



**Board 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.

-- NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC --

The elevator in the Central Administrative Building is currently out of service. If you require an accommodation to attend or participate in the board meeting, please contact the Board Secretary, Tracy Jones, at tjones4@tacoma.k12.wa.us or (253) 571-1443 as soon as possible.

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, April 11, 2024 06:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 11, 2024 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 Keating 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, McElroy and Strozier were in attendance; Director Leon was absent excused.

Student representatives Constantine (SOTA) and Taylor (Silas) 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 DOLORES HUERTA DAY - APRIL 10

6.1.b MOTHER JOSEPH DAY - APRIL 16

6.2 RECOGNITION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGER'S RECEIPT OF THE CINDY ACOSTA RISK MANAGEMENT AWARD

The Board of Directors recognized the diligent work of the Environmental Health & Safety Manager Jeff Rogers, who was honored with the WASBO Cindy Acosta Risk Management Award.

6.3 RECOGNITION OF THE DISTRICT'S NEWEST NATIONAL BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS AND RECENTLY RENEWED BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS

The Board of Directors recognized the District's newest National Board Certified Teachers and those who recently renewed.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Human Resources Operations Director Deaderick gave an update regarding displaced OP/PT staff who were displaced to new assignments due to position eliminations.

7.2 TRANSPORTATION TIERING OVERVIEW

Director of Strategic Financial Operations Campen and Supervisor of Transportation Rolland gave an overview of potential Transportation Tiering and bell schedule changes.

8. STAFF REPORT TO THE BOARD

There was no staff report to the Board.

9. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Written public comments:

- o The following members of the public wrote the Board regarding Birney Elementary's current assistant principal:
 - Jessica Castillo
 - Savanna Follen
 - Brian Riley
 - Martha Escamilla
- o Emily Wallace wrote the Board regarding declining student enrollment and removing barriers.

Spoken public comments:

- o The following members of the public wrote the Board regarding Birney Elementary's current assistant principal:
 - Joan Forshay
 - Marquita Dickson
 - Brooke Hertenstein on behalf of Brian Riley
 - Jessica Castillo on behalf of Martha Escamilla
 - Tiffany Lutcher
 - Savanna Follen
 - Jimmy Blais (student)
- o Arthur Perkins-Cline addressed the Board regarding keeping Hilltop Heritage Middle School's assistant principal.
- o Kate Pearson addressed the Board regarding the proposed transportation changes.
- o Ken Paulson addressed the Board regarding phonics, new math vs. old math, gender identification.
- o Amy Kimmel addressed the Board regarding both Birney Elementary's current assistant principal, as well as heating issues at Birney.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Bonbright 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 MARCH 14, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10.1.b APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2024 BOARD 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

11. POLICY MATTERS

There were no policy matters.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's monthly financial report will tentatively be presented at the April 25, 2024 business meeting.

Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance>.

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

There were no curriculum and instruction agenda items.

14. BUSINESS MATTERS

14.1 APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TACOMA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Tacoma Housing Authority and Tacoma Public Schools, committing the district to provide \$125,000, inclusive of sales tax, for the 2023-2024 school year. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

14.2 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-085 AMENDMENT #3, BETWEEN LILAC CITY BEHAVIORAL SERVICES AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM AUGUST 1, 2023 - JULY 31, 2028

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-085 Amendment #3 between Lilac City Behavioral Services and Tacoma Public Schools from August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2028. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

14.3 APPROVAL OF SOLARWINDS SOFTWARE RENEWAL FROM MAY 19, 2024 - MAY 19, 2025

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve SolarWinds Software renewal from May 19, 2024 - May 19, 2025 for an estimated cost of \$224,259.75. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

14.4 APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING, DEVELOPMENT, AND FUTURE USE OF NEW FIELDS AT THE PECK COMMUNITY SPORTS PARK

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement between Metro Parks Tacoma (MPT) and Tacoma Public Schools (TPS) for the construction of sports fields at the Peck Community Sports Park. The estimated cost for TPS to construct the fields is \$5,000,000, and MPT will reimburse a total of \$458,487.78 to the Peck ball field project. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

14.5 APPROVAL TO AMEND PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL TO INCLUDE INITIAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES FOR THE LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Director Bonbright moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to Korsmo Construction for the Design/Build alternative method for the Lowell Elementary Replacement Project. The new total approved amount will be \$2,755,545, 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 years.

14.6 APPROVAL OF BID ACCEPTANCE WITH J.A. MORRIS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL SEAMAR CLINIC PROJECT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to accept the bid for the Lincoln High School SeaMar Clinic Project from J.A. Morris Construction in the amount of \$319,000 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 years.

14.7 APPROVAL OF PUGET SOUND JOINT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (PSJPC) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to resume approval of the interlocal agreement with Puget Sound Joint Purchasing Cooperative (PSJPC) for an estimated cost of \$1,000 per year or \$5,000 over the five-year agreement. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

14.8 APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD A CONTRACT WITH ATS AUTOMATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR THE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT

Director Strozier moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to ATS Automation for consultant services for the Energy Conservation Project. Director Bonbright seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

14.9 APPROVAL TO AWARD AND NEGOTIATE CONTRACT WITH MACDONALD MILLER FACILITY SOLUTIONS FOR THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (CAB) BOILER UPGRADE PROJECT

Director McElroy moved that the Board of Directors approve the Superintendent to negotiate and award a contract to MacDonald Miller Facility Solutions for construction services for the CAB Boiler Upgrade Project. Director Strozier seconded the motion. A voice vote was called, and the chair declared the motion carried with a vote of 4 years.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

16. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

- o Director Strozier commented on how the Board offers time for public comments at each meeting, welcoming them even if there are tough conversations. He pointed out that President Keating thanks each commenter, even in tough conversations. He expressed that he does not thank the one commenter from tonight for his comments. He will not condone his comments.
- o Director McElroy clarified with the Board's General Counsel about how a "consensus board" works and confirmed that the TPS Board is a consensus board. All board members present confirmed that they feel like they are a consensus board. She confirmed that individual board members cannot speak on behalf of the Board as an individual person. She confirmed that the Board's role to oversee policies and to evaluate the superintendent. It's not the Board's role to evaluate any other employee within the district. She assured the Board that she *knows* the duties that she and other board members are allowed to do, and she wants the Board and members of the public that she will never go beyond those bounds and speak on behalf of the Board without consensus.
- o Director Bonbright shared with the public that the Board has a shared email box (board@tacoma.k12.wa.us). Because we are a consensus board, one of the things we do, following the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) recommendation, we speak in one voice. The Board President speaks on our behalf after working with and getting input from the Vice President (and other directors, if needed). If people are emailing each director individually, know that you will only get the response from the Board President.
- o Director Keating shared that she attended the recent Lincoln Multicultural Assembly, which was impressive. She loved seeing how the students supported and showed each other genuine care. There were about 15 performances with roughly 12 ethnicities represented. The Native American student club started it off, and Puyallup Tribe representatives did the land acknowledgment. She looks forward to attending Mt. Tahoma's assembly as well.

Student Representatives:

- o Alternate Representative Constantine (SOTA) shared that their ASB is focusing less on gathering money and more on giving back to their community. They're also focusing on giving back to the graduating seniors such as helping paying for their senior breakfast and supporting their events. Other events are in the planning stage for other class groups as well.
- o Alternative Representative Taylor (Silas) shared that the Jazz and Show Choir are going to be representing their school at the Disneyland competition next week.

17. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

April 18, 2024
6:00PM - Study Session

April 25, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

May 9, 2024
6:00PM - Business Meeting

18. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Keating adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.