



Board Business Meeting

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 Broadcast and Recorded at www.youtube.com	Central Administration Building 601 South 8th Street Tacoma, WA 98405 4th Floor Auditorium

Thursday, April 25, 2024 06:00 PM

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Start Time: 5:30pm

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will hold an Executive Session in the 4th Floor Boardroom. The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss with legal counsel current or potential litigation to which the district is, or is likely to become, a party (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)). Executive sessions are closed to the public.

Adjournment: 5:55PM

2. CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 6:00PM

Board President Keating will call the meeting to order.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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.

5. ROLL CALL

General Counsel Gbenro will call the roll.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Keating will call for a motion to amend the agenda or approve as presented.

7. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

7.1 RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO COMMUNITY PARTNER LAUREN BENTSON AND THE TACOMA NATURE CENTER STAFF

The Community Partnership Office recommends the Board of Directors recognize Community Partner Lauren Bentson and the Tacoma Nature Center Staff as being awarded the Shining Star Community Partner Award for the month of April 2024.

[RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO COMMUNITY PARTNER LAUREN BENTSON AND THE TACOMA NATURE CENTER STAFF](#)

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

Recognition of Education Support Professionals (ESPs).

[WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION - ESPs](#)

8.2 2024-25 SCHEDULE CHANGES FEEDBACK

[2024-25 SCHEDULE CHANGES FEEDBACK](#)

9. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

9.1 TPS 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES RECAP

[TPS 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES RECAP](#)

10. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

[PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:](#)

School board members encourage public participation. Your civil input is appreciated. Board members will not respond to your comments during the meeting. The Superintendent or a designee will follow-up with you after the meeting if action is needed. Instead of speaking at a meeting, you may also send an email to the board at board@tacoma.k12.wa.us. Please contact the Board Office in advance of the meeting for disability accommodations.

Under **Board Policy 1430 - Public Comment**, the Board President may terminate an individual's comments when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility that the Board imposes on itself. Examples of uncivil comments include comments that:

- o Are libelous or slanderous under a legal standard;
- o Are an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- o Are obscene or indecent pursuant to the Federal Communications Act or any rule or regulation of the Federal Communications Commission;
- o Violate school district policy or procedure related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination;
- o Incite an unlawful act on school premises or violate a lawful school regulation; or
- o Create a material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the Board meeting.

The Board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings and can maintain order by removing those who are disruptive. However, the Board recognizes the distinction between uncivil discourse, which it will not tolerate, and comments about the Board, district, and/or staff that are negative yet still civil in nature. The Board will exercise its authority to maintain order in a content neutral manner.

OPTION 1: VERBAL COMMENT

The General Counsel will call your name when it is your turn to address the school board. Please speak into the microphone. You may have up to three (3) minutes to share your comments or, if there are a large number of speakers, time may be limited at the President's discretion.

OPTION 2: WRITTEN COMMENT

The following members of the public have submitted written public comment:

- o [AMBER ELBON RE: RETAINING BRITNI PROUDMAN AS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT BIRNEY](#)
- o [KATE PEARSON RE: BELL CALENDAR CHANGES AND MANAGING THE BUDGET DEFICIT](#)
- o [JODE PULLEY RE: RESPECT FOR AL PARAEDUCATORS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WORK IN "HARD TO FILL" SPED PROGRAMS](#)

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

11.1.a APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2024 BOARD LISTENING SESSION MINUTES

[APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2024 BOARD LISTENING SESSION MINUTES](#)

11.1.b APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[APPROVAL OF APRIL 11, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES](#)

11.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the submission of one general certificate for authorization and, if authorized, approve expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

[APPROVAL OF WARRANTS](#)

11.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

[APPROVAL OF SEP 2023 THROUGH FEB 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS](#)

[APPROVAL OF MARCH 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT](#)

11.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

11.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

11.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM SOTA TO PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA FROM FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 2, 2025

The Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Support recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state field trip request for the SOTA dance group to attend the National High School Dance Festival in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 26 - March 2, 2025.

[APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM SOTA TO PITTSBURGH, PA, FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 2, 2025](#)

11.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recommends that the Board of Directors approve the personnel recommendations to the Superintendent for the April 25, 2024 Board Meeting.

[APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT](#)

11.7 OTHER

11.7.a APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS, GIFTS, OR DONATIONS

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12. POLICY MATTERS

12.1 SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY 2410 - HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The General Counsel, on behalf of the Secondary Education Director of Schools, recommends the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of Policy 2410.

[SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY 2410 - HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL GRADUATION CEREMONIES](#)

12.2 SECOND READING OF NEW POLICY 2416 - PERFORMANCE-BASED PATHWAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

The General Counsel, on behalf of the Secondary Education Director of Schools, recommends the Board of Directors adopt the proposal of new Policy 2416.

[SECOND READING - NEW POLICY 2416 PERFORMANCE-BASED GRADUATION PATHWAY GUIDANCE AND TOOLS](#)

13. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented as part of the April 18, 2024 Study Session. The presentation is linked below. The next 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>

[2024-25 BUDGET UPDATE.pdf](#)

14. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

14.1 APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-2029 SCHOOL YEARS

The Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Support, on behalf of the Director of Career and Technical Education, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Bates Technical College and Tacoma Public Schools from September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2029.

[APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024-2029 SCHOOL YEAR](#)

14.2 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF START-UP COSTS FOR 23 ADDITIONAL TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS

The Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning recommends that the Board of Directors approve the start-up cost of 23 Transition to Kindergarten classrooms in the amount of \$422,934.12. [Funding Sources: Basic Education]

[APPROVAL OF START UP COST OF 23 ADDITIONAL TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN.pdf](#)

14.3 APPROVAL OF TACOMA HEAD START 5-YEAR NON-COMPETITIVE CONTINUATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF HEAD START

The Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning recommends that the Board of Directors approve submission of the Head Start 5-Year Non-Competitive Continuation Grant Proposal to the Office of Head Start. [Funding Source: Office of Head Start]

[APPROVAL OF TACOMA HEAD START 5-YEAR NON- COMPETITIVE GRANT TO THE OFFICE OF HEAD START.pdf](#)

15. BUSINESS MATTERS

15.1 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #8 TO CONTRACT TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NO 10 AND KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SYNTHETIC FIELDS UPGRADES BUNDLE PROJECT

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve GMP Amendment #8 which states the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for scope of work at Peck Park Baseball Field, Hilltop Heritage, and Lincoln Lighting. The Chief Operating Officer also recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #8 in the amount of \$10,903,362 for a total of GMP Amendments #1 - 8 of \$37,596,855 excluding sales tax. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond issue(s) as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

[APPROVAL OF GMP AMENDMENT #8 WITH KORSMO FOR SYNTHETIC FIELDS UPGRADES BUNDLE](#)

15.2 APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF CONTRACT TSD-23-102 THROUGH AMENDMENT #1 FOR MEDOSWEET

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign Amendment #1 to TSD-23-102 that increases the yearly expense for milk, juice, and other daily products from \$548,787 to

\$1,450,000 per year. Total value of contract including all associated amendments is \$7,250,000, excluding tax. [Funding Source: Nutrition Services budget]

[APPROVAL TO INCREASE CONTRACT TSD-23-102 FOR MEDOSWEET](#)

16. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

17. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

May 9, 2024

6:00PM - Business Meeting

May 23, 2024

6:00PM - Business Meeting & Executive Session

June 6, 2024

6:00PM - Business Meeting

19. ADJOURNMENT

President Keating will adjourn the meeting.