



**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.

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, June 8, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 8, 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

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, McElroy, and Strozier were in attendance. Director Leon arrived at 6:07pm.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

6.1 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

6.1.a LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH

6.1.b JUNE 19: JUNETEENTH

6.2 RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS ADMITTED TO PLU AS PART OF THE TPS/PLU/DEGREES OF CHANGE PARTNERSHIP

The Board of Directors recognized the District's first members of the SEED Teacher Apprenticeship Program, done in partnership with Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) and Degrees of Change.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 BUDGET UPDATE

Chief Financial Officer Medina gave a budget update.

7.2 MCCARVER ELEMENTARY RENAMING PROCESS UPDATE

McCarver Principal Stepany Wright and Committee Member Mu Knowles presented the process followed by the Renaming Committee to come to their recommendation.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

8.1 STRATEGIC BENCHMARK MONITORING REPORT: PARTNERSHIPS (VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANIZATIONS)

Community Partnership Director Amanda Scott-Thomas presented the Strategic Benchmark Report for Partnerships for 2022-2023, including formal partnerships and volunteers, as well as next steps for the coming year.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken public comments:

The following members of the public spoke in favor of renaming McCarver Elementary School after Dr. Edna Travis:

- o Anne Travis-Barker & Beverly, daughters of Dr. Travis
- o Renolda Grant
- o Michael Malveaux

The following teachers spoke in favor of the board adopting the Educurious Social Studies curriculum:

- o Joseph Gavin Morgan
- o Ryan Whitlock
- o Arthur Perkins-Cline

The following members of the public spoke regarding the revisions to Policy 2420: Grading

- o Kristin Hall - Against
- o Amanda O'Halloran - Against
- o Tamara Jones - Asked for postponement until more information is available
- o Penny Cramer, TEA President - concerns not addressed with Collective Bargaining Agreement

The following member of the public spoke regarding discrimination:

- o Michael Green

Written public comments:

- o Sue Leusner, President of the Tacoma Special Education PTA, announced the Outstanding Educators for 2023
- o Klairey Ishem wrote the Board asking them to reconsider the decision to dissolve Whitman's Family Liaison position.

NOTE: The following written comments were submitted for inclusion on this meeting, but due to a technical error, they were inadvertently left off the agenda. In addition to being noted here and retroactively added to the agenda for the June 8th meeting, they have also been included with the written public comments on the June 22, 2023 meeting.

- o Alicia Moore re: Whitman Elementary liaison job position termination
- o Wendi Cook re: Objection to proposed 2420 Grading & Progress Reports policy change
- o Catherine Shedd re: Objections to the revisions to Policy 2420 - Grading & Progress Reports

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Director McElroy 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 18, 2023 BOARD STUDY SESSION MINUTES

10.1.b APPROVAL OF THE MAY 25, 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 SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY 2420 - GRADING AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Clarifications were given about misunderstandings addressed to the Board during the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt the revised Policy 2420. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's next quarterly financial report is planned for August 24, 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 CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-060 BETWEEN CALO AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023-AUGUST 31, 2024

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-060 between Calo and Tacoma Public Schools 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 5 years.

13.2 APPROVAL TO ADOPT AND PURCHASE EDUCURIOUS CURRICULUM MATERIALS GRADES 6-8 FOR THE 2023-2024 THROUGH 2030-2031 SCHOOL YEARS

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the adoption, purchase, and delivery of grades 6-8 Educurious Social Studies curricular materials before the opening of the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$515,400 (including sales tax and shipping). Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT 4 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND ABSHER CONSTRUCTION FOR PHASE 2 OF THE SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES BUNDLE PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve GMP Amendment 4 which states the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the purchase and installation completion of access controls, intrusion detection and intercom upgrades and authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment 4 in the amount of \$180,653 excluding sales tax (NOTE: The original agenda item "Recommendation" incorrectly listed the total contract amount rather than the amount of this amendment, which has been corrected here. The correct amount was listed on the original under "Current Consideration."). Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

14.2 APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND FENCING AT STANLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FROM GAMETIME C/O GREAT WESTERN RECREATION

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent and/or designee to expend \$454,814, excluding sales tax, for playground equipment and fencing at Stanley Elementary School. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2124: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 TO SUPPORT THE PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2124 in support of the prevention of gun violence in our community and our country at large. Director Keating seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director McElroy attended the Head Start Federal Review meeting. The reviewers were very impressed with our Head Start staff and parents involved in the program.

Community Events:

- o Director McElroy shared that she's been thinking about our community as a whole and how people can find information about what's going on in the different communities in Tacoma. The TPS website landing page has information about the Summer Teen Late Nights program that is being sponsored by community partners, including TPS, to give middle and high school students a safe place to hang out every weeknight this summer. She also referenced Metro Parks and their "Co-Create to Recreate" events that they have been hosting and encouraged people to check Metro Parks website for information.
- o Directors Keating and Strozier attended the TPS Night at the Rainiers game, which was a lot of fun. There were lots of schools (including staff, students and families) that participated, and a portion of the ticket sales helped raise money for school programs.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy shared that she has spent a lot of time diving into the student policies. - ♦ - She appreciated what she's learned about Dr. Edna Travis (the renaming committee for McCarver Elementary has recommended naming it after her) as a pillar in the Hilltop neighborhood and the impact she had in the community. She shared about her own upbringing in Hilltop, the legacy of impact, and the need for people to reflect on what they would have turned out like without people like Dr. Travis who helped shape the community positively, especially given the culture in 1958 for people of color.
- o Director Keating attended the Silas High School Senior Awards, and shared that there were also awards given to community members who've impacted the school, such as Xavier Cooper, who helped initiate the name change from Wilson to Silas High School. - ♦ - She spoke about Pride Month and the differing viewpoints that people passionately hold. She has worked for 12+ years with staff and students on the inclusion, safety and acceptance on behalf of LGBTQ+ students. She shared that the top threat of domestic terrorism in the US is against LGBTQ+ people. She shared how meaningful it was to see the LGBTQ+ Inclusion flag on the District's Facebook page and website for Pride Month, but that even there, many divisive comments were left, but many community members also stepped up to call those comments out. She also commented on the number of people she sees wearing TPS shirts that also have the Pride symbol. She is thankful for the District and School Board that tells students that they belong, they are valued, and that we stand alongside you. It is very meaningful to staff, students, and community to hear that they belong, they are valued, and we stand alongside them.
- o Director Strozier attended the TPS Retirement Celebration on June 1st. He shared that there was one person who had spent 42 years in Education! We're grateful to all of those who committed to Tacoma Public Schools. - ♦ - He attended the College Familia program at Jennie Reed Elementary, where students are separated into different "colleges." 5th grade students are the leaders of their younger peers through activities. - ♦ - He attended the Willie Stewart Academy graduation; there were 44 graduates this year, the highest number ever. - ♦ - He also attended the Lincoln Ballfield groundbreaking event. He thanked the voters for supporting the bond which made this possible. The field should be completed in Spring 2024.
- o Director Bonbright and Director Keating attended the Reed Elementary playground groundbreaking, which is a joint partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma and the Washington Land Trust. The playground should be completed by Fall 2024. - ♦ - She had her last mentorship meeting with her Wainwright student group that she has been working with this spring. They chose "child trafficking" as their topic to study, and their presentation to parents will be next week. She has a deep respect for teachers and the work they do with students!

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

June 22, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

July 13, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

August 24, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 8:29PM.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session at 8:35PM. The purpose of the Executive Session was to review the performance of a public employee.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the Executive Session at approximately 9:30PM.

Minutes approved by the Board on: June 22, 2023.

Signed by: _____
Superintendent Joshua Garcia

By: _____
Board President, Elizabeth Bonbright