

April 29, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlpCx12jbPQ>

Board of Directors

Meeting held remotely

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I. Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Directors DeWolf, Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rankin, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.

Director DeWolf noted that the meeting was being held electronically consistent with the Governor's March 24, 2020 proclamation prohibiting in-person public meetings for agencies subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. Director DeWolf noted that the public had been provided access to observe the meeting and stated that there would not be a public comment opportunity during the meeting per the Board's March 11, 2020 vote to waive relevant provisions of Board Policy 1430 and Board Procedure 1430BP, and Board Resolution 2019/20-29. Director DeWolf noted that public comments were invited via email, fax, and mail.

II. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Juneau provided comments.

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=217> (P1: 3:37-10:23)

III. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the **March 4, 2020 Work Sessions and Executive Session, April 1, 2020 Oversight Work Session, April 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, and April 20, 2020 Board Special Meeting**
2. **Warrants Report – March**

The following warrants as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.08, are approved for payment:

General Fund	*Payroll	\$1,092,677.70
	Vendor	34,707,873.12
Capital Project Fund	Vendor	13,231,173.90
Associated Student Body Fund	Vendor	374,850.94
Expendable Trust Fund	Vendor	2,500.00
Grand Total		\$49,409,075.66

***Note – Payroll total reflects warrants issued to employees. It does not however, reflect cash transfer amounts in payment of employees’ Direct Deposit payroll.**

3. **BEX IV: Approval of Budget Transfer from the BEX IV Program Contingency and Award Construction Contract P5126, Bid No. B11832, to Reynolds General Contracting, Inc., for the Seismic Improvements at Beacon Hill, Maple, and Whitworth-Orca K-8 Schools project** (Ops, March 24, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve the transfer of \$481,000 from the BEX IV Program Contingency to the Seismic Improvements at Beacon Hill, Maple, and Whitworth-Orca K-8 Schools project budget; and authorize the Superintendent to execute construction contract P5126 with Reynolds General Contracting, Inc., for the Seismic Improvements at Beacon Hill, Maple, and Whitworth-Orca K-8 Schools project in the amount of \$677,875 including base bid, plus Washington State Sales Tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary actions to implement the contract. (Updated Since Introduction)

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=644> (P1: 10:44-11:39)

Director Hampson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Harris seconded.

This motion passed unanimously.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

C. Action Items

1. **Authorizing Board Resolution No. 2019/20-33 to Suspend State and Local Graduation Requirements, and Suspending Provisions of Board Policy No. 2415, High School Graduation Requirements** Approval of this item would authorize the attached Board Resolution, and temporarily suspend identified provisions of Board Policy No. 2415, High School Graduation Requirements, for high school seniors during the COVID-19 school closure. Immediate action is in the best interest of the district. (Introduction & Action)

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=722> (P1: 12:02-43:55)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Harris seconded.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker summarized the actions that would be taken under the Board Action Report and discussed the goals, collaboration, and outreach underlying the proposal.

Director Mack and Senior General Counsel Ronald Boy discussed the timeframe that would apply under the resolution, graduating class covered, and actions that may be needed to address future years' classes. Director Mack and Executive Director of College & Career Readiness Dr. Caleb Perkins discussed how the action would apply to students completing the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program.

Director Rankin noted appreciation for the work to develop the Board Action Report and support seniors.

Director Rivera-Smith and Dr. DeBacker discussed the classes covered by the Board Action Report. Director Rivera-Smith and Dr. Perkins discussed plans for the summer term.

Director Hampson noted appreciation for attention in the Board Action Report to the pros and cons of waiving state graduation requirements and discussed with Dr. DeBacker work to support seniors in continuing their education throughout the semester and accessing resources they may need. Director Rankin noted the intent is to ease the burden on students to allow them to meet graduation requirements and spoke to continued obligations to provide students with resources to build skills.

Director Mack and Dr. Perkins discussed how the Board Action Report would apply to seniors planning to graduate following summer school and alignment with state law. Director Mack and Superintendent Juneau discussed ongoing planning regarding summer school.

Director Rivera-Smith noted the opportunity for students to decline the waiver should they choose.

Director DeWolfe noted his appreciation to Dr. DeBacker and Dr. Perkins for their work on the item.

This motion passed unanimously.

2. **BTA III: Approval of Budget Transfer from BTA III Program Contingency and Award Construction Contract K5118, Bid No. B012038, to Good News Group, Inc., for the Adams Elementary School Fire Sprinkler Upgrades project** (Ops, March 24, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve the transfer in the amount of \$1,026,688 from the BTA III Program Contingency to the Adams Elementary School Fire Sprinkler Upgrades project budget; and authorize the Superintendent to execute Construction Contract K5118 with Good News Group Inc. in the amount of \$1,121,950, including base bid plus Washington State Sales Tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary actions to implement the contract. (Updated Since Introduction)

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=2639> (P1: 43:59-49:18)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Harris seconded.

Mr. Podesta noted the updates made since introduction.

Director Mack spoke to the importance of the project.

Director Rivera-Smith and Mr. Podesta discussed the factors contributing to the increased cost and scope of the project.

This motion passed unanimously.

D. Introduction Items

1. **High School Chemistry B Instructional Materials Adoption** (C&I, April 21, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve the recommendation of the Instructional Materials Committee to adopt the selection of the High School Science Adoption Committee to adopt the CHEM B instructional materials, developed by Seattle Public Schools in collaboration with university partners, as core instructional materials for Seattle Public Schools' high school Chemistry B (CHEM B) science classrooms and would further authorize the Superintendent to enter into agreements and incur costs to implement the CHEM B instructional materials for all Seattle Public Schools' high school Chemistry B (CHEM B) science classrooms for an amount not to exceed \$367,845, covering school years 2020-21 through 2027-28.

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=2971> (P1: 49:31-56:03)

Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker

spoke to the withdrawal of the item from the agenda. Directors DeWolf and Rankin and Dr. DeBacker discussed next steps to bring the item back to the Board for Introduction.

2. **Approval of new Board Policy No. 3423, Parent/Guardian Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes, and amending existing Board Policy No. 5201, Drug-Free Schools, Community & Workplace** (Ops, April 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve Board Policy No. 3423, Parent/Guardian Administration of Marijuana for Medical Purposes, and amend Board Policy No. 5201, Drug-Free Schools, Community & workplace, as attached to the Board Action Report.

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=3186> (P1: 53:08-1:08:11)

Senior General Counsel Ronald Boy explained that the Board Action Report is being introduced in response to a new state law providing for minors to utilize marijuana infused products for medical purposes in a school setting under limited circumstances.

Director Mack noted that the Operations Committee had a robust conversation about the proposed policy and policy amendment and cross referenced to policies on related topics. She noted the Operations Committee recommendation and that the Committee felt that the item addressed the state law appropriately.

Director Hampson and Mr. Boy discussed the prescriptive nature of the state law regarding the administration of marijuana for medical purposes and the need to mirror the state law in policy. Director Harris noted the compliance nature of the action.

Directors Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and Mack addressed the discussion that was had by the Operations Committee.

Director DeWolf discussed the equity analysis and student benefit section of the Board Action Report with Mr. Boy and requested updates. Director DeWolf and Mr. Boy discussed the use of a Washington State School Directors' Association model policy as the basis for the proposed Seattle Public Schools policy.

3. **BEX V: Award Contract P1721 for Construction Project Management Services to CBRE | Heery for the Lincoln High School Phase 2 project** (Ops, April 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contract P1721 for Construction Project Management Services with CBRE | Heery in the amount of \$1,399,056, including reimbursable expenses, with any minor additions, deletions and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent to implement the contract.

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=4092> (P1: 1:08:12-1:14:34)

Mr. Podesta noted the additional school improvements that would be covered as part of the project.

Director Mack spoke about the project and necessary seismic and other building upgrades. Directors Mack, Rankin and Rivera-Smith spoke about upgrades to the auditorium and how the space will be utilized.

4. **BEX V: Award Construction Contract P5139 to Wayne's Roofing, Inc., for the West Seattle High School Roof Replacement project** (Ops, April 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute construction contract P5139 with Wayne's Roofing, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$7,048,041, plus Washington State Sales Tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary actions to implement the contract.

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=4475> (P1: 1:14:35-1:18:06)

Mr. Podesta spoke to the history of roofing work at West Seattle High School.

Directors Mack, Rankin and Rivera-Smith described their gratefulness and excitement in seeing the project move forward.

IV. Board Comments

- Director Hampson <https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=4721> (P1: 1:18:41-1:21:39)
- Director Harris <https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=4901> (P1: 1:21:41-1:22:53)
- Director Hersey <https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=4986> (P1: 1:23:06-1:26:07)
- Director Mack <https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=5171> (P1: 1:26:11-1:33:08)
- Director Rankin <https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=5604> (P1: 1:33:24-1:43:33)
- Director Rivera-Smith <https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=6214> (P1: 1:43:34-1:48:19)
- Director DeWolf <https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=6499> (P1: 1:48:19-1:54:12)

V. Executive Session: To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). This session will begin at the conclusion of the regular Board meeting and last approximately 30 minutes. The legislative session will reconvene at the conclusion of the executive session to adjourn the meeting if there is no further business before the Board. No action will be taken during the legislative session as a result of the executive session.

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=6852> (P1: 1:54:13-1:55:26)

At 2:55 p.m., Director DeWolf announced that the Board was immediately recessing the regular

Board meeting into executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency, and that the session was scheduled for approximately 30 minutes, with an anticipated end time of 3:25 p.m.

Director DeWolf called the executive session to order at 2:56 p.m.

Directors DeWolf, Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rankin and Rivera-Smith were present.

Staff present were Superintendent Denise Juneau, Senior Advisor Sherri Kokx, Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta, Director of Capital Projects Richard Best, and Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver.

<https://youtu.be/ZlpCx12jbPQ?t=8878> (P1: 2:27:58-2:28:39)

At 3:27 p.m., Director DeWolf announced that the executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency was now expected to go an additional 15 minutes, with an anticipated end time of 3:42 p.m.

At 3:43 p.m., Director DeWolf recessed out of the executive session.

VI. Adjourn

The Regular meeting reconvened at 3:43 p.m. and there being no further business to come before the Board, Director DeWolf adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.