT WITH FOCUS SCHOOL SOFTWARE, LLC

Director Strozier moved that the board approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract for Financial Information Management System Contract with FOCUS School Software, LLC. [Funding Source: Tech Levy]. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### 13.4 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF EVERGREEN OPTIONS GRANT FROM TACOMA PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Bonbright moved that the board approve acceptance of the Evergreen Options Grant from Tacoma Public Utilities in the amount of \$50,000 for period December 29, 2020 through December 28, 2022, and expenditure of funds according to accepted guidelines [Funding Source: Tacoma Public Utilities]. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### 13.5 APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM #3 TO THE PARAMETRIX, INC. CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON THE FAWCETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Director Bonbright moved that the board approve the Addendum to the Parametrix, Inc. contract in the amount of \$790,000 for Construction Management Services relating to the Fawcett Elementary School Replacement Project. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### 13.6 APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ASSET PRESERVATION PROGRAM - ANNUAL REPORT

Director Keating moved that the board review the annual report in compliance with OSPI's Asset Preservation Program's Building Condition Standards. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

## 14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

## 15. REPORT TO THE BOARD

### 15.1 BENCHMARK: MONITORING EARLY LEARNING (PRESCHOOL)

Assistant Superintendent Verhaar (Teaching and Learning) and Assistant Director Rahl-Lewis (Early Learning) presented a benchmark report on Monitoring Early Learning (Preschool).

## 16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

- o Student representative Essman reported that he and others at the high school level are excited to be starting the in-person hybrid model the next week. He commended Wilson High School for an informational video they put together for all the high schools.
- o Director Bonbright reported that she had attended WSSDA and Project Child Success meetings. She's looking forward to the upcoming JMAC Visioning meeting.
- o Director Leon reported on the downturn of COVID rates, a school-based health center that will be opening, and which he's hoping the state legislature will fund more of; he advocated for later school start times, which have been proven to help students; he helped at the Mount T and Lincoln football games, they're looking to always improve the safety protocols; April 8th there will be a Sports Physical fair at Lincoln High School.
- o Director Keating reported on the Traffic and Safety meeting: there's a new school zone in the area around First Creek. She reminded people to not idle their cars as they're waiting to pick up kids from school for healthy air. She attended WSSDA Equity and Access Caucus and was able to work in small groups with board members and superintendents from different

school districts across the state, and it's interesting to see the variability in sizes of districts.

- o Director Strozier gave a shout-out to Mann Elementary students (where his daughter goes) and staff for their safety protocols and how well they're doing.
- o Director Cobb reported that she will have feedback at the next meeting for committee meetings she'll be attended.
- o Superintendent Santorno gave a shout-out to TPS social workers for their work, as this is National Social Workers Week.
- o Deputy Superintendent Garcia gave updated information regarding earlier questions on the COVID-19 vaccination survey questions.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Thursday, March 18, 2021  
6:00PM Study Session

Thursday, March 25, 2021  
6:00PM Business Meeting

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

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

President Cobb adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.

Minutes approved by the Board on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent Carla J. Santorno

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President, Andrea Cobb