



## Board of Directors Business Meeting Meeting Minutes

The Tacoma School Board is meeting in-person at an open meeting that will also be live-streamed. Because the Central Administration Building is a school site and because students may be present at meetings, the Tacoma School Board will hold meetings in accord with the Washington State Department of Health July 6, 2021 K-12 COVID-19 Requirements for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/1600/coronavirus/820-105-K12Schools2021-2022.pdf>.

Masks are required and 6 foot social distancing will be observed.

Live Streaming Open Meeting	In-Person Open Meeting
<p>Attend at <a href="http://www.tacomaschools.tv">www.tacomaschools.tv</a>,  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/tacomaschools">www.facebook.com/tacomaschools</a>,            Click Channel 25 and Comcast Channel 26</p> <p>Those at increased risk for COVID-19 are encouraged to watch via live-streaming</p>	<p>Central Administration Building            601 South 8th Street            Tacoma, WA 98405            4th Floor Auditorium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign-up for free entry tickets in advance: link on board webpage</li> <li>• Masks required</li> <li>• Capacity 20 members of the public</li> </ul>

Thursday, March 10, 2022 06:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, March 10, 2022 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, McElroy, and Strozier were present. Director Leon was absent-excused. Student representatives Watson and Ye were present.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

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

**6.1 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 MARCH 31 - "Legal holidays" and "Legislatively recognized days"**

March 31 was recognized as Cesar Chavez Day per [RCW1.16.050](http://rcw1.16.050).

**6.2 RECOGNITION OF TWO MUSIC EDUCATORS, PETER BRIGGS AND MONICA VALENTINE, FOR EARNING AWARDS FROM THE WASHINGTON MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**

The Board of Directors recognized Peter Briggs and Monica Valentine for earning awards from the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA).

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**7.1 COVID-19 UPDATES**

COVID Supervisor and HR Director of Operations Deaderick and Director of Health Services Hobbs presented updates on communications, the new Department of Health K-12 Guidelines (effective March 12), testing opportunities and updates, ongoing community and staff resources, and planning for 2022-23.

**8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD**

**8.1 BENCHMARK: MONITORING EARLY LEARNING (PRESCHOOL)**

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Edmond and Director of Early Learning Rahl-Lewis presented the Early Learning Benchmark Report.

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

*Spoken Public Comments:*

- o Roxane Hreha addressed the Board regarding music education.
- o Julie Whalen addressed the Board regarding K-12 music and 5th grade band/orchestra.
- o Shannon Ergun addressed the Board regarding transparency in hiring.

*Written Public Comments:*

- o Charlene LaMountain wrote the Board regarding policies regarding notifications to parents/students when safety concerns occur on school property.

**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 4 yeas.

**10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

**10.4 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS**

**10.4.a APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR LISTER ELEMENTARY TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, JUNE 26-29, 2022**

**10.4.b APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL TO KEYSTONE, COLORADO, JUNE 25-29, 2022**

**10.4.c APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION TO ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2022**

**10.5 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS**

**10.6 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

**10.7 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**10.8 OTHER**

**11. POLICY MATTERS**

There were no policy matters.

**12. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The district's next quarterly financial report is planned for May 2022. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomashools.org/departments/businessandfinance>

**13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**13.1 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF ARP HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ROUND II GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the ARP Homeless Children and Youth Round II grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$326,819 for the period of February 8, 2022 through August 31, 2023 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 yeas.

**13.2 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF ATTENDANCE AND REENGAGEMENT DISTRICT GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Attendance & Reengagement District Grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$93,750 for period 02-24-2022 through 06-30-2022 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 yeas.

**13.3 APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUOUS ACHIEVEMENT PLAN AND PROCESS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve Tacoma Public Schools Continuous Achievement Plan & Process (CAP) for the 2021-2022 school year. Director McElroy 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 HEAD START 2022-23 CONTINUATION GRANT 10CH011090**

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the 2022-23 Head Start Continuation Grant Application (10CH011090) in the amount of \$6,567,782. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

**13.5 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PAPER EDUCATION COMPANY, INC. ONLINE TUTORING PLATFORM FOR TPS STUDENTS**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of Paper Education Company, Inc. online tutoring platform for TPS students grades 3-12 for 18 months in the amount of \$243,000. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant from the Federal Communications Commission for \$223,247 for the period 09-01-2021 through 06-30-2022 and expenditure of funds per accepted guidelines. Director McElroy 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 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT 3 TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-21-146 BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND ABSHER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES BUNDLE PROJECT**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the GMP Amendment 3 and authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign the amendment document for the purchase of the balance of CCTV cameras for 11 schools, intercom equipment for 18 schools, and remaining design fees for the 18 schools associated with this project to increase the Contract Sum to the amount of \$4,335,715 excluding sales tax. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

**14.3 APPROVAL OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT WITH NEELEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR TACOMA ONLINE LEARNING - TENANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price Agreement which states the cost for the Tacoma Online Learning - Tenant Improvements Project and authorize the Superintendent or Designee to sign said Agreement in the amount of \$3,639,759 excluding sales tax. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

**14.4 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ATS AUTOMATION, INC FOR THE PRECONSTRUCTION/DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR THE HVAC/INDOOR AIR QUALITY UPGRADES PROJECT**

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the contract with ATS Automation, Inc. for the preconstruction/design build services for the HVAC/Indoor Air Quality Upgrades project for a total contract value of \$795,300 exclusive of sales tax. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

**14.5 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF SAFE SCHOOL MEALS GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Safe School Meals grant from the Office of

Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$80,712 for period 08-01-2021 through 09-30-2022 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.

## 15. OTHER BUSINESS

### 15.1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2107 REQUEST FOR TACOMA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS (SOTA), SCIENCE AND MATH INSTITUTE (SAMI), AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ENGINEERING AND ARTS (IDEA) 180-DAY WAIVER REQUEST

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the request for waiver renewal for Tacoma School of the Arts (SOTA), Science and Math Institute (SAMI), and the School of Industrial Design Engineering & Arts (IDEA) for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school year. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

## 16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

- o Director McElroy shared some community comments from Nutrition Services staff she's spoken to. They want to see the administration come talk to them personally rather than through their supervisors; they want to feel seen, heard, and validated. She spoke in support of the public comments that were made regarding inequitable music opportunities for elementary and middle school students in certain areas of the district.
- o Director Strozier shared that he filled in on the Traffic Safety committee for Director Leon, and he also attended his first CTE General Advisory committee meeting.
- o Director Keating shared that she recently took part in the Willie Stewart Academy graduation, which was touching and inspiring. The WA State legislative session ended today. This session was shortened from 120 to 60 days, but with the same amount of work as in a usual year. Our area of focus for the legislative session is education law and policy, which entails a lot of moving pieces and complexity. She thanked President Bonbright for her help in covering some of the legislative sessions for her. The next WSSDA weekly networking call will be working on next steps and priorities for the year ahead.
- o Director Bonbright commended Vice President Keating for the countless hours she has worked on behalf of the WSSDA Legislative Committee, which is an elected position chosen by school board directors from across the state. She also shared about the Board Retreat which was held March 1st at the SAMI Early Learning Center. Retreats take a deeper dive on the Board Goals. This retreat focused on the barriers in policies and other thought processes to create a more anti-racist district. Beth Boggs, American Leadership Forum, led us through a technical vs. adaptive change process.

### Student Representatives:

- o Representative Watson, SOTA, shared that their Associated Student Body (ASB) had a discussion on how to handle sexual assault and harassment in schools. General Counsel Trueblood, Director of Safety & Security Rupert, and Director of Whole Child Allen all participated in the discussion. She shared that, in general, students at SOTA feel unheard, unseen, and confused about how this topic is handled in schools. There is confusion about the differences between what steps can be taken at the level of school administrators, the district, and law enforcement. General Counsel Trueblood is drafting an action plan for SOTA, which will hopefully be shared with schools district-wide.
- o Representative Ye, Stadium, shared that spring sports have started and how nice it is to no longer have to wear masks when playing sports outside. She shared that the Daffodil Parade is scheduled for April 9th. Stadium will be having their 100th annual Memorial Day Assembly the Thursday before Memorial Day.

## 17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 24, 2022  
6:00PM - Board Meeting

April 14, 2022  
6:00PM - Board Meeting

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM.