



**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.

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Thursday, June 22, 2023 06:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, June 22, 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**

The Land Acknowledgment was 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, and Strozier were in attendance. Director McElroy was absent-excused.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**6. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY**

**6.1 RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD TO DOING IT, DOES IT**

The Community Partnership Office presented the Shining Star Community Partner Award to Doing It, Does It.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**7.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION**

Director of Labor Relations Griek recognized Facilities Maintenance Trades.

**7.2 GRADING REGULATION UPDATE: 2420R**

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Edmond shared clarifying information about the recommended updates to Grading Regulation 2420R.

**8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD**

**8.1 STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS) REPLACEMENT UPDATE**

Assistant Director of Data, SIS and Enrollment Flattum gave an update regarding our current SIS program replacement with Synergy SIS.

## 9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

### *Spoken Public Comments:*

- o Aria Lotus Wiberg addressed the Board regarding Oakland High School staffing/FTE changes.
- o Audrey Wilson addressed the Board regarding Oakland High School staffing/FTE changes.
- o Megan Damon addressed the Board regarding Oakland High School staffing/FTE changes.
- o Brandon Marcia addressed the Board regarding Oakland High School staffing/FTE changes.
- o Rose Taylor addressed the Board regarding Oakland High School staffing/FTE changes.
- o Haylie Tulupan addressed the Board regarding Oakland High School staffing/FTE changes.
- o Duanna Howell addressed the Board regarding Oakland High School staffing/FTE changes.
- o Kristen Bridgman-Brown addressed the Board regarding inclusivity.

### Written Public Comments:

- o Jessi Quizar wrote the Board regarding choosing an alternate name for McCarver Elementary School renaming.
- o Ashley Harris wrote the Board regarding maintaining support for Oakland and students.
- o Brandon Marcia wrote the Board regarding FTE funding for Oakland High School.
- o Karen Henderson wrote the Board regarding the displacement of Oakland teachers.
- o Shai'Anne Luebbe wrote the Board regarding Oakland High School.
- o Lori Gavranich wrote the Board regarding FTE funding for Oakland High School.
- o Emily Slagle wrote the Board regarding Oakland High School.
- o Marc Perez wrote the Board regarding Oakland High School.
- o Amberlynn Kennedy, wrote the Board regarding Oakland High School.

The following members of the public submitted written public comment for the June 8, 2023 business meeting, but due to a technical error, they were not included on the agenda. In addition to being noted here, they were retroactively added to the June 8, 2023 agenda:

- o Alicia Moore wrote the Board regarding the Whitman Elementary liaison job position termination.
- o Wendi Cook wrote the Board regarding objection to the proposed 2420 Grading & Progress Reports policy change.
- o Catherine Shedd wrote the Board regarding objections to the revisions to Policy 2420 - Grading & Progress Reports

## 10. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Leon 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 JUNE 8, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### 10.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

### 10.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

### 10.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

#### 10.4.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR SAMI/SOTA/IDEA TO OAXACA AND MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, JANUARY 3-30, 2024

#### 10.4.b APPROVAL OF SERVICE AND STUDY TOUR FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM IDEA TO NEPAL, JANUARY 3-30, 2024

#### 10.4.c APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM FOSS HIGH SCHOOL TO FRANCE AND SPAIN EUROPEAN TOUR 2024, MARCH 30-APRIL 7, 2024

### 10.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

#### 10.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM TO EUGENE, OREGON, JUNE 23-25, 2023

### 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 August 24, 2023. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district

### 13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

#### 13.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-070 BETWEEN FEDERAL WAY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2028

Director Keating that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-070 between Federal Way School District and Tacoma Public Schools from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2028. 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 CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TACOMA PARKS FOUNDATION "CLUB BEYOND" PARTNERSHIP AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2022-AUGUST 31, 2027

Amended language was approved for the recommendation to fix the wording to correctly reflect a "5-year contract" rather than a "3-year contract," as specified by the listed date range from Sept. 1, 2022-Aug. 31, 2027.

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve approve the Club B Partnership, Contract No. TSD-23-069, a 5-year contract between the Tacoma Parks Foundation and Tacoma Public Schools from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2027. Director Keating 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 THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TACOMA AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGARDING JOBS 253 PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2023-DECEMBER 2024

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve recommends that the Board of Directors approve the MOU between the City of Tacoma and Tacoma Public Schools from January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

#### 13.4 APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHIEF LESCHI SCHOOLS FROM JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interdistrict Agreement between Tacoma Public Schools and Chief Leschi Schools, July 1, 2023- August 31, 2026. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

#### 13.5 APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEWSLA LEARNING APPLICATION FOR THE 2023-2025 SCHOOL YEARS

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of the Newsela learning application for the 2023-2025 school years in the amount of \$560,000.00. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

#### 13.6 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-22-090 ADDENDUM #1 TO PURCHASE NEARPOD LEARNING APPLICATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of the Nearpod learning applications for the 2023-2024 school years in the amount of \$235,726.09. Director Keating seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

#### 13.7 APPROVAL OF HEAD START CARRYOVER FROM THE OFFICE OF HEAD START

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the district's request to the Office of Head Start for a carryover budget in the amount of \$196,169. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

#### 13.8 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-20-210 ADDENDUM #5 POWERSCHOOL PLATFORM FOR CLASSROOM LEVEL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-20-210 Addendum #5 between PowerSchool Group, LLC and Tacoma Public Schools to renew the platform for classroom-level assessments in the amount of \$112,732.54 for the 2023-2024 school year. Director Leon seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

#### 13.9 APPROVAL OF REVISED REQUEST TO EXTEND HEAD START AWARD LIQUIDATION END DATE

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the request to the Office of Head Start to extend the final liquidation period for ARP Head Start supplemental funding. 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 CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND HUGHES GROUP FOR THE LANDSCAPING WORK AT THE OLD BIRNEY SCHOOL BUILDING ON THE CURRENT BIRNEY SCHOOL SITE**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors approve the Contract to Hughes Group which outlines services of landscaping work at the Old Birney site in the amount of \$215,795.86 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.

**14.2 APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND T STONE CONSTRUCTION FOR SITE CIVIL WORK AT THE OLD BIRNEY SCHOOL BUILDING CURRENTLY ON THE BIRNEY SCHOOL SITE**

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve approve the contract to T Stone Construction for site civil work at the old Birney site in the amount \$185,800 excluding sales tax. Director Keating 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. 2125 TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF CITY RIGHT OF WAY- ORDINANCE NO. 28880**

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2125 to authorize the purchase of City Right of Way - Ordinance No. 28880. Director Keating 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 RESOLUTION NO. 2126 TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS TO GENERAL FUND 2022-23**

Director Keating moved that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2126 providing for an interfund transfer in an amount up to \$5,500,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund for the 2022-23 school year. Director Leon seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 yeas.

**16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Committee Reports:

- o Director Bonbright shared about the Joint Municipal Action Committee meeting which discussed at length the [Summer Teen Late Nights](#) safe zones program that has been created to prevent violence and help keep our teens safe this summer. Elected officials and community leaders will be walking through different neighborhoods to help get the word out. There are 12 sites: 6 for Middle Schools and 6 for High Schools, all throughout the city.
- o Director Keating attended the WSSDA Federal Relations Network meeting, where they are looking at ways to expand their statewide advocacy as a committee. They're also preparing for the January 2024 annual trip to Washington, D.C.

Community Events:

- o Director Keating attended the First Annual Miss Juneteenth Pageant, which was started by Director of Community Partnerships Amanda Scott-Thomas. There were 7 young women participating, and it was a beautiful celebration.

Updates/Comments:

- o Director Strozier reflected on the end of the school year and urged our students to stay safe over the summer. This year we have the [Summer Teen Late Nights](#) for middle and high school students, which are open from 5:00-10:00pm, Monday-Friday, throughout the summer. These will be a free place to get dinner and hang out with friends in a safe zone. There are multiple locations throughout the city. See the district's website for information. - ♦ - He encourages students to reach out if they need help. He also reminded people to watch the news and radio on how to access help in the community such as food, etc. He also encouraged adults in our community to step up and do their part to help keep students safe this summer.
- o Director Bonbright shared her excitement for the graduations that were celebrated last week. She shared that 100% of SAMI seniors graduated this year. She loved seeing the enthusiasm of students at all the graduations she attended. - ♦ - She is excited to do the annual "ringing of the bell" with the superintendent on the roof of CAB to celebrate the end of the school year.
- o Director Keating also encouraged students to take advantage of the [Summer Teen Late Nights](#) programs. - ♦ - She attended the Community Based Transition graduations, and shared how beautiful it was to see the families and students celebrating their accomplishments. - ♦ - She attended one of the Senior Elementary Walks. She watched the seniors who had gone to Geiger walk in full cap and gown with the current Geiger students.
- o Director Leon participated in the Lincoln High School graduation. It was great to see all their excitement. - ♦ - He also asked the Superintendent to give the Board more information about equity and the Oakland issue.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS**

July 13, 2023  
6:00PM - Business Meeting

August 24, 2023

6:00PM - Business Meeting

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Bonbright adjourned the meeting at 7:23PM.