Board of Directors Business Meeting & Committee of the Whole Agenda

Meeting Minutes

Central Administration Building
601 South 8th Street – Tacoma, WA
4th Floor Auditorium
Thursday, November 7, 2019 05:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met for a brief business meeting and Committee of the Whole on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

Board President Heinze called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

President Heinze led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Heinze, Winskill, Leon, and Cobb were present.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

4.1 DIRECTOR POSITION No. 5

Elizabeth Bonbright took the Oath of Office. Director Bonbright was appointed on October 24, 2019 to fill the unexpired term of Position No, 5.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS 2020-2025

5.1 ADOPTION OF STRATEGIC PLAN BENCHMARK GOALS 2020-2025

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed Strategic Plan Goals for the time period of 2020-2025:

Academic Excellence- We will support all students to perform at or above grade level and eliminate group disparities.
Partnerships- We will fully engage our parents, community and staff in the education of our children.
Early Learning- We will focus on early assessment and intervention at the Pre-K through 3rd grade levels to ensure early academic success.
Health and Safety - We will create and maintain healthy and safe learning environments that promote excellent academic achievement.
Operations- We will focus on effective and efficient business practices to ensure student academic success..

Director Cobb seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

6. ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING

Board President Heinze moved to adjourn the business meeting at 6:00pm.

7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF POLICY AND STRATEGY

The board discussed one of their priority issues for the 2019-20 school year: Health and Safety of Students and Staff policy and strategy.

Director Cobb: physical health and mental health can be two separate buckets to work on, identifying the current state of the issues
so establish the starting point, what are the existing data collectors, create a logic-model regarding the connections that we think exist between student health & safety and academic outcomes, and where the district intervenes and where the community and partners might intervene.

Director Leon: identification of depression in students and staff, and depression improvement, also anxiety, looking at buildings and how they affect mood, nutrition, health curriculum, delayed start times.

Director Winskill: concern regarding mission-creep and available district resources.

Director Heinze: mental health is impacting the district, community-wide responsibility, ability to refer to outside agencies, the impact on and help for teachers with students who have trauma or mental health issues, upcoming opportunity to discuss with city, identifying roles, resources and expertise for the district and community partners, mapping current needs for students and staff such as clinic proximity to schools, bullying needs to be addressed at an upcoming study session to include impacted/involved families, how do we drive expectations with policy,

Director Bonbright: existing partnerships are critical, when identifying benchmarks, targets and pathways we need to think creatively and include subject-matter-experts as well as additional funding resources.

Superintendent Santorno: it's a big topic and establishing the framework will be a challenge.

Director Winskill: the district should consider not allowing student cell phones in secondary classrooms.

Director Heinze: agreed on looking at the impacts that cell phone and similar blue-light emitting devices have on the students.

Director Cobb: need to get baseline data about the current situation before treading into specifically what we're trying to accomplish, there are already buckets identified within the Whole Child framework and we could look into those more in-depth, identifying root cause of bullying behavior could be more helpful and fall within one of the identified buckets.

Director Leon: Pierce County Healthy Youth Survey data reveals information important to the discussion, working with existing and new community partners is vital, health clinics are needed for all our high schools.

Director Heinze summarized the issues discussed in preparation for upcoming Study Sessions:
- Deeper understanding of existing data
- Framework & Process
- Identifying Topics

Superintendent Santorno will work with district leadership to summarize what the board has discussed over all of the discussions on this topic and give the board an update at next week's school board meeting.

Director Cobb clarified the starting topics, Whole Child, Whole School, Whole Community model including nutrition environment and services, employee wellness, social and emotional school climate, physical environment, health services, counseling, psychological and social services, physical education and physical health.

9. ADJOURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Board President Heinze moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09pm.

Minutes approved by the Board on: ___________________________

Signed by: _______________________________________________

Superintendent Carla Santorno

By: _____________________________________________________

Board President, Scott Heinze