1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2016 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington. Board President Vialle called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Board President Vialle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Directors Heinze, Vialle, Ushka, Winskill and Cobb were present.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

5. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

5.1 RECOGNITION OF THE FOUR SCHOOLS NAMED AS 2015 SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION

The Board of Directors recognized the four schools named as 2015 Schools of Distinction: Wilson and Lincoln high schools and Stafford and Geiger elementary schools.

5.2 OBSERVANCE OF JANUARY 2016 AS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Superintendent Carla Santorno encouraged staff, students, parents and community members to join in recognizing and thanking the Board of Directors for their hard work and countless hours they spend to provide students with a great public school education.

6. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no public comments offered.

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

7.1 iDEA Update

Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Support Toni Pace and Project Management Director Cass Tang presented an update regarding the iDEA (Industrial Design, Engineering, and Art) School.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Winskill moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.
8.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2015 BOARD MEETING

8.1.b APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 16, 2015 PUBLIC HEARING ON BOUNDARY CHANGES

8.2 AUTHORIZATION OF CERTIFICATE TO PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER

8.2.a APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFICATE TO PIERCE COUNTY TREASURER FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 24, 2015 - DECEMBER 23, 2015

8.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

8.3.a APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2015 YEAR-END UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

8.4 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS

8.4.a APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR PRINCIPAL AT NE TACOMA TO WASHINGTON D.C., MARCH 12-16, 2016

8.4.b APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA JANUARY 26-29, 2016

8.4.c APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FROM GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE TO AUSTIN, TEXAS JANUARY 13-17, 2016

8.4.d APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FEBRUARY 10-12, 2016

8.4.e APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION TO DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, JANUARY 11-14, 2016

8.4.f APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA JANUARY 20-24, 2016

8.4.g APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR TEACHER AT MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL TO DALLAS, TEXAS, JANUARY 26-29, 2016

8.4.h APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 7-13, 2016

8.4.i APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 13-16, 2016

8.5 PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

8.5.a APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

8.6 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

8.6.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR TEACHER AND QUALIFYING STUDENTS FROM STADIUM TO GRAPEVINE, TEXAS, APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2016

8.6.b APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR TEACHER AND STUDENTS FROM THE SCIENCE AND MATH INSTITUTE TO NEWPORT, OREGON, JUNE 6-9, 2016

8.6.c APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR TEACHER AND QUALIFYING STUDENTS FROM STADIUM TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, APRIL 23-27, 2016

9. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

9.1 AUGUST 2015-YEAR END REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Rosalind Medina and Financial Services Director Patty Luat presented the August 2015/Year-End Financial Report.

10. POLICY MATTERS

10.1 APPROVAL OF POLICY 2015, SCHOOL INNOVATION
11. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

11.1 APPROVAL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND EDUCATION GRANT

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors approve the application in the amount of up to $1 million to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and authorize receipt and expenditure of the funds if awarded the grant. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.


Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors approve the proposed student calendars for the school years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.3 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT IN-DEMAND COHORT TRAINING IN THE TRADE/DEEP SEA, TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING LOGISTICS INDUSTRY SECTOR

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors approve application for the amount of $135,975 to Workforce Central and authorize receipt and expenditure of the funds if awarded the grant. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.4 ADOPTION OF BENCHMARK TARGET GOALS

First Reading.

11.5 APPROVAL OF CHILDREN'S THERAPY CENTER 2 YEAR CONTRACT 2015 - 2017

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors approve this annual contract with Children's Therapy Center 2015 - 2017, and approve the expenditure of funds according to appropriate funding guidelines. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.6 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors approve the Contract renewal for the Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss for the 2016-20 school years. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12. BUSINESS MATTERS

12.1 ADOPTION OF PARTNERSHIP BENCHMARK GOALS

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors adopt the Partnership Benchmark goals. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12.2 APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors appoint Pamela Duncan, Lester Pogue, Benjamin Warner, Autumn Foster, John Coalson, and Bernadette Ray to the disciplinary appeal council. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas. Director Winskill abstained from voting.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2004 REGARDING SCHOOL SITING

Director Winskill moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2004 directing the Office of the General Counsel to intervene in the pending GMA Appeal challenging Pierce County legislation under Pierce County Ordinance No. 2015-40 relating to School Siting in the Rural Area, and to take all appropriate action to represent the District’s interests in any such Appeal, including but not limited to any and all further administrative processes related to Pierce County Ordinance No. 2015-40. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

14. REPORT TO THE BOARD

14.1 Strategic Benchmark Report: Goal 3 Early Learning
15. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Student Representative Olson reported on events and activities at Stadium High School.
Director Winskill inquired about increasing the variety of class offerings at the high school level, as well as concerns regarding the Park Avenue and Lowell properties.
Director Heinze praised the Public Information Office for the information they are getting out about the great things happening in the district.
Director Vialle commented on a recent event at Lincoln High School with Representative Kilmer.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

16.1 Upcoming Meetings

- 1/21/16 Study Session 6:00pm
- 1/28/16 Regular Meeting 6:00pm
- 2/11/16 Regular Meeting 6:00pm

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Director Heinze moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Director Ushka seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the chair declared the motion carried with 5 yeas.

Minutes approved by the Board on: ___________________________

Signed by: _______________________________________________
Superintendent Carla Santorno

By: _____________________________________________________
Board President, Karen Vialle