



Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Minutes

Central Administration Building
601 South 8th Street – Tacoma, WA
4th Floor Auditorium
Thursday, October 17, 2019 04:00 PM

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The Board met to interview candidates for appointment to the Board on Thursday, October 17, 2019 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

Board President Heinze called the meeting to order at 4:16 PM.

2. CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The board conducted in-person interviews of candidates for appointment to the vacant director seat. Candidates interviewed were: Elizabeth Bonbright, Allison Kalalau, Justin Raphael, Adrienne Stuart and Desiree Wilkins Finch.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board convened in an Executive Session at 6:00pm to discuss legal matters. No action was taken within the meeting.

4. STUDY SESSION CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in Study Session on Thursday, October 17, 2019 in the fourth floor auditorium of the Central Administration Building located at 601 South 8th Street in Tacoma, Washington.

Board President Heinze called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

5. FLAG SALUTE

President Heinze led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. STUDY SESSION ITEM(S)

6.1 STRATEGIC PLAN - GOALS

Deputy Superintendent Garcia reviewed the process and timeline used when creating the 2015-2020 goals. The board considered the proposed 2020-2025 goals, which are:

Academic Excellence- We will support all students to perform at or above grade level and we will eliminate group disparities. District Leadership recommends maintaining the existing goal and revising the benchmarks.

Partnerships- We will fully engage our parents, community and staff in the education of our children. District Leadership recommends maintaining the existing goal and revising the benchmarks.

Early Learning- We will focus on early assessment and intervention at the Pre-K through third-grade levels to ensure early academic success. District Leadership recommends maintaining the existing goal and revising the benchmarks.

Safety - All schools will create and maintain healthy and safe learning environments that promote excellent academic achievement. District Leadership recommends maintaining the existing goal and revising the benchmarks.

Operations- We will focus on effective and efficient business practices to ensure student academic success. District Leadership recommends adopting this new goal and establishing benchmarks.

District leadership recommends making adjustments to current disparity data measurement filters, such as removing the regional filter and adding a McKinney Vento qualifications filter.

Next steps would be adoption of goals, review/refine, and/or revise benchmarks, adopt benchmarks, establish infrastructure, create publications, and monitor.

The board will have a first reading of the proposed goals at the October 24th business meeting and consider adoption at the November 7th special meeting.

6.2 BOND RESOLUTION PREVIEW

Chief Financial Officer, Rosalind Medina, presented the board an overview of the proposed Capital Bond Election resolution. The matter would go to voters in the February 11, 2020 election and would ask voters to approve the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$535,000,000.00 to provide funds for capital improvements to facilities of the district.

The District will make the following capital improvements (the "Improvements") to facilities of the District: (listed in alphabetical order by project type)

- Bryant Montessori School – replace existing school
- Downing Elementary – replace existing school
- Fawcett Elementary – replace existing school
- Hunt Middle School – phase 2 of replacement of school
- Lowell Elementary – replace existing school
- Oakland High School – historic modernization of existing school
- Skyline Elementary – replace existing school; building and systems renovation to repurpose existing facility
- Whittier Elementary – replace existing school
- DeLong Elementary – building and system renovations and upgrades
- Gault – demolition or building renovations and upgrades
- IDEA at Park Avenue – building and systems renovation and upgrades
- Madison School – building and systems renovations and upgrades
- Mann – building and system renovations and upgrades
- McCarver Primary building – building and system renovations and upgrades
- Point Defiance Elementary – building and system renovations and upgrades
- Reed Elementary – building and system renovations and upgrades
- School of the Arts at 9th and Broadway – building and systems renovations and upgrades
- Whitman Elementary – building and system renovations and upgrades
- District-wide safety and security system upgrades
- District-wide renovations, upgrades, and replacements of athletic facilities, including tennis, swimming pool, playground, playfield, and stadium improvements
- District-wide small capital project improvements including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, Americans with Disability Act improvements, structural maintenance, and roof, elevator and boiler replacements.

The district must submit the final approved resolution to the Pierce County Auditor by December 13th in order to make the February 11th election. Ballots will be mailed to voters on January 24th. County election certification will be February 21st. District leadership will submit the final resolution for board approval on October 24, 2019.

6.3 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PREVIEW

Deputy Superintendent, Joshua Garcia, reviewed the draft Tacoma Public Schools Priority Legislation for K-12 Student Success.

The proposed four critical district issues are (in no particular order):

- Health & Human Services Support for the Whole Child
- Prototypical school model funding modifications
- Special education fully funded by the state
- School Employee Benefits Board

Proposed areas of high concern are:

- Simple majority for construction bonds to offer smaller class sizes, safer schools
- Early learning funding
- School construction formula modifications

Charlie Brown and Leslie Treleven, Cascade Government Affairs, provided additional information on the coming 60-day legislative session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Heinze moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm.

Minutes approved by the Board on: _____

Signed by: _____

Superintendent Carla Santorno

By: _____

Board President, Scott Heinze