



**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.

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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, March 14, 2024 06:00 PM

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session at 4:45PM. The purpose of the Executive Session was to hear an Informal Reconsideration meeting under RCW 28A.405.230.

Board President Keating adjourned the Executive Session at approximately 5:20PM.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 14, 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, Strozier, and McElroy were in attendance; Director Leon was absent excused. Director McElroy had an emergency and had to leave at 6:30PM. Student representative Peterson was in attendance.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

7. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 PUBLIC HEARING TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OR LEASE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY KNOWN AS MADISON COMPLEX AND WILLARD EARLY LEARNING CENTER

7.1.a VERBAL COMMENT

- Felicia Medlen, City of Tacoma
- Ken Short
- Debbie Russell, Metro Parks Tacoma
- Marty Webb
- Sally Perkins
- Beverly Bowen-Bennett
- Rebecca Solverson
- Lawrence Norman
- Courtney Davis
- Cindy Haverhamp
- Alton McDonald

7.1.b WRITTEN COMMENT

- Alexandria Nickerson
- Beverly Bowen-Bennett
- James Soderlind
- Lawrence F. Norman
- Lea Sanders
- Melanie Moor
- Mike Reid - Hopes & Dreams Foundation
- Pat Richmond
- Robb Krehbiel

8. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

8.1 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.

8.1.a CESAR CHAVEZ DAY - MARCH 31

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Trueblood gave position elimination updates.

9.2 LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS)

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Edmond gave an update on the process of choosing a new Learning Management System (LMS).

10. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

10.1 STRATEGIC BENCHMARK MONITORING REPORT - EARLY LEARNING (PRESCHOOL)

Director of Early Learning Rahl-Lewis gave the annual Early Learning (Preschool) Strategic Benchmark Monitoring Report.

11. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Written public comments:

- The following members of the public wrote the Board regarding proposed budget cuts to Birney Elementary's assistant principal position:
 - Debra Oakes
 - Darlene Oakes
 - Andrya Holt

Spoken public comments:

- The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding the proposed budget cuts to Birney Elementary's assistant principal position:
 - Emily Hasenleder
 - Kaitlin Nagel
 - Marquita Dickson
 - Regina Lewis
 - Miko Steinberg
 - Megan Clark
 - Teagan Brown

- Caitlin VigilPenny Cramer, TEA President, addressed the Board in support of classified employees for Classified Employees Week.
 - The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding discrimination/racism at Edison Elementary School:
 - Jonathan Marrero
 - Jahaira Suarez
 - Alton McDonald
 - Jonathan Marrero

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Bonbright 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 3 years.

12.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

12.1.a APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

12.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

12.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

12.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

12.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

12.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL JROTC TO OREGON CITY, OREGON, MARCH 16, 2024

12.5.b APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR SAMI, SOTA, AND IDEA TO WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 22 - 27, 2024

12.5.c APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL TO ATHOL, IDAHO, MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2024

12.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

12.7 OTHER

13. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

14. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's monthly financial report will be presented at the March 28, 2024 board meeting.

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

15. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

15.1 APPROVAL OF THE DUAL CREDIT ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREEN RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-2028 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Green River Community College and Tacoma Public Schools from February 5, 2024 - December 31, 2028. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

16. BUSINESS MATTERS

16.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-21-018, AMENDMENT #7, BETWEEN MAXIM HEALTHCARE AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 - AUGUST 31, 2024

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-21-018, Addendum #7 between Maxim Healthcare and Tacoma Public Schools from September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2024. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

16.2 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-125, AMENDMENT #2 BETWEEN KYO AUTISM THERAPY AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-125 Amendment #2 between Kyo Autism Therapy and Tacoma Public Schools from September 7, 2023 - August 31, 2024. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

16.3 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT 2 WITH BNBUILDERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL HISTORIC MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve both the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment which states the cost for the Oakland High School Historic Project and authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #2 in the amount of \$6,936,859, bringing the total consideration to \$26,514,087, excluding sales tax. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

16.4 APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES OF THE LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement which states the Preconstruction Services for the Lowell Elementary School Replacement Project and authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said Agreement in the amount of \$2,589,628, excluding sales tax. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

16.5 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH A-1 LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLYARDS PROJECT AT WHITMAN AND MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to award the contract with A-1 Landscaping and Construction Inc. for the procurement of necessary equipment and services in the amount of \$2,007,987, excluding sales tax. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

16.6 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND ALLIANT GROUP FOR THE BUILDERS RISK POLICY HELD BY TPS FOR THE OAKLAND MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the Contract for Alliant Group for the Oakland High School Historic Project in the amount of \$236,966, excluding sales tax. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

16.7 APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT WITH MCCANN CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE LARCHMONT ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY SCHOOLYARDS PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to award the contract with McCann Construction Enterprise, Inc. for the procurement of necessary equipment and services for the Larchmont Elementary Community Schoolyards Project in the amount of \$496,393, excluding sales tax. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

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

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement #2, Amendment #2 for the Design Development 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 3 years.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

17.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2135 AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND ABSHER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors s adopt Resolution No. 2135 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with Absher Construction Company for the Safety and Security Phase 1 Upgrades Bundle. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

17.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2137 TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OR LEASE OF MADISON EARLY LEARNING CENTER LOCATED AT 3101 S. 43RD STREET

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2137 to declare as surplus and authorize the sale or lease of Madison Early Learn Center School District property located at 3101 S. 43rd Street. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

17.3 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2138 TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THE SALE OR LEASE OF WILLARD EARLY LEARNING CENTER LOCATED AT 3201 S. D STREET

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2138 to declare as surplus and authorize the sale or lease of Willard Early Learning Center School District property located at 3201 S. D Street, Tacoma. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

17.4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2139: ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND TUCCI & SONS, INC. FOR THE BROWNS POINT RIGHT OF WAY IMPROVEMENTS

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2139 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with Tucci & Sons, Inc. for the Browns Point Right of Way Improvements. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 years.

17.5 RATIFICATION OF THE 2024-2027 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS (IUOE) LOCAL 302 - SECURITY

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors ratify the collective bargaining agreement between Tacoma School District No. 10 and the Membership of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302 - Security. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 yeas.

18. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director Keating shared about her work with the District and the WSSDA* Federal Relations Network. The legislative session ended March 7th. She has been working closely with the WSSDA Federal Relations Network and Covino-Smith & Simon Co. on legislative issues important to TPS and districts around the state on issues such as expanding Medicaid for non-IEP students. If passed, it could bring up to \$100-\$150 million to the state, which would be significant. Special Education funding in Washington state is significantly underfunded. -♦- There were three initiatives that passed, including one on parental rights. She testified previously in a public hearing to the legislature about potential impacts if passed. She shared that this doesn't change any state law, and 90% are rights parents already have. There is some vagueness to the law, so the district is figuring out how, specifically, it will affect LGBTQ youth. There will be strong oversight by the legislature, an OSPI hotline, and monthly reporting to check against harm or overreach. The bill goes into effect in early June. She thanked the district leadership who supported her through this process as we work to keep our students safe.

Community Events:

- o Directors Keating and Bonbright attended the APCC Lunar New Year Celebration, where this year's focus was on Taiwan (in addition to all the other included nations).
- o Director Keating was an invited guest to attend as the Oasis Youth Center was recognized with a Resolution by the legislature. Afterward, Speaker of the House Laurie Jinkins gave them a tour of the house floor. -♦- She attended the 14th Annual TCC/TPS Powwow, which hasn't been held since 2019. She shared what a beautiful event it was and gave a shout-out to David Syth (Indian Education) and his team for the work they did.

Updates/Comments:

- o Many directors participated in the recent Read Across America events.
 - Director Bonbright read at Birney in Head Start/Pre-K, 3rd grade, and 4th grade classrooms. She mentioned that her student guide (4th grader Natalie) did a great job!
 - Director Strozier read in three classrooms at the school his children attend, including in a kindergarten class and a 4th/5th split class.
 - Superintendent Garcia gave a shout-out to Birney's Dulce Rozon for all the work she does to make the event so special for the students.
 - Director Keating also participated in the Birney event, reading to four classrooms. She shared how nice it is to get into classrooms to ground the work we do, especially during the hard times.
- o Director Bonbright shared that in the latest WSSDA Direct quarterly magazine, TPS was included twice: 1) The Federal Relations Network group, led by President Keating, was highlighted for their advocacy with the US Dept. of Agriculture to help school districts feed more students at no cost to their families. 2) TPS was featured for our Summer Late Nights program that the district, along with our JMAC* community partners (Joint Municipal Action Committee), created last summer to give middle and high school students safe spaces to hang out in the evenings. It appears that the program has support to run again this summer.
- o Director Strozier shared that there are only 3 months left in the school year, and encouraged all our students, to keep working hard. He looks forward to graduations and the celebrations of students for their hard work.
- o Director Keating gave a shout-out to the Stadium Varsity Boys Basketball Team, as well as the Lincoln Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams who made it to playoffs. She was able to attend many of the Lincoln playoff games, which were really exciting. She congratulated all the teams for their hard work this season. -♦- She visited Lyon Elementary and toured the NEST Program, seeing multiple classrooms, including a self-contained classroom where most students are neuro-divergent. -♦- She attended the "It's a Hair Affair" event put on by the Community Aunties and Amanda Scott-Thomas (Community Partnerships), and several TPS staff members. She gave a shout-out to all who participated.

Student Representatives:

- o Representative Peterson (Lincoln) shared that she has been selected as a Daffodil Princess. As part of that, she read to students at Sheridan, Whitman, and Birney Elementary Schools for the Read Across America event. -♦- She shared that she was able to get help with FAFSA at the Link, which was very helpful to her. -♦- She shared that Lincoln's Multi-Cultural Assembly is being held on March 29th, where they will have 12 performers. They'll be holding an Abe Fest festival afterward, which will be open to the community. They are hoping to get help from the Communications department to help with marketing. -♦- Their annual Bump It Up volley tournament will be held March 22nd, which is always fun.

Superintendent's Comments:

- o Superintendent Garcia gave a shout-out and thanked all our Educational Support Specialists -- which includes our custodial team, security team, office professionals, technology team, transportation team, and nutrition services team -- for the amazing job they do. -♦- He gave a shout-out to our Athletic Coaches. This spring we've had the highest level of participation

in high school athletics and had to add some "C" teams. -♦- He reminded the public to watch out for kids as the days get longer and more kids are out in the community. We want to continue keeping kids safe. -♦- He gave a shout-out to our three United Way Champion schools, which shows one way our staff and teams go above and beyond to help and give back to kids.

*WSSDA: Washington State School Directors Association

*JMAC: Joint Municipal Action Committee

19. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

March 21, 2024

6:00PM - Indian Education Listening Session

March 28, 2024

6:00PM - Business Meeting

April 11, 2024

6:00PM - Business Meeting

20. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Keating adjourned the meeting at 8:09PM.