



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 www.tacomaschools.tv, www.facebook.com/tacomaschools, 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"> • Sign-up for free entry tickets in advance: link on board webpage • Masks required • Capacity 30 members of the public

Thursday, January 13, 2022 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 13, 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 arrived a few minutes late. Student Board representative Watson and Alternate Student Board representative Bwanika were also in attendance.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

6.1 RECOGNITION OF THE TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH IN JANUARY 2022

Superintendent Garcia asked staff, students, parents, and community members to join in recognizing and thanking the Board of Directors for their hard work and the countless hours they spend to provide students with a solid, improving public education.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 COVID-19 UPDATES

Director Deaderick, HR Operations and COVID Supervisor, and Health Services Administrator Hobbs gave COVID-19 updates which included new isolation and quarantine guidelines, testing opportunities and updates, vaccination opportunities, support team and partnerships, and ongoing prevention measures.

Superintendent Garcia also thanked staff and students for the hard work they continue to do throughout the pandemic, constantly "showing up" and working hard.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

8.1 LEVY FACTS AND INFORMATION UPDATE

Executive Director of Communications Voelpel gave a presentation with information regarding the renewals of TPS's expiring levels: Proposition 1: Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy and Proposition 2: Technology Improvements and Upgrades Replacement Levy. This information was provided so that voters can know and understand what the vote is regarding.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken public comments:

- o Mike Fletcher addressed the Board on behalf of the TPS Bus Driver contract negotiations.
- o Shannon Ergun, President of the Tacoma Education Association, addressed the Board by reading a letter she sent to the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding Workload and Safety. The letter is attached below in "Written public comments."

Written public comments:

- o Shannon Ergun, President of the Tacoma Education Association, shared the letter she sent to the Governor regarding [Workload and Safety](#).

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10.1.b APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2021 BOARD RETREAT 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 BRYANT & GEIGER MONTESSORI TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, MARCH 17-20, 2022

10.4.b APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR TO ATTEND SCHOOL BOARD PARTNERS CONVENINGS

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 FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 2000 - CREDIT ATTAINMENT

As this was a first reading, there was no action taken.

11.2 SECOND READING OF NEW POLICY 6060 - UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors adopt the new proposed Policy 6060. Director Strozier seconded the motion, a voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's next quarterly financial report is planned for February 2022. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF ARP ESSER HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the ARP ESSER Education for Homeless Children and Youth grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$93,500 for period 4/23/2021 through 9/30/2022 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 5 years.

13.2 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELESS STUDENT STABILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Homeless Student Stability Education Program grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$68,364 for period 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022 and expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

13.3 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE IX, PART A EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Title IX, Part A Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$57,915 for period 7/1/2021 through 8/31/2022. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

13.4 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF TBIP GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the 2021-22 State Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program plan and acceptance of program funding from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$5,423,174 and expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

13.5 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF TITLE I, PART D GRANTS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Title I, Part D grants in the amount of \$239,815 and expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

13.6 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-22-059 WITH METRO PARKS AND THE GREATER METRO PARKS FOUNDATION FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 - AUGUST 31, 2023

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-22-059 with Metro Parks and the Greater Metro Parks Foundation to provide Extended Learning Opportunities (Beyond the Bell) to Tacoma public Schools from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

13.7 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-22-064 BETWEEN MACKIN LIBRARY MATERIALS/SERVICES AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM DECEMBER 10, 2021 - DECEMBER 9, 2022

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-22-064 between Mackin Library Materials/Services and Tacoma Public Schools from December 10, 2021 - December 9, 2022. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 years.

13.8 APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE CONSOLIDATED EQUITY & SUSTAINABILITY DUAL CREDIT GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the Consolidated Equity and Sustainability Dual Credit grant from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$75,000.00 from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. 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 CONTRACT NO. TSD-22-053 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TACOMA AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM DECEMBER 1, 2021 - JULY 31, 2022

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-22-053 between the City of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Schools from December 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022 through the Tacoma Creates Initiative to provide additional transportation opportunities with a priority on schools facing the largest gaps in equity and opportunity. Director Keating 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 APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH METRO PARKS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PAVILION AND LEARNING SPACE AT OWEN BEACH

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Metro Parks Tacoma and Tacoma Public Schools for construction of the Pavilion and Learning Space at Owen Beach. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with 5 years.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

President Bonbright shared the revised committee assignments for the 2022 year. Board directors serve on many different committees, which generally fall into the following categories: board governance, district advisory, and community partnerships.

Director Reports:

- o Director Leon shared that he attended his first Traffic Safety Committee (made up of TPS and several other community partners). They discuss topics like planning for inclement weather, safe routes to school, etcetera. He also attended the Safe Streets committee. One of the big projects they're working on, along with the city of Tacoma, is coordinating help for the unsheltered in our community. He shared a health update: the district is working with the Health Department to try to get more masks. At the state level, the National Guard has been called in to help in Washington hospitals.
- o Director Keating shared that she attended the WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) weekly call. They were reminded that districts who do close schools have to make up that time. She emphasized that schools are open per the Governor's orders - it's not a local decision, which is a common misunderstanding. The Legislative Session started this week. She and President Bonbright worked to support some senate education committee legislation. Other legislation she'll be helping to support is for a simple majority for passing of capital projects (bonds) for districts who can't pass them under the current rules. Later this month she'll be attending the WSSDA Legislative Annual Conference (Federal Relations Network), which helps advocate for all students and districts across the state.
- o Director Strozier shared that he attended the virtual gathering hosted by the Community Partnerships Office and the Learning Assistance Program. The meeting had powerful guest speakers who talked about the importance of financial literacy and wealth-building, based on the premise that the most significant problems negatively impacting our youth are economics and social-emotional learning. He was invited to and visited McCarver Elementary and spent time in Mr. Chamberlain's class, where a student made him a Halloween mask. While at the school, he talked to a parent volunteer who was helping at recess, playing sports with the kids. He learned that this parent has rearranged his work schedule to be able to volunteer to help the students every day. Director Strozier thanked the many volunteers and workers who are there for our children.
- o Director McElroy shared her excitement for being assigned to the Head Start Policy Council. As a former ECEAP teacher, she knows the importance of the work and is excited to advocate for staff and students.
- o Director Bonbright shared about the work she's doing at the Legislative Session, testifying before the Early Learning and K12 Education committee in support of three important bills: SB 5563 - Student enrollment stability funding; SB 5581 - Expanded funding for pupil transportation; and SB 5595 - Prototypical school funding model for physical, social, and emotional support in schools - specifically to increase the number of counselors and nurses in our schools. She encourages members of the public to get involved and reach out to their legislators.
- o Board retreat information, held on December 14, 2021, was shared. This year the board is focused on how to move forward in a meaningful way with their chosen board goals. Professional development is a large piece of that in order for board members to learn how to work together collectively in the service of students and staff. Beth Boggs, Executive Director of the American Leadership Forum in Tacoma, served as a facilitator in the meeting, leading participants in an exercise on practicing adaptive leadership versus technical solutions. This entails learning how to think through challenges without immediately going to solutions but working on problem-solving with an adaptive lens. This helps teach and create a space for collaborative problem-solving and includes all voices at the table. More details can be found in the meeting minutes for the retreat.

Student Representative Reports:

- o Tazha Watson, SOTA, asked about the possibility of schools moving to remote work again with the rising number of COVID cases. Superintendent Garcia shared that the state has not indicated that there are any plans to shut down. The district works with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to monitor and deal with outbreaks in a particular classroom or school on a case-by-case basis. She also asked about the November 2021 meeting regarding the partnership between Tacoma Police Department and TPS. She has seen community groups on social media that have taken issue with the decision and how the Board came to that decision and what input had been taken into account. Assistant General Counsel Gbenro will follow-up with her to share what the process was and the current status. Director Keating added that there was also recent legislation (2020) at the state level that was a driver of some of the changes made by the district.
- o Shidrat Bwanika, alternate representative from SAMI, asked about the opportunity for other schools to have "mini terms" such as SAMI, SOTA, and IDEA (all have a separate calendar, approved by the State Board, that has a different day structure). Superintendent Garcia shared that each school can apply for "innovative practices" under board policy. Other schools can choose to go through the process if they have the same intent for providing different learning experiences. Things such as the "Next Move" internship program are also possible, where students can earn credit in different ways. It's up to each school to determine if that is the best course of action for them.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2022
6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:39PM.