



**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, September 14, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, September 14, 2023 in the fourth-floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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, Leon, McElroy, and Strozier were in attendance. Director Keating was absent-excused.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

6.1 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.

6.1.a NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

6.1.b LABOR DAY

6.1.c CONSTITUTION & CITIZENSHIP DAY

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 NEW SCHOOL YEAR UPDATE

Superintendent Garcia thanked staff, community, and board members for their help for the first day of school kick-off and gave updates.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no Staff Report to the Board.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no written or spoken public comments.

10. 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.

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 24, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10.1.b APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 30, 2023 BOARD RETREAT MINUTES

10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

10.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

10.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

10.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

10.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM SILAS HIGH SCHOOL TO ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 17-21, 2024

10.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

10.7 OTHER

11. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's next quarterly financial report is planned for November 9, 2023. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

13.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-130 BETWEEN AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-130 between Auburn School District and Tacoma Public Schools from September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024 with an expected revenue of approximately \$45,000 per student, per year. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

13.2 APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR U.W. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between University of Washington and Tacoma Public Schools for College in the High Schools from August 31, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

13.3 APPROVAL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ECEAP) FY 2023-24 CONTINUATION GRANT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program Continuation Grant from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$2,160,004.77. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF BID ACCEPTANCE FOR THE WESTEND SWING SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors accept the bid for the Westend Swing School & Professional Development Center Fire Alarm Replacement Project from J.A. Morris in the amount of \$1,110,300.00 excluding sales tax. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.2 APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATION AND CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL BUS GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to award the contract, dependent upon ridership needs, in the estimated amount of \$53,399,287 for school bus transportation to First Student. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

14.3 APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATION AND CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and award the contract for school bus maintenance to First Student for a contract value of \$600,000, exclusive of sales tax, for a period of three years with the option to extend the contract for an additional two years. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2128, OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2128 and cancel warrants that have remained outstanding for over one year. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.2 ADOPTION OF BOARD ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board of Directors, after taking time to discuss and ask questions as each goal was called, voted on each individual annual goal/objective.

15.2.a GOAL #1: HEALTH AND SAFETY/ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors adopt Goal #1: Health and Safety/Environmental Stewardship with a focus on working with staff to conduct a comparative analysis across municipalities on environmental green practices related to transportation, including fiscal impacts and potential policy implications. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared Goal #1 adopted with a vote of 3 yeas and 1 abstention (3-0).

15.2.b GOAL #2: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE/EQUITY

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt Goal #2: Academic Excellence/Equity with a focus on improving the success of TPS students enrolled in Indian Education by expanding Board knowledge and expertise around tribal relations, sovereignty, and culture. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared Goal #2 adopted with a vote of 4 yeas.

15.2.c GOAL #3: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE/EQUITY

Director Leon moved that the Board of Directors adopt Goal #3: Academic Excellence/Equity with a focus on improving access to TPS students in enrolled in Tacoma Flex by increasing the percentage and total number of BIPOC students choosing Tacoma Flex and track relevant data regarding choice patterns and demographics. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called with a vote of 1 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention (1-0). The chair declared the motion to adopt Goal #3 did not pass.

The Board will discuss the Tacoma Flex program information in more depth at the October 19th Study Session.

15.2.d GOAL #4: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLBEING/MENTAL HEALTH

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors adopt Goal #4: Social Emotional Wellbeing/Mental Health with a focus on improving access for TPS students to outside medical providers to address student supports in depression and anxiety. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called with a vote of 1 yeas, 2 nays, and 1 abstention (1-0). The chair declared the motion to adopt Goal #4 did not pass.

President Bonbright reiterated the Board's continued commitment to our student's mental health and wellbeing. As a "goal," there are legal and other complexities that make this goal, as written, unattainable.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director Bonbright shared about the most recent Joint Municipal Action Committee (JMAC) meeting. They discussed the Summer Late Nights program and the data gleaned from it. - ♦ - This meeting included people from our Tacoma anchor network, which includes Higher Education partners and local government agencies. They talked about community wealth-building and local procurement on how to make it easier for local contractors to contract with us, to pay them quicker, to make the processes more equitable (such as Pierce County, minority-, and women-owned businesses, etc.).

Community Events:

- o Director Bonbright gave a "Summer Late Nights" recap, sharing that over 1,100 individual students participated this

summer over the 10-week period. Some of the many activities offered as part of the Late Nights included being fed a warm meal, playing board games, basketball, hanging out with friends, participating in special activities led by community guests, etc. She gave a special shout-out to Metro Parks Tacoma, the Boys & Girls Club, and the YMCA, as they provided most of the staff who led the Late Nights program. We will continue working with our community partners to try to raise the resources to continue offering this program into the future.

- o Director McElroy shared that there are some organizations such as several of the YMCA branches who are offering Late Night events every Friday throughout the year. Metro Parks has expanded their program. There are also some offered for Middle Schools and High School students at local community centers. There are also some small community-based organizations offering them.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director McElroy helped welcome Northeast Tacoma Elementary students on the 1st day of school. She shared how engaged students and families were. She also shared what a warm welcome she received from the staff and principal
- o Director Leon shared that he and his residents have attended some satellite events with Olympic Sport & Spine to offer support in keeping our students healthy.
- o Director Strozier spent time welcoming Foss High School students on the first day of classes, and he attended their opening football game at Clover Park, and will also be attending the Mount Tahoma/Washington football game. - ♦ - He shared his excitement that his daughter is a member of the class of 2036 and looks forward to her journey getting there.
- o Director Bonbright shared that the Board's annual retreat (held at the new Fawcett Elementary) are always stimulating and important. They spent a lot of time talking about prospective board goals. She appreciates the retreats as it helps them understand and bond together. - ♦ - She helped welcome Fawcett Elementary students on the 1st day of school, and she also participated in the annual "First Day of School" bell-ringing event on the rooftop of the Central Administration Building.
- o Superintendent Garcia gave a special "Thank You" to our Safety and Security Team for their work over the summer. They were very responsive and built some great relationships over the summer.

Student Representative(s) Reports:

- o Amanda Peterson, Lincoln High School, shared that the Lincoln ASB Club hosted a first-ever "Back to School Bash" two days before school started. The event was completely student-led, and it was a great success with hundreds attending. In addition to serving hamburgers and hot dogs, they gave out school supplies, free haircuts, hair braiding, nail design, etc. - ♦ - They will be hosting a pep assembly on September 15th. - ♦ - Regarding the Board topic discussed about the Tacoma Flex program, she shared that a friend of hers was enrolled and it was very helpful to her.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

September 28, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

October 12, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

October 19, 2023

6:00PM - Study Session

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:29PM.