



## 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
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	Central Administration Building 601 South 8th Street Tacoma, WA 98405 4th Floor Auditorium

Thursday, April 14, 2022 06:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 14, 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. No student representatives 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 APRIL 10 - DOLORES HUERTA DAY

April 10 was recognized as Dolores Huerta Day per [RCW 1.6.050.7\(o\)](#).

#### 6.2 RECOGNITION OF THE DISTRICT'S NEWEST NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS AND RECENTLY RENEWED BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

The Board of Directors recognized the district's newest National Board Certified Teachers and those who recently renewed.

### 7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### 7.1 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

Legislative Affairs Consultant Charles Brown, Cascade Government Affairs, gave an overview of the legislative session that

recently ended.

## **8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD**

There was no staff report.

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

### *Spoken Public Comments:*

- o Sharnae Green-Ross addressed the Board about bullying issues at Stewart Middle School.
- o Judy Zerzan-Thul addressed the Board about bullying issues at Lowell Elementary School.

### *Written Public Comments:*

There were no written comments.

## **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

Director McElroy moved that the Board 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 4 yeas.

### **10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 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 STEWART MIDDLE SCHOOL TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, MAY 23-24, 2022**

#### **10.4.b APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THE INNOVATIVE TECH SPECIALIST TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, JUNE 26-29, 2022**

#### **10.4.c APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR NUTRITION SERVICES TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, JULY 8-13, 2022**

#### **10.4.d APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, JULY 17-21, 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**

### **11.1 SECOND READING OF POLICY 3224 - STUDENT UNIFORMS AND STUDENT DRESS CODES**

Director McElroy moved that the Board adopt the proposed revised Policy 3224. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

## **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**

There were no Curriculum and Instruction items.

## **14. BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **14.1 APPROVAL TO AWARD WAYNE'S ROOFING FOR THE STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL GYM ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent and/or designee award to Wayne's Roofing for the Stadium HS Gym Roof Replacement. The total award amount is \$600,000 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.

### **14.2 APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH SKANSKA USA BUILDING INC. FOR BRYANT MONTESSORI K-8 SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to Skanska USA Building Inc. for the Design/Build alternative method for the Bryant Montessori K-8 School Replacement Project. 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

There was no other business.

## 16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

- o Director McElroy
  - Shared that she attended the National School Board Association (NSBA) annual conference, and enjoyed meeting board members from across the nation who are dealing with similar issues as we are. Attending and seeing how many people are working to do what's best for children has brought the work this Board is doing more meaning.
- o Director Strozier
  - Shared about the JMAC meeting. This month's presentation, "Vision Zero," was given by Carrie Wilhelme, Sr. Transportation Planner for the City of Tacoma, about the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035. This work is vital to our students and school communities.
  - Attended the TPS hiring event for students, held at the People's Community Center, which was well attended by both vendors and students.
  - Served as a "Celebrity" reader at Browns Point Elementary's PTA Family Reading Night. He shared the kids' excitement and all the thought and planning that went into helping the kids have fun.
- o Director Bonbright
  - Also attended the NSBA conference and shared that they (Directors Bonbright, McElroy and Keating), along with Superintendent Garcia, presented on the Whole Child Initiative, which was well attended.
  - Attended the Daffodil Coronation Ceremony, where all 5 TPS comprehensive high schools had princesses representing them. She commented on the poise, grace and commitment that all the princesses showed, and talked about the service work they are doing in their communities during their reigns.
  - Attended Edison Elementary's Salmon Release Field Day at Swan Creek, put on by the Foss Waterway Seaport. There were lots of science experiments and events for kids, including them being able to release the salmon hatchlings that they had raised from eggs to little fish. She thanked all the volunteers (including SAMI students) who make this happen for students from all the schools across the district.
- o Director Keating
  - Also attended the NSBA Conference. She reiterated how interacting with directors from across the nation helps with understanding the similarities and challenges facing school boards. It helps center the work that we're doing.
  - Attended the Job Fair, sharing the level of energy and excitement that was felt by the students who were there to find a job. She mentioned that it was so well attended that they will need a bigger place to hold it next year, and thanked those who were responsible for the planning of the event.
  - Attended the beginning of the Gault demolition, and is excited for what we can do next with that space to continue supporting students.
  - Also attended the Daffodil Coronation and shared how impressive the student princesses were, answering their questions with honesty and vulnerability.
  - Shared that her professional life of advocating for LGBTQ/Youth issues has been difficult with the current national dangerous and hostile rhetoric around LGBTQ children, their parents, and those who support youth and children. Although Tacoma has a long history of being inclusive, if you know people in this community, she asks you check in on them and offer them encouragement, as she knows that many families locally are struggling.

## 17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2022  
6:00PM - Study Session

April 28, 2022  
6:00PM - Business Meeting

May 12, 2022  
6:00PM - Business Meeting

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 6:57PM.