

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 7, 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 May 7, 2024. This meeting was also available to the community via Zoom.

### **Roll Call**

Emily Williams President; Sara Betnel, Vice President; Sarah Cohen, Director (*attended remotely*); Meghan Jernigan, Director; Aiden Rouhani, Shorecrest Student Representative; and Mitchell Ichinkhorloo, Shorewood Student Representative.

Absent: Sylvia Gil, Director; Lily Fredericks, Shorecrest Student Representative; and Esme Harkess, Shorewood Student Representative.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

President Williams provided a brief land acknowledgement.

### **Celebrations, Recognitions, Introductions and Gratitude**

None

### **Election of School Board Legislative Representative**

Vice President Betnel announced that she had two nominations to bring forward for a dual role; however, one of the nominees was not present at this meeting. Director Jernigan suggested tabling the nominations until the Board was joined by both nominees. It was agreed that this item would be brought back at the May 21 regular meeting.

### **Agenda Review**

None

### **Comments from the Community**

President Williams read the instructions for the community comment process. The following individuals spoke in person (there were no comments over Zoom):

- 1) Susan and Damon Oliveto (combined their time), Parents of two students, District staff, and Shoreline residents – Requested that the baseball field only (not the whole complex) at Meridian Park be named “Tonkin Field”. Over 300 names had been gathered in support of this request. “Coach Tonkin embodied everything that we strive to be here in the Shoreline School District. He was a teacher and a mentor, both on and off the field, a leader in the community, a friend to all, and someone who gave his full commitment to make a positive impact in the Shoreline community and beyond.” “The rebranding is already organically happening, so let’s make it official and put up a sign and a plaque honoring this pillar of our Shoreline community.”

### **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 April 16 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, Donations

- 1) Shoreline School District - \$48,400.00 – Shoreline Public Schools Foundation – Summer School and Summer Reading Program
- 2) Shorewood High School - \$5,000.00 – Shoreline Robotics Society – TSA World Competition Trip
- c. Briarcrest Elementary School Modernization Project – Approval of Change Order #3 – Kassel & Associates, Inc.
- d. Meridian Park Roof Restoration Project – Total Budget Authorization and Award of Contract – Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.
- e. Approval of Extended Field Trips
- f. Approval of Personnel
  - 1) Certificated
  - 2) Administrative
- g. Approval of Vouchers

MOTION NO. 26: Director Jernigan moved that the Board adopt the consent agenda, items 7a through 7g, which is attached hereto and becomes a part hereof. The motion was seconded by Vice President Betnel and carried unanimously.

As of May 7, 2024, the Board, by a unanimous vote, approved for payment, those vouchers described as follows: Reconciliation of Warrants Issued Between April 5 and April 19, 2024 – General Fund Warrants #105095-105229, 232400668-232400718 105256, 105257-105377, 232400744, 232400746-232400748, 105397-105485, 232400749, and 232400751-232400789, totaling \$1,984,235.84; Capital Projects Fund Warrants #105230-105232 and 105378-105379, totaling \$46,519.72; Student Body Fund Warrants #105233-105255, 232400719-232400743, 105380-105395, 232400745, 105486-105524, 232400750, and 232400790-232400794, totaling \$151,735.11; Transportation Vehicle Fund Warrant #105396 in the amount of \$2,367.15 for a grand total of \$2,184,857.82.

### **Reports and Presentations**

First Reading: New Policies 3226, Interviews and Interrogations of Students on School Premises and 6550, Capitalization Threshold for Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

*Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent, Business and Operations, presented.*

The District currently does not have policies in place to address student interviews and interrogations on school premises and the capitalization of leases and subscription-based information technology arrangements. Without the policies, staff lacks guidance on how to apply applicable laws and financial accounting rules.

Policy 3226 notes at the outset: “Although the District values its relationships with law enforcement, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) and the county health department, to minimize interruption of the instructional program, the District discourages interviews and interrogations of students on school premises. As a general rule, interviews and interrogations by any agency, including law enforcement, DSHS, and the county health department(s), should take place at the agency or student’s home rather than on school premises.” However, there are circumstances in which interviews at the schools would be warranted and preferred, e.g. school-initiated investigations, child abuse investigations, and/or serious crime investigations. The policy also speaks in support of the federal immigration enforcement policy that directs immigration agents to avoid questioning and arrests at sensitive locations, including schools.

There was a question about which specific agencies were contacted by WSSDA for assistance in the development of this policy in 2013. Ms. Von Essen stated she would check with WSSDA. Additionally, there were questions about procedural items, e.g. parent notification (immediate), parent consent, age of student,

etc. The accompanying sample procedure, 3226P, also developed by WSSDA, was provided to the Board as a reference. Procedures are implemented typically after the policy is adopted. *[Procedures are not formally adopted by the Board as they are operational documents.]* Student Rep Ichinkhorloo suggested not using the word interrogation; Student Rep Rouhani agreed.

It was also noted that new legislation, Initiative 2081, has prompted a review of the language in Policy 3226 by WSSDA, particularly in regard to notifying parents/guardians. However, as noted in the Q & A provided to the Board on this meeting's questions, the District's attorney had already revised the language in the procedure to reflect the change in notifying parents/guardian to "immediate".

Policy 6550 acknowledges that there are new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statements (87 and 96), covering Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs). Within the guidelines of these Statements, the district may establish a liability threshold for reporting either a lease of a SBITA that is considered to be *de minimis* (of minimal importance) when compared to the district's financial capacity. These leases or SBITAs must have a maximum possible term of greater than one year to be included. The Board asked if *de minimis* could either be replaced by the actual meaning or place the meaning in parentheses behind the Latin term.

The language for these policies was provided by WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association) and reviewed by the District's legal counsel.

These policies were presented for first reading and would be brought back for second reading and recommended adoption at the Board's May 21 regular meeting. Vice President Betnel indicated there would be suggested edits provided to the superintendent prior to the second reading

### **Legislative Update**

Vice President Betnel attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District Town Hall the previous week with Representatives Kloba and Duerr, who shared their understanding and clear focus for public education. Also, as part of her legislative service with WSSDA, she attended a meeting the previous Friday where updates were received from Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chris Reykdal, State Supreme Court Justice McCloud and Melissa Gombosky, lead lobbyist for state education agencies. They provided a clear picture of what is ahead in the next legislative session. Superintendent Reykdal reiterated that districts are currently receiving \$1,000 less per student than we were a few years ago, even though needs have significantly increased. *[This was also noted in a graph in the April 2, 2024 enrollment and financial presentation to the Board.]*

### **Board Requested Discussion and Future Topics**

None

### **Action Items**

#### **Review and Approval of Revised WSSDA Position Proposals**

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

WSSDA's Resolutions Committee gave three of the Board's permanent position proposals an initial Do Not Pass recommendation and returned feedback on their rationale for that determination upon first review. The language of the initial proposals has been revised in order to attempt to adjust the proposals to address their feedback, while also attempting to retain intent of the proposals as previously approved by the Board.

Any proposal revision must be approved by the Board, just as the initial proposals were. If the Board approves a revision, the revised position will be returned to the Resolutions Committee for consideration for a Do Pass or Do Not Pass recommendation. Their recommendation on the revised position will be what

moves forward to General Assembly. If the Board does not approve a revision, the original proposal will move forward to General Assembly with a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Regardless of committee recommendation, all position proposals are considered and voted on by the full membership of WSSDA during General Assembly.

Vice President Betnel reviewed and asked for feedback on the revised positions. They can be viewed here: <https://app.eduportal.com/documents/view/897905>

Board members and student reps engaged in discussion on the permanent proposals. Under the first position, Disaggregated Data, Student Rep Ichinkhorloo asked for clarity around the term “student demographic”. He suggested a possible revision to say “all shared aspects of identity,” and Student Rep Rouhani suggested bringing in “socio-economic demographics” in order to more fully express the diversity of students.

Regarding the revised State Role position, Student Rep Rouhani suggested using “as mandated in” rather than “as defined in” article IX, sections 1 and 2 in the state constitution.

It was the recommendation of the Board Vice President that the Board approve the revised WSSDA position proposals.

MOTION NO. 27: Director Jernigan moved that the Board approve the revised WSSDA position proposals as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Cohen and carried unanimously.

### **Reports and Communications – Board Members, Student Reps and Superintendent**

Student Rep Rouhani reported that this was AP Week and was proud to announce that at least 30% of Shorecrest students had taken at least one AP exam during their high school career. The Shorecrest Unity Festival, a celebration of cultures, was taking place at the same time as this meeting. The school-wide lip dub was shot by the amazing Angelo; all were implored to watch it.

Student Rep Ichinkhorloo also reported on AP Week. “Across the Pacific Heritage”, a tribute to Asian American and Pacific Islander culture, would be taking place on Friday, May 17 from 6:00-8:00 at Shorewood. He would be the lead chef at the upcoming Culinary Arts dinner on May 16.

Superintendent Reyes shared some upcoming activities: Board and Superintendent Community Conversation at Parkwood (May 8), PTA Appreciation Event (May 9), Pack the Park 5Kish Run (May 11), and Staff of the Year Awards and Retirement Reception (June 5).

President Williams announced that Corinna Sullivan, PTSA Council President would be the moderator for the May 8 Community Conversation event at Parkwood.

Vice President Betnel met with the technology learning cohort, which is a group of staff from across the district, who meet during the school year to dive in to various technology topics. This year, they have been discussing generative AI and how it can be used as a classroom tool.

### **Executive Session**

None

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Adjournment: 6:59 p.m.

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Emily Williams, Board President

Attest: May 21, 2024

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Dr. Susana Reyes, Secretary  
Shoreline Board of Directors

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