



Board Business Meeting

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, December 14, 2023 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Start Time: 6:00PM

Board President Bonbright will call the meeting to order.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Tacoma Public Schools acknowledges that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Puyallup Tribe. This acknowledgment serves as a first step in honoring our nearest tribal neighbors and partners who have inhabited this region since time immemorial, and to whom we give thanks for allowing us passage to their lands. We shall intentionally create inclusive and respectful partnerships that honor Indigenous cultures, histories, identities, and sociopolitical realities.

4. ROLL CALL

General Counsel Gbenro will call the roll.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

President Bonbright will call for a motion to amend the agenda or approve as presented.

6. OATH OF OFFICE

Director Strozier, re-elected to Director Position No. 3, will take the Oath of Office.
 Director Bonbright, re-elected to Director Position No. 5, will take the Oath of Office.

7. BOARD REORGANIZATION

BOARD REORGANIZATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Board of Directors will proceed with the annual organizational meeting, pursuant to Policy 1210, as follows:

- A. The General Counsel will call for nominations for president to serve during the ensuing year.
- B. Election of a president to serve during the ensuing year (roll call vote).
- C. Assumption of the office by the new president.
- D. The General Counsel will call for nominations for vice president to serve during the ensuing year.
- E. Election of vice president (roll call vote).

8. DAIS REORGANIZATION

9. RECOGNITION OF STAFF, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY

9.1 STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

9.1.a DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

[RCW 38A.150.050](#) and [RCW.1.16.050](#)

9.2 RECOGNITION OF WSSDA 2023 BOARD OF DISTINCTION AWARD

The Chief Communications Officer recognizes the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors for earning a 2023 Board of Distinction Award from the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA).

[RECOGNITION OF WSSDA 2023 BOARD OF DISTINCTION AWARD](#)

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10.1 WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION

Recognition of Professional-Technical and Office Professional staff.

[WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION OF PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL AND OFFICE PROFESSIONAL STAFF](#)

11. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

None.

12. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

[PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:](#)

School board members encourage public participation. Your civil input is appreciated. Board members will not respond to your comments during the meeting. The Superintendent or a designee will follow-up with you after the meeting if action is needed. Instead of speaking at a meeting, you may also send an email to the board at board@tacoma.k12.wa.us. Please contact the Board Office in advance of the meeting for disability accommodations.

Under **Board Policy 1430 - Public Comment**, the Board President may terminate an individual's comments when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility that the Board imposes on itself. Examples of uncivil comments include comments that:

- o Are libelous or slanderous under a legal standard;
- o Are an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- o Are obscene or indecent pursuant to the Federal Communications Act or any rule or regulation of the Federal Communications Commission;
- o Violate school district policy or procedure related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination;
- o Incite an unlawful act on school premises or violate a lawful school regulation; or
- o Create a material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the Board meeting.

The Board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings and can maintain order by removing those who are disruptive. However, the Board recognizes the distinction between uncivil discourse, which it will not tolerate, and comments about the Board, district, and/or staff that are negative yet still civil in nature. The Board will exercise its authority to maintain order in a content neutral manner.

OPTION 1: VERBAL COMMENT

The General Counsel will call your name when it is your turn to address the school board. Please speak into the microphone. You may have up to three (3) minutes to share your comments or, if there are a large number of speakers, time may be limited at the President's discretion.

OPTION 2: WRITTEN COMMENT

The following members of the public have submitted written public comment:

- [Gavin Morgan re: Teachers' frustrations](#)

13. CONSENT AGENDA

13.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

13.1.a APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES](#)

13.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the submission of one general certificate for authorization and, if authorized, approve expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

[APPROVAL OF WARRANTS](#)

13.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

13.4 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

13.5 FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

13.5.a APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM MT. TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL TO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 8-11, 2024

The Assistant Superintendent of K-12 Support recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state field trip request for 4 Mt. Tahoma High School deaf and hard of hearing students to attend the Gallaudet University Academic Bowl Regional Competition in Santa Fe, New Mexico, February 8-11, 2024. [Funding Source: Mt. Tahoma T-Birds Booster Club].

[APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST FROM MT. TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL TO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, FEBRUARY 8 - 11, 2024](#)

13.6 APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recommends that the Board of Directors approve the personnel recommendations to the Superintendent for the December 14, 2023 Board Meeting.

[APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT](#)

13.7 OTHER

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

[APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS, GIFTS, OR DONATIONS](#)

14. POLICY MATTERS

14.1 SECOND READING OF NEW POLICY 3225 - SCHOOL-BASED THREAT ASSESSMENT

The General Counsel recommends the Board of Directors adopt the revised proposal of new Policy 3225.

[SECOND READING OF NEW POLICY 3225 - SCHOOL BASED THREAT ASSESSMENT](#)

15. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's year-end financial report will be presented.

Beginning January 2024, financial reports will be presented monthly rather than quarterly. Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>

[FINANCIAL PRESENTATION](#)

16. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

16.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-061 BETWEEN AVID CENTER AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2026

The Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-061 between AVID Center and Tacoma Public Schools in the amount of \$202,163.00 exclusive of sales tax from September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. [Funding Source: AVID]

[APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-061 BETWEEN AVID CENTER AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2026.pdf](#)

17. BUSINESS MATTERS

17.1 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-056 AMENDMENT #1 BETWEEN RO HEALTH AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Services, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-056 Amendment #1 between Ro Health and Tacoma Public Schools for \$325,000 from September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024. [Funding Source: Student Services]

[APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-056 AMENDMENT #1 BETWEEN RO HEALTH AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024](#)

17.2 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-125 BETWEEN KYO AUTISM THERAPY AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Services, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-125 between Kyo Autism Therapy and Tacoma Public Schools for \$168,000.00 from September 7, 2023 - August 31, 2024. [Funding Source: Student Services]

[APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-125 BETWEEN KYO AUTISM THERAPY AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 - AUGUST 31, 2024](#)

17.3 APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR WIRELESS SUPPORT FOR 2024-2026

The Chief Information Officer recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the renewal of support for wireless software and hardware with Synchronous Technologies from January 1st, 2024, through December 31st, 2026. [Funding source: Technology Levy]

[APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SYNCHRONOUS WIRELESS SUPPORT, 2024-2026](#)

17.4 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #1 WITH BNBUILDERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL HISTORIC MODERNIZATION PROJECT

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment which states the cost for the Oakland High School Historic Project. The Chief Operating Officer also recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #1 in the amount of \$18,606,636, bringing the total consideration to \$22,952,767, excluding sales tax. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

[APPROVAL OF GMP AMENDMENT 1 WITH BNBUILDERS CONSTRUCTION FOR OAKLAND HS](#)

17.5 APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #4 TO CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND FORMA CONSTRUCTION FOR THE POOLS UPGRADES

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve and authorize the Superintendent or designee to sign said GMP Amendment #4 in the amount of \$13,372,081, excluding sales tax. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

[APPROVAL OF GMP AMENDMENT #4 WITH FORMA CONSTRUCTION FOR POOLS UPGRADES](#)

18. OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2024 AS TACOMA WHOLE CHILD MONTH

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Whole Child, recommends that the Board of Directors proclaim January 2023 as Tacoma Whole Child Month and encourage community partner municipalities, agencies and organizations to declare their support for a whole child approach to educating and serving the children of our community.

[APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 2024 WHOLE CHILD MONTH](#)
[WHOLE CHILD PROCLAMATION - JANUARY 2024](#)

18.2 APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO THE CITY OF TACOMA TO BE USED AS RIGHT OF WAY FOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AS REFERENCED IN TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT A-1510, RIGHT OF WAY DEED NO. D-7551 AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent, or those he delegates with authority, to negotiate and approve the conveyance of this land at Hilltop Heritage from the District to the City to be used as Right of Way for pedestrian improvements as described in Construction Easement A-1510, Right Of Way Deed No. 7551, and other documents that may be needed for this transaction.

[APPROVAL FOR CONVEYANCE OF LAND ON 6TH AVENUE NEAR HILLTOP HERITAGE](#)

18.3 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE "FOR" AND "AGAINST" COMMITTEES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES BOND ON THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024 BALLOT

The Chief Communications Officer recommends the Board of Directors appoint Mayor Victoria Woodards, CEO of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce Andrea Reay, and Educator Emeritus Willie Stewart to the "For" Committee; and Jay Doherty to the "Against" Committee for the Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades bond on the February 13, 2024, ballot.

[APPOINTING FOR AND AGAINST COMMITTEES FOR FEBRUARY 2024 BALLOT](#)

18.4 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2132 IDENTIFYING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2132 and approve the updated list of the employees who can authorize transactions on these accounts and authorize the superintendent and/or designee to approve the plan.

[ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2132 IDENTIFYING AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR DISTRICT BANK ACCOUNTS](#)

19. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

20. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

January 11, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

January 18, 2024
6:00PM - Study Session

January 25, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

21. ADJOURNMENT

The Board president will adjourn the meeting.