



**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 above 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.

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, January 26, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 26, 2023 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Board President Bonbright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Board President Bonbright 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, and Strozier were in attendance. Director McElroy was absent-excused.

Alternate student representative Peterson was in attendance. No other student representatives were present.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

6.1 RECOGNITION OF GOLD STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO MARQUES GREEN OF FAM5

The Community Partnership Office presented the Gold Star Community Partner Award to Marques Green of FAM5.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

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

7.2 WHOLE CHILD CHAMPION RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Directors recognized the staff members who were nominated as this year's Whole Child Champions. They were nominated for this honor by their students, parents of students, and school staff.

7.3 STRATEGIC BENCHMARK MONITORING REPORT - ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (GRADUATION)

Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Support Pace gave the Annual Benchmark Report on graduation rates for the past 5 years, sharing key findings and next steps.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

8.1 POLICY/REGULATION REVIEW PROCESS

General Counsel Gbenro gave an overview of draft Regulation 1310 regarding the Board's policy review process.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comments:

- o Gina Coleman addressed the Board regarding the PSE Contract.
- o The following TPS Librarians addressed the Board regarding funding for school libraries:
 - Margaret Buck
 - Sean Fullerton
 - Christine Rice
 - Jana Fullerton

Written Public Comments:

There were no written public comments.

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 4 years.

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 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

There were no policy matters.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's next quarterly financial report is planned for February 23, 2023.

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 ACCEPTANCE OF OSSI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the OSSI Comprehensive School Improvement grants from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$509,825 and expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

13.2 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE I PART A CLOSING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT GAPS GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Title I Part A grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$10,434,255 for the period of July 1, 2022 - August 30, 2023 and expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

13.3 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE IX, PART A EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Title IX, Part A Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$68,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023 and expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

13.4 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF CARL D. PERKINS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$263,767 for the period of July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, and expenditure of funds according to accepted guidelines. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF THE ADLUMIN AGREEMENT 2023-2026

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Adlumin Agreement for 2023-2026. Director Strozier 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 THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR 2023-24 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT, REVISED 1-9-2023

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Budget Development Guiding Principles for the development of the 2023-24 budget. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director Keating, serving as the Legislative Representative, has attended multiple WSSDA meetings. Starting in February, they will be holding weekly meetings with the leg. reps. from across the state to hone the role and learn how best to collaborate and coordinate together. The legislative session is going faster than anticipated. There are multiple bills that need to be followed and tracked. She was able to meet with some legislators and other staff to discuss particular bills of interest. She also met with Deputy Mayor Walker to discuss collaboration and efforts around community violence and what next steps could be taken to fight the problem.
- o President Bonbright attended the Foundation for Tacoma Students board meeting. They are branching out into Pierce County to support high school graduates across Pierce County in post-secondary pathways.

Community Events:

- o Dir. Keating, Pres. Bonbright, Vice President Strozier, and Director McElroy attended the City of Tacoma's Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration on January 16th.
- o Dir. Keating attended Narrative Changers, of which Vice Pres. Strozier is one of the leaders. She commended these men for their leadership and investment in our male middle school youth (especially those of middle school age). We need more people to step forward as community violence is not just a school problem, it's a responsibility of the community.
 - Narrative Changers meet the 1st Wednesday of each month, usually at 5:00pm. Information about the group and meeting times and places can be found on social media under 253NC. These events are open to families.

Updates/Comments:

- o Vice President Strozier participated in a Mason MS listening session. He commented on students' honesty and transparency in their willingness to share.
- o Pres. Bonbright shared about the Board's Study Session that was held on January 19, 2023. Topics included the 2023-2024 Budget Development Guiding Principles and Continuous Achievement Plans (CAP). -♦- She also attended student listening sessions at Stadium HS and Hilltop Heritage MS. She reiterated how powerful it is to hear from our students about what's important to them and their families. -♦- She spoke about the violence affecting our community and that we have to empower Tacoma to rid ourselves of this environment. The Board feels passionately about working to change the dynamic in our town, doing our best to work with other electeds and policy makers to set the tone and change the dynamic. We are better together - and every child counts.
- o Director Leon shared that the Mount Tahoma Health Center continues to improve, with lots of students from across the district being seen. -♦- In regard to the public comments given by TPS librarians in the meeting, he asked the Superintendent to give the board more information about the issues they shared.
- o Dir. Keating and Vice Pres. Strozier will be attending the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute and Equity Symposium in Washington, D.C. where they will meet with our federal delegates.
- o Director McElroy is currently in Washington, D.C. attending the National Head Start Winter Leadership Institute to work with legislators on Early Learning issues.

Student Representative(s):

- o Amanda Peterson, Lincoln High School, gave an update on the "Positivity Week" events going on. Their ASB Coin Drive has so far raised over \$1000 for the Tacoma Rescue Mission, with 2 days still to go. She shared about other events, including wearing different colors each day to bring awareness to different issues, such as white for anti-violence one day and yellow for suicide prevention another. They have also hosted lunchtime activities such as positivity notes, friendship bracelets, and conversation starters. -♦- In response to the violence occurring in Tacoma, the school is trying to make lunchtime and free-time more safe by encouraging students to stay away from the street. Security is making more of a presence and students are encouraged to stay inside or to spend that time in the courtyard.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

February 9, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

February 16, 2023

6:00PM - Study Session

February 23, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:29PM.