

January 22, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
January 22, 2020, 4:15 p.m.

Board of Directors

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Seattle, Washington 98134
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I. Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m.
2. Directors Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rivera-Smith, and DeWolf were present.
Director Rankin arrived at 4:21 p.m.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Student Presentations

- Green Lake Elementary

III. Superintendent Comments

- Native American Education Update

Native American Education Program Manager Gail Morris provided the annual Native American Education Update.

Superintendent Juneau provided comments.

IV. Board Committee Reports

Directors provided comments from their Board committee and liaison work.

V. Student Comments

- The Center School

VI. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the **December 14, 2019 Board Retreat, December 18, 2019 Executive Committee of the Whole and Executive Session, and January 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Warrants Report - December**

General Fund	*Payroll	\$1,144,248.52
	Vendor	\$12,359,691.70
Capital Project Fund	Vendor	\$11,081,714.46
Associated Student Body	Vendor	\$439,957.52
Expendable Trust Fund	Vendor	\$3,500.00
Grand Total		\$25,029,112.20

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

3. **Purchase of Student and Staff Technology for new BEX IV Schools** (Ops, December 5, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute purchase orders through various vendors for a total not-to-exceed \$3,100,000 plus Washington State Sales Tax, during the fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, and to take any necessary actions to implement the purchase orders.
4. **BTA IV: Approval of Capacity Management Actions for the 2020-21 School Year** (Ops, December 5, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to authorize allocation of up to \$2,260,600 from BTA IV capital funds to implement annual capacity management actions in spring semester 2019-20 and summer 2020 to support projected district homeroom capacity needs for the 2020-21 school year and authorize the Superintendent to take the necessary steps to implement the actions as detailed in the attached Capacity Management recommendations. (Updated Since Introduction)
5. **BEX IV/BTA IV: Approval of Construction Change Order #24 for the Lincoln High School Modernization and Addition project** (Ops, December 5, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute construction change order #24 for the Lincoln High School Modernization and Addition project in the amount of \$770,468.31, plus Washington State sales tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary action to implement the change order.

6. **BTA IV: Final Acceptance of Contract K5105 with Acc-U-Set Construction, Inc. for the Relocate and Setup Portable Classrooms at Multiple School Sites project** (Ops, December 5, for Approval) Approval of this item would accept the work performed under Contract K5105 with Acc-U-Set Construction, Inc. for the Relocate and Setup Portable Classrooms at Multiple School Sites project as final.

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

Director Mack moved to remove Item 4 (BTA IV: Approval of Capacity Management Actions for the 2020-21 School Year).

Director Hampson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

This meeting recessed at 5:14 p.m. This meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

This item was addressed later in the meeting.

VII. Public Testimony

Order	Speaker	Topic
1	Adam Billen	The Center School
2	Angelina Riley	Ethnic Studies Curriculum
3	Christa Chan	hiring and retaining more staff of color and staff training on issues of racial equity
4	Erica Ijeoma	Black Lives Matter at School resolution
5	Kidist Habte and Israel Presley	Ethnic studies
6	Aneesa Roidad	Black Lives Matter At School and the National Demands for that movement
7	Julie Popper ceded to Chris Liburd	HCC pathway options
8	Cliff Meyer	proposal for changes at Washington Middle School

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| 9 | Tanya Davis ceded to DJ Yu | Amendment 1 |
| 10 | Mynique Adams | HC pathway at Washington Middle School |

This meeting recessed at 5:53 p.m. This meeting reconvened at 5:58 p.m.

VII. Public Testimony (Continued)

Order	Speaker	Topic
11	Milad Mesbahi	my experiences in the Seattle public school system and how I feel the implementation of ethnic studies to this curriculum is vital
12	Christine Tang	Amendment 1 - guarantee HC students going to WMS Pathway assignment to another HC cohort
13	Chia Wang	HC cohort at Washington Middle School
14	Hugh Kim	Amendment 1 - advanced learning
15	Chris Jackins	JOA between SPS and TAF and School Board Oversight
16	Brian Terry	racial equity in advanced learning
17	Sara A. Jones	I am a graduate of the APP (HCC) program at Washington Middle School and now a female minority leader in tech. I would like to address the potential closure of the HCC program at WMS, under the Board’s Action item #1: Approval of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Technology Access Foundation (TAF), Partial Waiver of Board Policy No. 2190 with respect to Washington Middle School, and Amendment to the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21
18	John Persak	HCC
19	Fatoumata Sakho	HCC cohort in the South and advanced learning services services in Middle schools
20	Dionne Malatesta	TAF/SPS, Adopting resolution 2019/20-23 to declare that the lives of Black students matter
21	Joanna Cullen	Agenda item TAF contract at Washington Middle School

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| 22 | Gian-Nicholo
Rosario | Ethnic studies And Adopting Resolution No. 2019/20-23 to declare that the lives of black students matter; and, that we encourage participation district-wide in the national Black Lives Matter At School Week from February 3-7, 2020 |
| 23 | Emily Wheeler | Why HCC |
| 24 | Dustin
Wunderlich | TAF Academy |
| 25 | Ya'Vonne
Hubbard | HCC pathway access and Equity |

VI. Business Action Items (Continued)

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

This item was taken out of order on the agenda.

4. **BTA IV: Approval of Capacity Management Actions for the 2020-21 School Year** (Ops, December 5, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to authorize allocation of up to \$2,260,600 from BTA IV capital funds to implement annual capacity management actions in spring semester 2019-20 and summer 2020 to support projected district homeroom capacity needs for the 2020-21 school year and authorize the Superintendent to take the necessary steps to implement the actions as detailed in the attached Capacity Management recommendations. (Updated Since Introduction)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Harris seconded. Director Mack noted the Operations Committee recommendation.

Director Mack noted the update since introduction to correct a typo in the dollar amount and that the fiscal analysis section had not included the same correction. Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta confirmed that the motion had been corrected, but that the same number had not been updated in the fiscal analysis section. Mr. Podesta stated that legal counsel had confirmed that an amendment would not be needed to address the correction administratively.

This motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board Comments

Directors Rankin, Hersey, Harris, Hampson, Mack, Rivera-Smith, and DeWolf provided comments.

This meeting recessed at 7:03 p.m. This meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

IX. Business Action Items (Continued)

C. Action Items

1. **Approval of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Technology Access Foundation (TAF), Partial Waiver of Board Policy No. 2190 with respect to Washington Middle School, and Amendment to the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21** (Exec, December 18, for Consideration)

Approval of this item would implement the STEMbyTAF academic model at Washington Middle School (WMS), beginning with the 6th grade in the 2020-21 school year, adding 7th grade in 2021-22, and adding 8th grade in 2022-23. (Updated Since Introduction)

- o **Amendment 1 to the Board Action Report “Approval of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Technology Access Foundation (TAF), Partial Waiver of Board Policy No. 2190 with respect to Washington Middle School, and Amendment to the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21.”** (Mack, Rivera-Smith) Approval of this amendment would amend the underlying Board Action Report to strike the following motion language “Waive, with respect to Washington Middle School, the provision in Policy No. 2190, Highly Capable Services & Advanced learning Programs, that a ‘self-contained cohort option is available in grades 1-8’”; substitute the attached further amended version of the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21 to include language that continues to guarantee Highly Capable students rising to 6th grade in the Washington HCC Pathway assignment to another Highly Capable Cohort (HCC) program when they apply during Open Enrollment through May 31; and supersede the underlying Board Action Report to the extent there are inconsistencies. (Materials updated 1/21/20)

Director Hampson moved to approve Action Item 1 (Approval of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Technology Access Foundation (TAF), Partial Waiver of Board Policy No. 2190 with respect to Washington Middle School, and Amendment to the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21). Director Harris seconded. Director DeWolf noted the Executive Committee recommendation.

Senior Advisor to the Superintendent Sherri Kokx noted the updates since introduction regarding a correction to the committee recommendation in the Board Action Report, clarification on the JOA, and language about procurement and decision-making process.

Ms. Kokx responded to questions from Director Harris regarding highly capable services and including Washington Middle School staff.

Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver provided clarification on public testimony comments.

Director Mack moved to approve Amendment 1 to the Board Action Report “Approval of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Technology Access Foundation (TAF), Partial Waiver of Board Policy No. 2190 with

respect to Washington Middle School, and Amendment to the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21.” Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

Director Mack elaborated on the amendment. Director Rivera-Smith spoke about consistency and services for students. Director Mack provided clarification to Directors regarding transportation and availability of space.

Ms. Kokx and Director Mack spoke about providing students with transportation if there is availability.

Director Rivera-Smith answered questions from Director Hersey about community engagement. Director Harris commented that as a virtually part time volunteer Board of Directors, other than our individual efforts, Board members have no capacity or assistance to engage in Community Engagement and is something we need to fix.

This amendment did not pass with a vote of 2-4-1 (Directors Mack and Rivera-Smith voted yes; Directors Hampson, Hersey, Rankin, and DeWolf voted no; Director Harris abstained).

Directors provided comments regarding this underlying item, Action Item 1 (Approval of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Technology Access Foundation (TAF), Partial Waiver of Board Policy No. 2190 with respect to Washington Middle School, and Amendment to the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21).

The motion to approve Action Item 1 (Approval of a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Technology Access Foundation (TAF), Partial Waiver of Board Policy No. 2190 with respect to Washington Middle School, and Amendment to the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2020-21) passed with a vote of 6-0-1 (Directors Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and DeWolf voted yes; Director Mack abstained).

TAF Co-founder and Executive Director Trish Millines Dziko provided comments regarding this item.

This meeting recessed at 8:31 p.m. This meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar** Approval of this item would approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar as attached to the Board Action Report with any minor, non-substantive additions, deletions or modification deemed necessary by the Superintendent. Immediate action is in the best interest of the District. (**Introduction and Action**)

Director DeWolf noted Action Items 2, 3, and 4 were not reviewed in committee due to the cancelation of the Executive Committee meeting for inclement weather.

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

Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge spoke about the relationship between the school

year calendar and the Seattle Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement. President of Seattle Education Association Michael Tamayo provided clarification on work to ensure a culturally responsive implementation of the school year calendar.

This motion passed unanimously.

3. **Adopting Resolution No. 2019/20-23 to declare that the lives of black students matter; and, that we encourage participation district-wide in the national Black Lives Matter At School Week from February 3-7, 2020** Approval of this item would approve Resolution No. 2019/20-23, a resolution of the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Seattle, Washington to declare that the lives of black students matter, as well as the lives of all of our underserved students; that we affirm the demands of the Black Lives Matter At School Movement, and that we encourage participation district-wide in the national Black Lives Matter At School Week from February 3-7, 2020, as attached to this board action report. Immediate adoption is in the best interest of the district. (Introduction and Action)

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

Director Harris discussed a potential amendment to add language to extend this item to future years. Mr. Narver provided clarification on legal impact.

Directors Hersey and Rivera-Smith spoke to the importance of discussing this item annually.

Director Harris stated that she would not be offering an amendment.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker spoke about a curriculum that is distributed to staff for students.

This motion passed unanimously.

4. **Authorization for Claim Settlement** Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to take all necessary actions to resolve the claim for damages dated March 26, 2019 brought by a former student and his mother against the District, which would include payment of District funds in the amount of \$475,000 in exchange for a waiver and release of all claims, following any necessary court approval. Immediate action is in the best interest of the District. (Introduction and Action)

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

Deputy Legal Counsel John Cerqui spoke about this item.

This motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Department of Education School Climate Transformation Grant** (A&F, December 9, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to accept the U.S Department of Education School Climate Transformation Grant in the amount of \$3,719,936 across 5 years.

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

This motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of courses with new content as defined by Superintendent Procedure No. 2026** (C&I, December 10, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve the New Course Additions for 2020-21 as attached to the Board Action Report. (Updated Since Introduction)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Harris seconded. Director DeWolf noted the Curriculum & Instruction Policy Committee recommendation.

Dr. DeBacker spoke about the changes since introduction.

This motion passed unanimously.

7. **BEX IV: Final Acceptance of Contract P5068 with Pacific Mobile Structures, Inc. for the Provide, Move/Setup Portable Classroom Modules at Multiple School Sites project** (Ops, January 9, for Approval) Approval of this item would accept the work performed under Contract P5068 with Pacific Mobile Structures, Inc., for the Provide, Move & Setup Portable Classroom Modules at Multiple School Sites project as final. (Introduction and Action)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Harris seconded. Director DeWolf noted the Operations Committee recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously.

X. Executive Session: To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), (c). 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.

At 9:03 p.m., Director DeWolf announced that the Board was immediately recessing the regular Board meeting into executive session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; and to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price, RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), (c), and that the session was scheduled for approximately 30 minutes, with an anticipated end time of 9:33 p.m.

Director DeWolf called the executive session to order at 9:07 p.m.

Directors Harris, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, Hersey, Hampson, Mack, and DeWolf were present. Staff present were Superintendent Juneau, Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta, Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver, and Senior Advisor to the Superintendent Sherri Kokx. Former staff Stephen Nielsen was also present.

At 9:37 p.m., Director DeWolf recessed out of the executive session.

XI. Adjourn

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:38 p.m. and there being no further business to come before the Board, Director DeWolf adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.