



**Board of Directors 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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Thursday, May 25, 2023 06:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, May 25, 2023 in the fourth-floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Land Acknowledgment was read, a statement to honor and acknowledge that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.

**4. ROLL CALL**

Directors Bonbright, Keating, Leon, McElroy and Strozier were in attendance.  
Alternate student representative Peterson was in attendance.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY**

**6.1 RECOGNITION OF SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO HOPE POINT CHURCH**

The Community Partnership Office presented the Shining Star Community Partner Award to Hope Point Church.

**6.2 RECOGNITION OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

The Board of Directors recognized the student representatives who served on the Board this year: Paris Quinn (Mt. Tahoma) and Javon Smith (SAMI), as well as alternate representatives Amanda Peterson (Lincoln) and Zalcia DeLeon (Lincoln). Recognitions will be mailed to those who were unable to attend.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**7.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITIONS**

**7.1.a ATHLETIC COACHES (CONTINUED)**

Director of Labor Relations, along with Foss Athletics Assistant Reed, gave an additional recognition to Foss Head Basketball Coach Josh Barsh who received the Coach of the Year award. Athletic coaches were originally highlighted in February.

#### **7.1.b WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION: TEACHERS**

Director of Labor Relations Griek highlights different jobs within the district each month. Teachers were recognized for all they do in support of students and schools.

### **8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD**

#### **8.1 HEAD START YEAR IN REVIEW**

Director of Early Learning Rahl-Lewis gave the Head Start year in review, highlighting this year's accomplishments as well as next steps for the coming year.

#### **8.2 6-8 SOCIAL STUDIES REVIEW AND ADOPTION UPDATE**

K-12 Director of Curriculum & Instruction Neville presented information regarding the 6th-8th grade Social Studies Materials Review process and the committee's recommendation to adopt the Educurious curriculum.

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

#### *Spoken Public Comments:*

- o Katie Callahan addressed the Board regarding the Lyon Elementary School NEST program.
- o Tre'Mar Baptiste addressed the Board regarding the "Greater Good."
- o Mike Say addressed the Board regarding Oakland Alternative High School should be returned to an elementary school and that the people who live in that area should have been involved in the decision.
- o Cindy Kennedy addressed the Board regarding the Lyon Elementary School NEST program and the lack of communication surrounding decisions that were made.

#### *Written Public Comments:*

- o Tre'Mar Baptiste wrote the Board regarding his thoughts as a resigned substitute teacher, 2021-2023.

### **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Keating 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 5 years.

#### **10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

##### **10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

#### **10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

#### **10.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)**

#### **10.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS**

#### **10.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

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

#### **10.7 OTHER**

### **11. POLICY MATTERS**

#### **11.1 FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 2420 - GRADING AND PROGRESS REPORTS**

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

### **12. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Chief Financial Officer Medina gave the quarterly financial report.

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

### **13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

#### **13.1 APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SPRINGBOARD CURRICULUM MATERIALS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the purchase and delivery of SpringBoard curricular materials before the opening of the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$206,000 (including sales tax and shipping). Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

### 13.2 APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO EXTEND HEAD START AWARD LIQUIDATION END DATE

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the request to the Office of Head Start to extend the final liquidation period for ARP Head Start supplemental funding for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

## 14. BUSINESS MATTERS

### 14.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-21-018 (ADDENDUM #5) BETWEEN MAXIM HEALTHCARE AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-21-018 (Addendum #5) between Maxim Healthcare and Tacoma Public Schools from September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

### 14.2 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #5 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NO. 10 AND KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SYNTHETIC FIELDS UPGRADES BUNDLE PROJECT

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve GMP Amendment #5 which states the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for scope of work at Truman MS, Gray MS, Lincoln HS and First Creek MS. The Chief Operating Officer also recommends the Board authorize the superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #5 in the amount of \$25,805,301 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.

## 15. OTHER BUSINESS

### 15.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2123 AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND ABSHER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2123 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with Absher Construction Company for the Hunt Middle School Replacement. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

## 16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

#### Committee Reports:

- o Director McElroy shared about how much enthusiasm parents on the Head Start Policy council have for the work they are doing and the importance of it. They have prepared her for the upcoming Head Start Federal 2 review.
- o Director Bonbright attended the Foundation for Tacoma Students "Charting Our Future" conference. Director Strozier was one of the interviewees. She also attended the Foundation's quarterly board meeting.

#### Community Events:

- o Director McElroy encouraged community members to attend their neighborhood council meetings so they can hear and be involved in what is going on in their communities.
- o Director Keating attended the Palmer Scholars spring fundraiser event, where there were many people from TPS: principals, teachers, TEA leadership, etc. She appreciated the event's focus on CTE.
- o Directors Keating and Strozier attended the Native American Celebration for graduating seniors. Each student was honored with a blanket and a hand-painted ceremonial drum, a medallion, and other gifts, all of which were provided through our Puyallup Tribe partnership. She commended Indian Education Coordinator David Syth for the thoughtful engagement he had with each of the students and their families.
- o Directors Bonbright and Strozier participated in the Board's final Family Listening Session, hosted by Mi Centro Listening Session. These have been done to connect with parents who may not have easy access or know how to communicate with the Board. The topic has been students' mental health.
- o Director Bonbright attended the Communities in Schools luncheon, where the Mount Tahoma Student Pacifica group performed. -♦- She attended the Vibrant Schools Surge event; the speaker was Mac Kelvin, a former NBA star who works to keep kids out of gangs and to find their passion. -♦- She attended the "I am Her" event held for middle schoolers; the event was co-hosted by Girls Hearts on Fire. -♦- She's attended multiple meetings with community partners (including many JMAC entities) in our work in combating youth violence and creating safe spaces for teenagers this summer during weeknight evenings, 5:00-10:00pm. She also attended the Mt. Tahoma Forum on Community Violence Round-Up, a meeting for the adults to discuss the forum that had previously been held by students.

#### Updates/Comments:

- o Director Keating attended the Silas Honor Cord ceremony (in support of seniors there, including her daughter!). She thanked the staff and teachers for helping to get graduating seniors across the finish line. -♦- Director Keating shared that Board members met with the delegation of Korean teachers who are visiting, right before last week's Study Session.
- o Director Leon thanked educators/teachers for their work with students who are taking the SBAC and AP testing that have been going on. He commended the students for their hard work as well.
- o Director Bonbright shared information about the Board's Study Session held on May 18th. Topics included a Legislative

Session update and a few policy reviews regarding possible updates to our Grading Policy, as well as a review of our Environmental Stewardship policies, which is the last of our Board Strategic Goals that were adopted for 2022-23 (see minutes from the May 18th Study Session for more information). -♦- She has been working with a group of Wainwright 5th graders as a mentor. Students are working on a research project and picked their own subjects. The group of 4 students that she has been working with chose "child trafficking."

Student Representative(s):

- o Alternate Student Representative Peterson shared how great this school year has been for her, being both fun yet challenging. -♦- The Lincoln ASB will be having their Multicultural celebration the week of May 30-June 2. She emphasized that it's not just about "heritage" but "cultural" as well -♦- Abe-fest is coming up. -♦- She thanked TPS teachers for helping her to become who she is, from elementary through high school.

Superintendent Garcia gave some shout-outs to our students:

- o Wainwright students gave presentations about Educational Inequalities.
- o 2 dozen-plus students were recognized by Tacoma Rotary 8 today.
- o Silas GSA Club produced some important and hard conversions
- o He worked out with the Lincoln Abes football team recently and commended the coaches and students for their.

#### **17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS**

June 8, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

June 22, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

July 13, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

#### **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.