

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2024

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Call to Order

President Williams called the Regular Board Meeting of the Shoreline Board of Directors to order in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices at the Shoreline Center at 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 2024. This meeting was also available to the community via Zoom.

Roll Call

Emily Williams, President; Sara Betnel, Vice President; Sarah Cohen, Director; Sylvia Gil, Director; Meghan Jernigan, Director; Aiden Rouhani and Lily Fredericks (*attended remotely*), Shorecrest Student Representatives; and Esme Harkess and Mitchell Ichinkhorloo, Shorewood Student Representatives.

Land Acknowledgement

President Williams provided a brief land acknowledgement.

Celebrations, Recognitions, Introductions and Gratitude

Recognition of 2024 WASBO Business Official of the Year – Mark Spangenberg

The Washington Association of School Business Officials (WASBO) has bestowed the Distinguished School Business Official of the Year Award (SBO Award) to our very own Mark Spangenberg, Director of Finance and Business Services. This award was introduced in 2019 to develop public awareness and appreciation of school business leaders and the value they add to the daily operations of schools throughout the state.

The SBO Award is presented at the 2024 Annual Conference to one individual who best exemplifies visionary leadership in school business management. This professional will have contributed consistently as a school business official throughout their career and demonstrated passion, commitment, initiative, dedication, and innovation to the profession. Mark was nominated by his peers/prior colleagues, saying that he is an incredible coach, a wonderful mentor, and he has overseen the District's finances for 15 years without an audit finding. Additionally, he oversees Accounting, Purchasing, Payroll and the business side of Capital Projects. He will receive the following:

- \$2,500 scholarship to attend the ASBO International Conference & Expo in Nashville
- Recognition at WASBO's 2024 Annual Conference
- An elegant acrylic award

Mr. Spangenberg shared his educational and extensive professional experiences, having started out as a state auditor prior to moving to school district finance. "Shoreline is absolutely the best place I have worked." Board members expressed their appreciation and gratitude for his dedication and long record of excellent service.

Agenda Review

None

Comments from the Community

President Williams read the instructions for the community comment process.

The following individual spoke in person (there were no commenters over Zoom):

- 1) Renee´ Osborne, Syre Parent of 2 – Expressed concern about what was being done to keep politics out of our schools. Mentioned in particular the incident that occurred at Syre and wondered how it was being addressed district wide.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

President Williams announced that the Board had an opportunity to ask questions on the consent agenda and have them answered prior to this meeting. The following consent agenda was presented for adoption:

- a. Approval of Minutes of the January 16 Regular Board Meeting and January 20-21 Study Session (School Board Retreat)
- b. Declaration of Surplus – District Furniture and Equipment – Authorization for Disposal
- c. Authority to Surplus Four School Buses and One Vehicle
- d. Approval of 2024-2025 Shoreline Children’s Center/Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center Preschool Tuition Rates
- e. Aldercrest Campus Field Replacement – Approval of Change Order #1 – Premier Field Development
- f. Briarcrest Elementary Field Replacement Project – Award of Contract to Ohno Touchdown and Budget Capacity Authorization for Construction Phase
- g. Approval of Extended Field Trips
- h. Approval of Personnel
 - 1) Administrative
 - 2) Classified
- i. Approval of Vouchers

MOTION NO. 20: Director Jernigan moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, items 6a through 6i, which is attached hereto and becomes a part hereof. The motion was seconded by Director Betnel and carried unanimously.

As of March 5, 2024 , the Board, by a unanimous vote, approved for payment, those vouchers described as follows: Reconciliation of Warrants Issued February 2 and February 16, 2024 – General Fund Warrants #104259-104325, 232400453-232400494, 104350-104430, 232400511-232400528, 232400531, 104456-104546, and 232400533-232400553, totaling \$810,226.09; Capital Projects Fund Warrants #104326-104330, 104431-104433, and 104547-104548, totaling \$511,639.29; and Student Body Fund Warrants #104331-104349, 232400495-232400510, 104434-104455, 232400529-232400530, 232400532, 104549-104564, and 232400554-232400555, totaling \$160,541.11; for a grand total of \$1,482,406.49.

Reports and Presentations

2024 Legislative Session Update and WSSDA Position Window

Sara Betnel, School Board Vice President and Legislative Representative, presented.

Director Betnel announced that there was only one remaining “key date” in the 2024 session and that was Thursday, March 7, which would be *sine die* (end of session). Still to be determined were the final fiscal amounts in the operating budget; those announcements were anticipated to be made by mid-day on March

6. Highlights/celebrations included the following bills that all passed in both chambers:

- SB 5882 – Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs
- HB 2494 – Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools
- SJM 8007 – Requesting Congress to fully fund 40% of the costs of IDEA
- HB 2180 – Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap
- SB 5852 – Concerning special education safety net awards
- HB 1248 – Concerning pupil transportation
- HB 1956 – Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education
- HB 1272 – Concerning publishing, formatting, and distribution of the state and local voters’ pamphlets
- SB 5462 – Diverse and inclusive learning standards
- SB 5838 – Creation of an AI Task Force
- HB 2331 – Modifying requirements for public school instructional materials

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- HB 1915 – Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education
- HB 1368 – Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses
- Initiative 2081 – Concerning parental rights relating to their children’s public school education (will not appear on November ballot)

The full update can be viewed at: <https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/892189>

Director Betnel also shared a letter addressed to senators and representatives she and President Williams co-authored along with several other school boards in King County as well as Moses Lake. The letter was requesting continued support and increased investments for PK-12 public education in this year’s supplemental budget.

The window for the WSSDA Positions (legislative platform for statewide agency) opens on March 11 and remains open until April 8. Board members were encouraged to let Superintendent Reyes know of any positions in which they may have interest. She would be working on a bylaw proposal that would expand student representation in WSSDA leadership, particularly in regard to resolutions and legislation.

President Williams reported that the African American Studies Workgroup was established several years ago. She was able to find some of their work on the OSPI website and suggested that supporting their work might be added to the Board’s list of priorities, specifically in connection with our Ethnic Studies resolution.

Board Requested Discussion and Future Topics

None

Action Items

None

Reports and Communications – Board Members, Student Reps and Superintendent

Student representatives reported on numerous activities at their respective schools. There was news about upcoming lip dubs at both high schools. Student Rep Fredericks reported on the new “Cookies for Your Thoughts” activity at Shorecrest. This has been a priority for Lily; a table is set up during the lunch break one day at the beginning of each month and students are encouraged to grab a cookie and share a written thought/concern about the school, school board or administration. Highlights from the first session included student concerns about the small number of gender-neutral bathrooms as well as the vandalism that is occurring in school bathrooms. Students also expressed a desire for later school start times. Student Rep Fredericks stated she could share the full report with the Board. Student Rep Rouhani added that there were approximately 100 responses from students. Student Rep Fredericks stated this information would be shared at the next student council meeting.

School board members and Superintendent Reyes also shared about recent activities as well as upcoming events.

Executive Session

President Williams announced at 6:53 p.m. that the Board would be convening in Executive Session in order to complete the review of the performance of a public employee (superintendent evaluation). This discussion was anticipated to last one hour; no action was taken. The Executive Session began at 7:05 p.m., was extended at 8:05 p.m. for one hour, and was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Adjournment: 9:05 p.m.

Emily Williams, Board President

Attest: April 2, 2024

Dr. Susana Reyes, Secretary
Shoreline Board of Directors

All documents referenced in the minutes may be viewed in the Superintendent's Office during normal business hours.