



Board of Directors Business Meeting Meeting Minutes

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Tacoma Public Schools acknowledges that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Puyallup Tribe. This acknowledgment serves as a first step in honoring our nearest tribal neighbors and partners who have inhabited this region since time immemorial, and to whom we give thanks for allowing us passage to their lands. We shall intentionally create inclusive and respectful partnerships that honor Indigenous cultures, histories, identities, and sociopolitical realities.

Thursday, February 25, 2021 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, February 25, 2021 via a live stream open meeting pursuant to the Proclamation by the governor amending Proclamation 20-25, 20-28 Open Public Meeting and Public Records Act. Pursuant to the Governor's COVID19 Emergency Orders, the Governor's Proclamation 20-28, Tacoma School Board Resolution 2074 and by order of the Superintendent, the Tacoma Public Schools Central Administration Building is closed to the public.

Board President Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Bonbright, Cobb, Keating, Leon, and Strozier were present. Student representatives Pearson and Essman were present, as well as alternate student representatives Hill and Ye.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors adopt the agenda as presented. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

4. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken public comments:

- o Kelsey Monaghan-Bergson addressed the board regarding concerns about physical health regarding in-person learning.
- o Ky Truong addressed the board regarding concerns returning to the hybrid model, specifically student body's concerns.
- o Tara Ryan addressed the board regarding concerns about the hybrid plan.
- o Makesha Conzuelo addressed the board regarding concerns about returning to school in-person via hybrid, specifically communication/transparency.
- o Unyque Eters addressed the board regarding academic concerns focused around moving into hybrid learning and the disadvantages many students will be facing.
- o Seme Omoruan addressed the board regarding Senate Bill 5395 and sexual health education.
- o Rowan Ali addressed the board regarding concerns returning to the hybrid plan in schools, specifically the mental and social disadvantages for students.

Written public comments:

- o Trevor Kagochi wrote the board regarding reopening schools.

5. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

5.1 RECOGNITION OF GOLD STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO MULTICULTURAL CHILD AND FAMILY HOPE CENTER (MCFHC)

The Community Partnership Office presented the Gold Star Community Partner Award to the Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center (MCFHC).

5.2 RECOGNITION OF DR. DOLORES SILAS

The Superintendent's Office recognized and honored the groundbreaking accomplishments of Dr. Dolores Silas and celebrated her as the new namesake of Wilson High School.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 COVID-19 UPDATES

Deputy Superintendent Garcia gave COVID-19 updates, including that the district is planning in-person graduations, and that Board Business Meetings will be held in-person beginning in March, although with standard COVID-19 safety measures required.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Keating moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

7.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1.a APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

7.1.b APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 SCHOOL BOARD STUDY SESSION MINUTES

7.2 AUTHORIZATION OF CERTIFICATE TO PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER

7.3 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

8. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Medina gave a quarterly presentation on the financial health of the district.

10. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no curriculum and instruction reports.

11. BUSINESS MATTERS

11.1 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY GRANT FROM THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Grant in the amount of \$149,958 for period February 26, 2021 through July 31, 2022, and expenditure of funds according to accepted guidelines. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. Directors Bonbright, Keating, Leon, and Strozier voted yea; Director Cobb abstained due to her connection to the Gates Foundation. The chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

11.2 APPROVAL OF HEAD START FY20 BUDGET CARRYOVER

Director Keating moved that the board approve the district's request of budget carryover from FY20 in the amount of \$845,419.00. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.3 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF CITY OF TACOMA WHOLE CHILD PROGRAMS GRANT AMENDMENT NO. 4.

Director Strozier moved that the board approve acceptance of the City of Tacoma Whole Child Programs Grant Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$784,670 for period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 and expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.4 APPROVAL FOR ADDENDUM NO. 1 FOR VERITIV OPERATING COMPANY CONTRACT (TSD-17-186)

Director Leon moved that the board approve the Addendum No. 1 to extend the Veritiv Operating Company Contract for an additional two years. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.5 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND TURNER CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR SKYLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Director Strozier moved that the board approve the GMP Amendment which states the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) on the Skyline Elementary School Project and authorize the superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment in the amount of \$30,911,805 excluding sales tax. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.6 APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH HENSEL PHELPS CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR FAWCETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Director Strozier moved that the board approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to Hensel Phelps Construction Co. for the Design/Build alternative method for the Fawcett Elementary Replacement Project. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.7 APPROVAL OF THE REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND FOR THE SITE ADJACENT TO DOWNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Chief Operating Officer recommended that the board approve the Superintendent or designee to enter the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Tacoma School District and the Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound for the site adjacent to Downing Elementary School. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY PLAN

Director Keating moved that the board direct the Superintendent to work with necessary stakeholders to propose a comprehensive security plan that supports students' and staff safety for the board to review at a future board meeting. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

13. REPORT TO THE BOARD

There were no reports to the board.

14. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

- o Student representatives reported:
 - They appreciated hearing other student voices in the public comments. It's important that students have a voice and use them. They also have heard from students in their schools who have concerns about the hybrid model, but there are many who are in favor of it. We need to make sure that we're returning in the safest way possible.
 - Input from the Tacoma Mayor's Youth Commission suggests that the "mental health resources" on the TPS website should be easier to find.
- o Director Keating reported that she attended the WSSDA/WASA/WASBO conference. WSSDA is doing a great job with student engagement, and she thanked our student representatives for their work. She will be attending WSSDA's Legislative Conference and the Large School Caucus and the Equity and Access Caucus meetings.
- o Director Leon reported that he visited Jefferson Elementary School and will be assisting at the Lincoln football game. He recently testified at the legislature in favor of creating school-based health centers; his Mutli-Care and Tribal Health residents will be volunteer school sports physicals on April 4th (if it's still safe to do). He also reminded people to double-mask.
- o Director Cobb thanked our student representatives for the time they commit to being on the board and the students who provided public comments. She emphasized that the Board strives to do what's in students' best interest, doing what is right. The Board wants your feedback.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, March 11, 2021
6:00PM Business Meeting

Thursday, March 18, 2021
6:00PM Study Session

Thursday, March 25, 2021
6:00PM Business Meeting

16. ADJOURNMENT

President Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM.

Minutes approved by the Board on: _____

Signed by: _____
Superintendent Carla J. Santorno

By: _____
Board President, Andrea Cobb