



**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.

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

Thursday, March 28, 2024 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 28, 2024 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

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.

4. ROLL CALL

Directors Bonbright, Keating, and Strozier were in attendance. Directors Leon and McElroy were absent excused. Student representative Taylor 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 THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

The Community Partnership Office presented the Shining Star Community Partner Award to the Tacoma Housing Authority.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

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

7.2 EARLY LEARNING: TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN (TK) UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Edmond gave an update on the Transitional Kindergarten program, which is part of the Board's Early Learning goal.

7.3 LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (LMS) UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Edmond gave an update on the search for a new Learning Management System to replace Schoology.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

8.1 LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Chief Financial Officer Medina gave the legislative and budget update.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comment:

- o Penny Cramer addressed the Board regarding TEA Union issues for custodians and budgets.
- o Calvin Washington addressed the Board regarding school bullying at Silas High School.
- o Jessica Culver addressed the Board regarding bullying in the Special Education program at Skyline Elementary.
- o Arthur Perkins-Cline addressed the Board regarding keeping Heritage Hilltop's Assistant Principal.
- o The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding the Assistant Principal position and resources at Edison Elementary:
 - Mirelle Dionne
 - Heidi Arbogast
 - Jasmyne Walton
- o The following members of the public addressed the Board regarding the Birney Elementary Assistant Principal staffing decision:
 - Jessica Castillo
 - Sarah Smith
 - Cole Nagel
 - Marlo Kernan
 - Kaelin Kerr
 - Brooke Hertenstein
 - Raydell Simpson
 - Jackie Mathew
 - Emily and Lilyan Hasenleder
 - Megan Clark
 - Marquita Dickson
 - Kat Vigil

Written Public Comment:

- o Nolan McNamara wrote the Board regarding discrimination in our school district's interscholastic sports program.
- o Calvin Washington wrote the Board regarding bullying at Silas High School
- o The following members of the public wrote the Board regarding the Assistant Principal position at Birney Elementary:
 - o Evelyn Brooks
 - o Regina Lewis
 - o Cole Nagel
 - o Emily Hawenleder
 - o Laniqua Bell

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 yeas.

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

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

11. POLICY MATTERS

11.1 FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 2410: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL GRADUATION CEREMONIES

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

11.2 FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY 2416: PERFORMANCE-BASED PATHWAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

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

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The next financial report will be made at the April 28, 2024 business meeting.

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

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

13.1 APPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION FOR TACOMA ONLINE

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the proposed ASB Constitution of Tacoma Online. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 yeas.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1: AGREEMENT BETWEEN RIDDELL/ALL AMERICAN, A SPORTS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER AND RECONDITIONING COMPANY AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2026

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the proposed contract amendment for the period of September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2026. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.2 APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 7: ANNUAL PURCHASE ORDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN SONITROL PACIFIC, A SOUND SECURITY, INC. COMPANY, AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve Addendum No. 7 between Sonitrol Pacific and Tacoma Public Schools for services provided for the 2023-2024 school year, from September 1, 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 yeas.

14.3 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-22-196 AMENDMENT NO. 3 WITH EDUPOINT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS FOR PURCHASE OF SYNERGY LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve contract TSD-22-196 Amendment No. 3 with Edupoint Educational Systems in the amount of \$356,588, exclusive of sales tax, for a total contract value of \$2,353,603. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 yeas.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2134: REQUEST FOR TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 180-DAY WAIVER FOR GRADES K-12

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2134 for the request for Tacoma School District No. 10 one hundred eighty-day waiver for 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026- 2027. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 3 yeas.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:
None this week.

Community Events:
o Director Keating shared that March 31st is Trans Day Visibility, which is very important to many of our students, families, and staff.

Updates/Comments:

- o The Board of Directors held a Listening session with families and students in our Indian Education program. There are approximately 153 individual tribes represented by students and staff just within our school district. Director Keating shared how impactful the conversations were, and she thanked Director of Indian Education Syth for organizing and leading the discussion. Director Bonbright was impressed by how engaged and supported the participants felt by the program. They had great suggestions of ways the Board could get more involved and supportive. Director Strozier appreciated the student voice that was shared at the listening session. They spoke about the power of the community, which shows how important the work our Indian Education program is doing and how it's impacting our students. - ♦ - Superintendent Garcia and Deputy Superintendent Nolan also shared their gratitude for the experience shared at the listening session.
- o Director Strozier encouraged students and community members to stay safe during Spring Break in light of the violence continuing in Tacoma communities.
- o Director Bonbright visited Pt. Defiance Elementary and thanked Principal Heacox for her support. She also shared that she had two fifth graders who did a great job serving as her guides. - ♦ - She thanked all the public commenters for coming and sharing with the Board.
- o Director Keating spent some time at Giaudrone Middle School event that helped introduce incoming 5th graders and to learn about their IB program. They had fun events such as a scavenger hunt to help students familiarize themselves with the school. The 8th grade also had done social studies presentations earlier in the day, where younger grades were able to give feedback. It was a unique way to welcome new families into the school along with the existing student body.

Student Representative:

- o Representative Taylor (Silas) shared the importance of Assistant Principals to students. - ♦ - She shared about the successful auction/fundraiser that the Show Choir and Jazz Choir held to help pay their way to Disney. Their choir concert was held last week, and they also performed recruitment concerts at Sherman, Point Defiance, and Truman, which were a lot of fun.

Superintendent & Deputy Superintendent:

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

April 11, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

April 18, 2024
6:00PM - Study Session

April 25, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Keating adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.