



**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 below 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
Rainier Connect Channel 25, Comcast Channel 26 or Live Link: bit.ly/goktpstv Broadcast and Recorded at www.youtube.com	Central Administration Building 601 South 8th Street Tacoma, WA 98405 4th Floor Auditorium

Thursday, April 13, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 13, 2023 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 in attendance. Director Leon was absent-excused. Alternate student representative Peterson was in attendance.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Board President Bonbright called the public hearing to order. There were no written comments submitted for the public hearing. After a call for verbal public comments, and hearing none, President Bonbright closed the public hearing.

7. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

7.1 STATE HOLIDAYS AND 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.

7.1.a DOLORES HUERTA DAY - APRIL 10

7.1.b MOTHER JOSEPH DAY - APRIL 16

7.2 RECOGNITION OF SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO MATTHEW WILSON WITH THE OASIS YOUTH CENTER

The Community Partnership Office presented the Shining Star Community Partner Award to Matthew Wilson with the Oasis Youth Center.

7.3 RECOGNITION OF STATE CHAMPIONS

7.3.a RECOGNITION OF MT. TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL AS THE DIVISION I UNIFIED BASKETBALL SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE CHAMPIONS

The Board of Directors recognized Mount Tahoma as the Special Olympics of Washington State Champion for Division 1 Unified Basketball for the 2022-23 school year.

7.3.b RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL AS THE DIVISION II UNIFIED BASKETBALL SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE CHAMPIONS

The Board of Directors recognized Lincoln High School as the Special Olympics of Washington State Champion for Division II Unified Basketball for the 2022-23 school year.

7.3.c RECOGNITION OF THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL CHEER TEAM AS THE 2023 WIAA CHEERLEADING STATE CHAMPIONS IN THE STOMP DIVISION

The Board of Directors recognized the Lincoln High School Cheer team as the WIAA State Cheerleading Champions in the Stomp division for the 2022-23 school year.

7.3.d RECOGNITION OF MT. TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER ZETA LEE AS WIAA STATE CHAMPION IN THE 110-WEIGHT CLASS

The Board of Directors recognized Mt. Tahoma High School junior Zeta Lee as the Girls 3A/4A WIAA Wrestling State Champion in the 110-weight class for the 2022-23 school year.

7.3.e RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER ANDREW FLORES AS WIAA STATE CHAMPION IN THE 120-WEIGHT CLASS

The Board of Directors recognized Lincoln High School freshman Andrew Flores as the 3A Boys WIAA Wrestling State Champion in the 120-weight Class for the 2022-23 school year.

7.3.f RECOGNITION OF SILAS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER ELIJAH CATER AS WIAA STATE CHAMPION IN THE 126-WEIGHT CLASS

The Board of Directors recognized Silas High School senior Elijah Cater as the 3A Boys WIAA State Wrestling Champion for the 126-weight class for the 2022-23 school year.

7.3.g RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER NAVARRE DIXON AS WIAA STATE CHAMPION IN THE 182-WEIGHT CLASS

The Board of Directors recognized Lincoln High School junior wrestler Navarre Dixon as the 3A Boys WIAA Wrestling State Champion in the 182-weight class for the 2022-23 school year.

7.4 RECOGNITION OF THE DISTRICT'S NEWEST NATIONAL BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS AND RECENTLY RENEWED BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS

The Board of Directors recognized the district's 5 newest National Board Certified Teachers and the 45 who recently renewed their certification.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no superintendent's report.

9. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no staff report to the Board.

10. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken public comments:

The following members of the public addressed the Board:

- o Kimi Irene Ginn, Vibrant Schools of Puget Sound, addressed the Board regarding community voice.
- o Kristen Brown addressed the Board regarding how families need more information about the Running Start program. She especially feels that SOTA, SAMI and IDEA students are struggling after the COVID pandemic and knowing about the Running Start program could have been helpful.

There were no written public comments submitted.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

11.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

11.1.a APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 23, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

11.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

11.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

11.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

11.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

11.7 OTHER

12. POLICY MATTERS

12.1 FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY 5515 - WORKFORCE SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

As this was a first reading of New Policy 5515 - Workforce Secondary Traumatic Stress, no action was taken.

13. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's next quarterly financial report is planned for May 25, 2023. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>

14. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no curriculum and instruction items.

15. BUSINESS MATTERS

15.1 APPROVAL OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT 2 WITH NEELEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE GROUND FLOOR (WILLIE STEWART ACADEMY SOUTH) TENANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment 2 which states the cost for the 9th & Broadway Ground Floor (Willie Stewart South) Tenant Improvements Project and authorize the Superintendent or Designee to sign said Amendment in the amount of \$6,472,560 excluding sales tax. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.2 APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT WITH BNBUILDERS FOR THE PRECONSTRUCTION DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES OF THE OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL HISTORICAL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Agreement which states the Preconstruction Services for the Oakland High School Historical Modernization Project and authorize the Superintendent or Designee to sign said Agreement in the amount of \$4,346,131 excluding sales tax. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.3 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH BEISLEY ENTERPRISE FOR GREEN SCHOOLYARDS PROJECT AT REED AND STAFFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to award the contract with Beisley Enterprise for the procurement of necessary equipment and services in the amount of \$1,586,000 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.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2120 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 1818 TACOMA AVENUE SOUTH TO FERGUSON ARCHITECTURE

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2120 and approve the sale of 1818 Tacoma Avenue South to Ferguson Architecture. Director Keating seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried.

17. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director Keating has been doing a lot with WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) around the State legislative session, which is still in flux and not settled. She was able to advocate in Olympia for a bill having to do with LGBTQ youth and homelessness, which was the final bill being discussed this session. She shared that on the Federal level, the current administration has been reviewing Title IX and attempting to restore proposed rules regarding transgender students and athletics back to the 2016 rules that were rescinded by the last administration. There is a public comment period and a lot of work going on behind the scenes as it's a very complicated issue. If passed, the hope is to have these implemented for the 2023-24 school year. WSSDA is also analyzing.

- o Director Keating attended the Traffic & Safety Committee meeting. She shared some updates from Safe Routes to School: The city is starting on 7 construction projects to help enhance walking, biking, and transit access to enhance safety near schools. They will also be hosting 4 bike rodeos where students can receive free bike helmets and participate in bike rodeos. There will be traffic gardens happening in June and July.
- o Director Bonbright shared about the work being done by small workgroups in JMAC (Joint Municipal Action Committee) who are working to combat the youth violence problem in our community. They are working on some action items to help keep students safe over the summer by creating some safe spaces. This is community work, not just "school work."

Community Events:

- o Director McElroy attended Tacoma's Poet Laureate "Passing of the Torch" event which went to Christian Page, a Tacoma Public Schools graduate. - ♦ - She reminded that the Daffodil Parade is coming up soon and encouraged people to support our youth who are involved in this community celebration as it tries to make a comeback after the pandemic shut it down. The city-wide clean-up, Litter Free 253 is also coming up, where people are encouraged to help clean parks in the area, and there will also be a Sustainability Expo at UW-Tacoma.
- o Director Keating attended one of the showings of Les Miserables at Stadium High School and commended the students and staff for doing such a great job with a show that is difficult to stage. - ♦ - She attended a "Walk & Roll" event at Geiger Montessori, helping to give out stickers to kids. They are creating new walking paths that were not there before.
- o Director Bonbright thanked the community for all the feedback and passionate responses regarding the proposed Stanley Playfield updates that are being considered in partnership with Metro Parks Tacoma.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy shared about ongoing youth violence, noting that it is not always physical violence but is also verbal as well, starting even in our younger grades. She encouraged all adults in our community to model how we want our youth to talk and behave. She has been asked about "Micro-aggressions," listed in Policy 1600 and how they are defined. - ♦ - She also shared that there are lots of positive things happening in the community as well.
- o Director Keating acknowledged all the hard work being done by students, especially graduating seniors who are under a lot of stress and pressure at this time of the year. She also acknowledged and thanked all the staff and teachers who are supporting them.
- o Director Bonbright attended the Superintendent/Parent Advisory meeting. She attended workshops: 1 on "belonging" and the other on "restorative justice," helping even the youngest children. - ♦ - She spent some time at Oakland High school and was impressed with the students' and teachers' dedication. - ♦ - She met with TJ Bohl, the Juvenile Court Administrator for Pierce County's juvenile justice system (including Remann Hall). She shared her appreciation for the effective leadership he has exhibited, creating a more equitable and resilient system while incorporating a whole child approach. He incorporates the Whole Child approach.

Student Representatives:

- o Student Representative Peterson, Lincoln High School, shared that they have an upcoming pep assembly and the date for their Prom has been set for May 13th. She also observed that for future student reports, she feels that it would be more helpful to the Board to bring student concerns or how they are doing. She shared that with the end of the year coming up, and with testing, a lot of her fellow students are feeling tired and stressed.

18. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

April 20, 2023
6:00PM - Study Session

April 27, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

May 11, 2023
6:00PM - Business Meeting

19. ADJOURNMENT

President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm.