



**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, July 13, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, July 13, 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, a statement to honor and acknowledge that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, was read.

4. ROLL CALL

Directors Bonbright, Keating, Leon, Mcelroy, and Strozier were in attendance.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6.1 PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

Board President Bonbright called the public hearing to order at 6:03pm. Chief Financial Officer Medina gave an overview of the Goals of the 2023-24 Budget Hearing and presented the preliminary budget for 2023-24, which will be up for adoption at the August 24, 2023 business meeting.

6.1.a VERBAL COMMENT

Christopher Noordman addressed the Board regarding not cutting the Multi-Media class at Stadium High School.

6.1.b WRITTEN COMMENT

There were no written comments.

6.1.c CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:26PM.

7. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

7.1 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.

7.1.a JULY 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY

7.2 RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL SAFETY ORGANIZATION SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The Board of Directors recognized CSO Jordan Potts from Hunt Middle School for winning the "School Security Officer of the Year Award" from the Washington School Safety Organization.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.1 GRADING REGULATION 2420R UPDATES

DART (Data Assessment Research Team) Director Zarling presented updates regarding Grading Regulation 2420R.

9. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no staff report to the Board.

10. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comments:

The following members of the public addressed the Board in support of renaming McCarver Elementary to Edna Travis Elementary:

- o Thy Nguyen
- o Helen Babbitt
- o Robert Penton
- o Katrishca Barker
- o Joe Bowman
- o Heidi Van Harper addressed the board regarding toning down the pronouns.

Written Public Comments:

- o Marshall McClintock wrote the Board about his concern over the McCarver Elementary name change.
- o Kalyssa Eversman wrote the board regarding new family housing developments in the Lincoln District.
- o Kalyssa Eversman wrote the Board regarding a new family housing development in partnership with First Christian Church.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5yeas.

11.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

11.1.a APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 22, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

11.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

11.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

11.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

11.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

11.7 OTHER

12. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

13. 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.tacomascschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

14. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

14.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-17-007 ADDENDUM #11 TO PURCHASE I-READY READING LEARNING APPLICATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of I-Ready Reading Learning Application for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$292,843.16 inclusive of sales tax and shipping. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

14.2 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-22-196 ADDENDUM #1 TO PURCHASE SYNERGY MTSS AND SYNERGY ANALYTICS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of Synergy MTSS and Synergy Analytics for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$246,145. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

15. BUSINESS MATTERS

15.1 APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO MEDOSWEET FARMS, INC. FROM B23020B DAIRY AND JUICE PRODUCTS

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors award the contract for dairy and juice products to Medosweet Farms, Inc. and authorize the Superintendent to award and sign a contract for a total price of \$2,743,935, excluding sales tax, for the period of August 1, 2023 to July 31, 2028. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

15.2 APPROVAL OF BID ACCEPTANCE FOR THE HUNT ROUND BUILDING REMODEL & SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors accept the bid for Hunt Round Building Remodel and Site Improvements Project from Christensen Inc. General Contractor, in the amount of \$1,850,000, excluding sales tax. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

15.3 APPROVAL TO AWARD TITAN EARTHWORK THE BID FOR DEMOLITION OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION ANNEX BUILDING LOCATED AT 708 SOUTH G STREET

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to award the bid to Titan Earthwork for the demolition of the building located at 708 South G Street, Tacoma, WA 98405 and parking lot design. The total award amount is \$224,346 excluding tax. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

15.4 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors ratify the amended contract with Superintendent Joshua Garcia, effective July 1, 2023. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 APPROVAL TO RENAME MCCARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO EDNA TRAVIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors rename Morton M. McCarver Elementary School to Edna Travis Elementary School. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

17. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Nothing to report.

Community Events:

- o Director Bonbright shared about the Mi Centro David Almonte Scholarship that was given to 6 Tacoma graduates, who will receive \$2000 each to further their education. She thanked the Almonte family and Mi Centro for continuing David's legacy. She also congratulated the students who received this year's scholarship awards.
- o Director Strozier shared that on July 6th, he, Deputy Mayor Walker, and Speaker of the House Laurie Jinkins canvassed the Salishan neighborhood to tell the community about the Summer Late Nights program. He was excited to share how many people had already heard about the program. He echoed the thanks to our community partners who are involved in keeping our youth safe this summer.
- o Director Keating shared that Tacoma City celebrates Pride in July instead of the June national pride month so as not to have competing celebrations. A huge street festival was held this past Friday and Saturday that had over 20,000 people in attendance. Elected officials are invited to come on-stage to speak; when it first started 20+ years ago, none would participate. This year there were approximately 40 electeds on-stage. These included congressional leaders, state legislators, county council members, city council members (from multiple Pierce County cities), parks commissioners, port commissioners, over 1/2 dozen judges. The purpose of this is to demonstrate a commitment to the inclusivity, safety, rights, and dignity of LGBTQ people in the county and across the state. It's a beautiful side of Tacoma

Updates/Comments:

- o Director Bonbright reminded the public about the Summer Late Nights program being held this summer for TPS students 6th-11th grade between the hours of 5:00-10:00pm every weeknight. They've had over 767 students register and attend at least once. She thanked our community partners, including Pierce Transit, the Boys & Girls Club, and the YMCA for stepping up and helping to reduce youth violence.
- o Director McElroy shared a reminder to parents for younger kids' hydration needs, especially during the heat of summer. The standard is at least 1 cup of water for each year of age, so a 2 year should be drinking at least 2 cups per day. She also encouraged parents to take kids to the Metro Parks splash pads to help cool down this summer.

18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

August 24, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

September 14, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

September 28, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

19. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:56PM.