



Board of Directors Business
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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, November 9, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, November 9, 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, Keating, Leon, McElroy, and Strozier were in attendance. Alternate student representatives Emilia Constantine and Lillian Taylor were in attendance.

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 NOVEMBER 11: VETERANS' DAY

6.1.b NOVEMBER 23: THANKSGIVING DAY

6.1.c NOVEMBER 24: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (NOVEMBER 2023) AND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY

6.2 RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO HANNAH IRISH AND YMCA PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES

The Community Partnership Office presented the Shining Star Community Partner Award to Hannah Irish and YMCA Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION: SECURITY

Director of Labor Relations Griek highlights different jobs within the district each month. Director of Safety & Security Rupert also shared appreciation and spotlights of his team.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no staff report.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Spoken Public Comments:

- o Penny Cramer, TEA, addressed the Board regarding workloads.
- o Dutch Randall addressed the Board regarding Regulation 2420R (Grading, Progress Reports & Transcripts).
- o Sarah Wiseman addressed the Board regarding new systems.
- o Earla K. Reed addressed the Board regarding workload and morale.
- o Jennifer Boutell addressed the Board regarding Student Information Systems.
- o Maggie Navarro addressed the Board regarding the grading regulation.
- o Megan Capes addressed the Board regarding the amount of changes causing overload.
- o Arlin L. Haskins addressed the Board regarding Skyline Elementary.
- o Tiffany Christianson addressed the Board regarding Skyline Elementary.

Written Public Comments:

- o Sarah Rogers-Kelly wrote the Board regarding concerns with the grading policy in Synergy.
- o Dechelle Castro-Watson wrote the Board regarding systems implementation of new learning initiatives, grading systems, and curriculum.
- o Therese Nation wrote the Board regarding introducing Synergy and WA-IIS at the same time has negatively affected nurses.
- o Earla Reed wrote the Board regarding teacher workloads and low morale
- o Michele Cooper wrote the Board regarding bullying issues.

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 5 yeas.

10.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10.1.a APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2023 BOARD STUDY SESSION MINUTES

10.1.b APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2023 BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

10.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

10.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

10.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

10.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

10.7 OTHER

10.7.a APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS, GIFTS, OR DONATIONS

11. POLICY MATTERS

11.1 RECOMMENDATION TO SUNSET POLICY 0110 - TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS TO POLICIES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors sunset Policy 0110 effective immediately. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

11.2 FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY 3225 - SCHOOL-BASED THREAT ASSESSMENT

As this was a first reading, no action was taken.

11.3 SECOND READING OF REVISED POLICY 6970 - FACILITIES NAMING

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of Policy 6970. Director Keating seconded the

motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Medina presented the preliminary annual summary of the 2022-2023 year-end financials. Because a academic year-end update cannot be completed by the November meeting, a requested policy change will be coming before the Board to move the yearly prior update to December each year.

Beginning in December, the financial report will be presented monthly instead of quarterly.

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no curriculum and instruction items.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #4 TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND ATS AUTOMATION FOR THE HVAC/ INDOOR AIR QUALITY UPGRADES PROJECT

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve GMP Amendment #4 which states the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for scope of work at Jefferson Elementary School. The Chief Operating Officer also recommends the Board authorize the superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #4 in the amount of \$13,191,490 excluding sales tax. Director McElroy seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

14.2 APPROVAL OF 2023 CLEAN SCHOOL BUS APPLICATION PROCESS PARTICIPATION

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve to be included with other school districts represented by First Student in the 2023 Clean School Bus funding opportunity by signing the Letter for Third-Party Applicants. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2130 ENDORSING TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSITION 1, NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES, ON THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024, BALLOT

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2130, endorsing Tacoma Public Schools Proposition 1: Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades, on the February 13, 2024, ballot. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5 yeas.

15.2 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2129 - INTERFUND LOAN AGREEMENT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2129 and approve the temporary transfer of \$45,000,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

- o Director Keating shared about the work being done as legislative representative, for the upcoming Legislative session, working with WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) and the Federal Relations Network committee to communicate with legislators to advocate the priority issues/needs important to our district, especially around funding and funding gaps. -♦- She attended the Traffic & Safety Committee meeting and shared some updates from Safe Routes to School and requests for keeping traffic gardens. There's one that's received a grant to keep it going. -♦- WSSDA, on their weekly networking call, shared an update about the Waqiakem School District capital funding ruling and its implications for districts across the state, including ours. She will be sharing additional information with the Board about this ruling. -♦- She attended the White House Intergovernmental Affairs Webinar which talked about the infrastructure law and the American Rescue Plan. The Department of Health & Human Services talked about flu season, RSV and pediatric immunizations.
- o Director Bonbright, along with Superintendent Garcia, attended the 2-day Foundation for Tacoma Students annual board retreat, where they're looking at their vision for the future. They are working to move beyond just Tacoma School District and branching into Pierce County as well. -♦- She also attended the WSSDA weekly networking call.

Community Events:

- o Director McElroy commented on the many needs of the community during the winter months, sharing the names of several community partners (the People's Center, Salvation Army, etc.) who are accepting donations of cold weather clothing, including coats, clean socks and underwear, especially for children. She also shared the names of places where families can receive a free turkey. The Eastside Community Center will also be holding a "Friendsgiving" meal that people can attend.
- o Director Keating will be attending the Ruby Bridges walk.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director Leon encouraged District leadership to continue offering more education opportunities to teachers and staff to better learn Schoology. -♦- The Mt. Tahoma school health center continues to offer care to students throughout the district.

- ♦ - The Stadium, Lincoln, and Mt. Tahoma girls' soccer teams have made it to the playoffs.
- o Director Bonbright shared about the events the Superintendent and his team have been hosting, which included a Parent/Principals' Breakfast which gives parents and principals time to meet together and attend workshops on different topics, followed by a lunch with business leaders and a later meeting with faith leaders to discuss how they can better partner with our schools and help students. - ♦ - She met with the Metropolitan Development Council and toured the spaces they have available for youth. They will be working with our Partnership office.
- o Next week all Board directors will attend the WSSDA annual conference with directors from across the state for 3 days of professional development and to learn from each other.

Student Representative Reports:

- o Emilia Constantine (SOTA) shared about school events that have recently been held, including their first school dance, and their first student-run Visual Arts show. She also shared about the Lunch Bunch group created by Special Education teacher Zach Hightower to bring all students together to create friendships and build community together. She also shared the 3 pillars of the school, which are Empathy, Community and Balance.
- o Lillian Taylor (Silas) reiterated what the staff who gave public comments expressed, sharing students' frustrations with the current mixture of Schoology and Synergy, and trying to find and submit their assignments. They can tell teachers are struggling with it, which puts stress on students as well.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

December 7, 2023

5:30PM - Board Retreat

December 14, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

January 11, 2024

6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:41PM.