



Board of Directors

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Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
February 3, 2016, 4:15pm

I. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 4:16pm
- B. Directors Burke, Geary, Harris, Patu, Peters and Pinkham were present. Dir. Blanford arrived at 4:19pm
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Student Presentations

Ballard High School Concert Choir

III. Superintendent Comments

Supt. Nyland thanked the Ballard High School Concert Choir for their performance. He noted that next week is National School Counseling week, and honored the important work that the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) school counselors do. Supt. Nyland noted the tremendous influence they have in helping students academically, socially, and emotionally. He noted that Board President, Betty Patu, was honored on Saturday by the Asian Pacific Advocate Organization of Chinese Americans for her decades of advocacy work to increase graduation rates and college admissions. Supt. Nyland noted a meeting last week with the Experimental Education Unit (EEU) kindergarten program, and he invited Wyeth Jessee to the podium to discuss further. Mr. Jessee noted the fruitful meeting last Friday, and that everyone came to the meeting looking for a solution to the many complexities to this situation. Mr. Jessee noted that there is a tentative agreement with University of Washington's EEU program, and that there will be a meeting tomorrow to determine the specific services for students with special needs and the general education funding portion. Mr. Jessee noted receiving assistance from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). He discussed the program and noted the unique attributes to EEU. Mr. Jessee noted that Seattle Public Schools (SPS) is looking to replicate the EEU program to expand in the district. He noted that the way the relationship was before would have been non-compliant. Mr. Jessee noted that with help from OSPI, and this interagency agreement, compliance will no longer be an issue and the relationship will not be as limiting.

Supt. Nyland invited Flip Herndon to the podium to provide an update on capacity management and the noted need for more classrooms throughout the district. He noted that the Capacity Management needs of the district are for an additional 66 classrooms, and also more teachers to accommodate smaller class sizes. Dr. Herndon noted that there were initially 19 tentative spaces in 10 buildings that may need to be converted. He noted that enrollment projections went out Monday, and they continue to collect the numbers today. Dr. Herndon noted that with the new projections, the district is down to 11 classrooms at 7 schools that may potentially be converted. He noted that the staff and those schools are continuing looking at creative opportunities. Dr. Herndon noted that this doesn't mean those programs won't exist at the building, and that alternative spaces are still being explored in the schools. He noted a handout in the auditorium that gives an overview of the timelines and the schools that may be impacted, and he noted that the information is also available online. Dr. Herndon noted that in regards to the water bottle filling stations topic, the facilities team is looking into this. He noted that of the companies that the district has researched, the brands have not been able to pass water quality testing per Board requirements, and the district is working diligently to find a new alternative. Dr. Herndon noted that the district will be applying for the grant to be able to purchase the equipment and the goal would be to put one in each school.

Supt. Nyland noted that as part of Superintendent SMART Goal #4, Early Hiring, the district held a job fair in which over 230 candidates attended, and the district was able to make over 100 early hiring offers, many in special education. He noted the admissions fair on Saturday was well attended, and noted that parents were able to ask questions of the enrollment planning and admissions staff regarding the option schools. Supt Nyland noted the Office of Student Civil Rights department is now staffed and operating. He noted the task force recommendations have been responded to, and they continue to work with the office of civil rights to implement the recommendations. Supt. Nyland noted that April will be Sexual Assault Awareness month, and that communications will be going out to families. He noted that the Seattle Education Association (SEA) is planning a day of action in mid-February to bring attention to fully funding schools. Supt. Nyland noted that the district is working with the legislature to push strongly for fully funding of McCleary and education in Washington. He noted that Director Geary and Ken Gotsch attended the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) annual conference where Tom Ahearne provided McLeary updates, and State Treasurer, James McIntire, discussed the state budget and tax reform. Supt. Nyland noted a meeting with the Seattle delegation, Dir. Geary, Flip Herndon, Stephen Nielsen and himself to discuss fully funding of McLeary, closing the achievement gaps, capacity issues, and to address the levy cliff. Supt. Nyland acknowledged the efforts of the Seattle Council Parent Teacher Student Association (SCPTSA) who went to Olympia to lobby for more support for Seattle school children and their families. Supt. Nyland noted that District Payroll Manager, Julie Davidson, and Local 609 business owner, David Westberg, testified in support of HB 2630, which corrects the public overpayment of wages garnishment law.

Supt. Nyland noted that SPS has submitted two levies to Seattle voters for the February 9 special election. He noted the two levies and reminded voters that ballots must be postmarked no later than Tuesday the 9th. Supt. Nyland noted the informational meetings held for parents and PTSA leaders on school budgets were well attended. Supt. Nyland noted that the research and evaluation teams are working on the family survey to go out in the Spring, and noted that Eric Anderson and his team recently met with the PTSA parents to get their feedback. Supt. Nyland noted the Washington State Commissions on African American Affairs, Asian Pacific American Affairs, and Hispanic Affairs, along with the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders held an education roundtable on Saturday at El Centro de la Raza to discuss equity and justice. He noted that Families, students, educators and community members had the opportunity to share and address their concerns regarding the negative impacts of student discipline on communities of color. Supt. Nyland noted that the Seattle Alliance of Black School Educators is hosting the "My Brother's Keeper" symposium this weekend at the John Stanford Center Auditorium.

Supt. Nyland noted that Rainier Beach hosted Garfield in a boys' basketball game last night. The two teams met last in the state championship game last year. Rainier Beach won the game last night. He thanked the Seattle Police Department, district security, school principals, district staff and the Rainier Beach community supporters for stepping up to provide a well-organized evening with a focus on great athletics and great sportsmanship. Supt. Nyland noted his visit to Washington Middle School, where a city grant gives them the opportunity to work with 36 African American males and their families, where they receive a laptop and meet monthly for dinner and computer lessons. Supt. Nyland noted his school visit to Madrona K-8, where they are using the RULER method to close the opportunity gaps, especially in the area of behavior and social and emotional interventions. Supt. Nyland noted that last Saturday Rainier Beach, Chief Sealth, Roosevelt and Nova students participated in the Washington State High School Ethics Bowl at the University of Washington. He noted that Winning the Award for Civil Dialogue means that the Rainier Beach teams will be taken on a tour of the Washington State Supreme Court, including a lunch reception with the justices and meetings with State Legislators in Olympia.

Supt. Nyland welcomed Stephen Nielsen back to the district as the new Deputy Superintendent, and noted his previous experience with SPS and with the Governor's office. Supt. Nyland noted that this is the end of the semester, and that 50 years ago, he graduated from SPS and became a custodian for the

district.

Supt. Nyland made a request for a motion to amend the agenda to move Introduction Item #1 to Action Item #2 on tonight's agenda to be introduced and acted upon at tonight's meeting. He noted that this request was reviewed by the Operations Committee on January 21, and the committee recommended introduction and action at tonight's meeting.

IV. Student Comments

V. Business Action Items

A. Motion to Amend Agenda

Dir. Patu noted Superintendent Nyland's request to move Introduction Item #1, BEX IV: Cascadia Elementary School and Robert Eagle Staff Middle School (formerly Wilson-Pacific) Approval of Change Order No. 04 to change the roofing system to Multi-Ply Modified Bituminous Roof Membrane System at both schools, to Action Item #2 on tonight's agenda to be introduced and acted upon at tonight's meeting. She noted that this request was reviewed by the Operations Committee on January 21, 2016 and the committee recommended introduction and action at the same meeting. Director Patu noted that she would now entertain a motion to amend the agenda. Director Peters so moved. Director Harris seconded.

The motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda

(action)

1. **Minutes of the Board meeting on January 20.**
2. **Personnel Report**
3. **Contract for Middle School and High School Yearbooks – (C&I) Approval of this item would authorize a contract with Herff Jones in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for middle school and high school yearbooks.**

Director Peters moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

C. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

VI. Public Testimony

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| 1 | Ishmael Simpson,
Angelina Backrien | Interagency at Queen Anne |
| 2 | Chris Jackins | School yearbook contract; ORCA Card Passport Program;
Wilson Pacific change order; Final Acceptance Columbia
School Project |
| 3 | Mike O'Brien | ORCA card passport program |
| 4 | Jerrell Davis | ORCA card passport program |
| 5 | Rita Green | Civics in our Schools |
| 6 | Katia Oliva ceded
time to Clarissa Perez | Water Bottle Filling Stations |

7	Judith Ann Billings	Civics for All
8	Brandon Edwards	Water Bottle Filling Stations
9	Bryce Villatoro-Thomas	Importance of Civics
10	Noah Zeichner ceded to Jessie Dirks	Water Bottle Filling Stations
11	Web Hutchins	Civics for All
12	Pieter Z Sundgren	K-12 civics for all initiative
13	Erin Jones	Civics curriculum
14	David Wilkie	Teacher Certification
15	Dr. James Gore	KNHC C89.5 inclusion and diversity programming
15	Decorlan Roundtree	Civics in schools
16	Sonny Nguyen	Civics For All
17	Nick Esparza	Roxhill Elementary School move
18	Jason Herring	Civics Education Requirements
18	Laura Gramer	Deaf and hard of hearing program

VII. Board Comments

Director Blanford thanked the Ballard Choir for their impressive performance and wished them the best in their competition in New York. He thanked all those that gave public testimony, as well as the students who commented. Dir. Blanford thanked Wyeth Jessee for the tentative agreement with the EEU and the replication of the quality program in other schools within the district. He welcomed Stephen Neilsen and Noel Treat in their return to the district. Dir. Blanford noted his next community meeting will be on the 20th of February at the Douglass-Truth Library.

Director Burke thanked the Ballard High School Concert Choir for their very talented performance, and noted that he is a Ballard alumnus. He noted his appreciation for all of the work that Wyeth Jessee, his team, and the community have done for the win/win agreement with EEU. Dir. Burke gave kudos to the students on their passion for water filling stations, and noted that it's critical to student health and the environment. Dir. Burke thanked the Civics for All supporters for coming to testify, and noted that it's a powerful tool in the curriculum. Dir. Burke noted that the Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) Policy Committee will look into this at their next meeting. He noted his two school visits this week, at Sacagawea and B.F. Day. Dir. Burke noted that his next community meeting will be Saturday, February 27th. Director Burke shared a public comment on the capacity management issues within the district, and noted the finite space in our district requires some creative solutions. He thanked the community for their work in facing these challenges.

Director Geary noted that her community meeting is February 27 at the Montlake Library from 11:00 AM-1:00PM. She noted that she is looking for locations for March and April and will take suggestions from the community. Dir. Geary thanked everyone for working on the EEU program, and noted that she is excited to keep the program and to expand it throughout the district. Dir. Geary thanked Ishmael and Angelina for talking about the Recovery School, and commended them on their bravery and the tough experiences they have faced. She is proud of them and the district for what SPS offers. Dir. Geary noted that civics in the curriculum is a great idea, and noted the lack of voting of young adults in our country. She noted that participating in civics will give those young people a voice. Dir. Geary noted a visit to Sandpoint Elementary, and discussed her experience there. She thanked the Ballard Choir and those students who came to speak to advocate on behalf of themselves.

Director Harris thanked the Ballard High School Choir for their inspiring performance. She thanked the parents, the students, and the PTSA for putting together travel funds to be able to perform at Carnegie Hall. Dir. Harris thanked the Rainier Beach students and the City of Seattle for the ORCA Card Passport Program for students in need. She noted the water bottle filling stations issues, and

thanked those that testified tonight. Dir. Harris noted that Dr. Herndon and his team are working on it. She gave a shout out to parents and staff at Chief Sealth for their willingness to talk about tough issues on security. Dir. Harris gave a shout out to Pegi McEvoy for hosting a meeting on lessons learned for the parents and community. She noted that she is a huge supporter of Civics for All. Dir. Harris noted a visit at the Options School Fair, and that Middle College High School that was not present. Dir. Harris noted spending time with the communications team to discuss community engagement and communication. She noted the community affairs staff at SEA and her visit with them to learn about some issues. Dir. Harris noted that her next community meeting will be on Saturday, February 20, from 3:00 – 4:30 PM, and she welcomes people to come.

Director Peters agreed with what the other Directors had stated and noted the importance of the inspiring and visionary education and teaching for our children. Dir. Peters appreciated the vibrant performance of the Ballard Concert Choir. She is impressed with the district performing arts and noted the “Beyond Measure” film presentation at Garfield High School, discussing education beyond standardized testing and curriculum. Dir. Peters noted that the US Department of Education issued some testing guidance to districts to reduce the amount of testing in the classroom, which would reduce redundant and low quality testing. Dir. Peters thanked the teachers coming to testify on issues, and noted it’s a great example of where to tap some strong resources, especially the retired teachers that want to contribute as a resource in our district. She noted the Civics for All program and is interested in supporting this initiative. She gave a shout out to the Seattle Schools Scholarship Fund Committee which offers scholarships to graduating high school students, two at each school in the district, for students who have overcome hardship. Dir. Peters noted that she has been on the committee for the last two years, and now Dir. Harris is. She noted the increase in the scholarship amounts this year, and they are looking for more donations for their worthy fund. Dir. Peters thanked the students who spoke from the Recovery School and noted how meaningful it is to have a way to reach these students. She gave a shout out to the Budget and Finance team for their presentation to the public that was clear and well received. Dir. Peters thanked Wyeth Jessee for the good news about the EEU at UW. She gave a shout out to the 46th District Democrats that hosted an education panel last week. Dir. Peters noted that her next community meeting is Saturday, February 6, at Uptown Espresso at 8:30am, and noted that it was the only time available.

Director Pinkham thanked those who spoke in testimony today. He thanked those who came to his last community meeting, and noted that Dir. Burke was able to attend as well. Dir. Pinkham thanked those who came to John Rodgers for the meeting on boundary issues, and the staff who were there to answer questions. He thanked the Ballard High School Concert Choir and enjoyed the diversity of their songs. Dir. Pinkham thanked Wyeth Jessee for his work on the EEU program. He thanked the Operations team for reducing the number of the before/after care sites that may need to move down to 7. Dir. Pinkham thanked Chris Jackins for his testimony and keeping the Directors in check. He thanked Rainier Beach and the safe routes to school testimony. He noted the Civics for All program and the need to get more young adults to vote. Dir. Pinkham noted the need for water stations at schools and thanked those students who came to testify. He thanked Laura Gramer for her testimony on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program. Dir. Pinkham noted that his next community meeting will be on February 27 from 2-3:30 at the Lake City Library. He noted that if the community has meetings that they would like him to attend, they can email him and he will try to attend. Dir. Pinkham noted that February 16 is Elizabeth Peratrovich day in Alaska, and encouraged people to look her up.

Director Patu thanked the Ballard Concert Choir for their amazing performance this evening, and wished them well at Carnegie hall. She thanked Courtney Rowley for leading the choir. Dir. Patu thanked Wyeth Jessee on the great news regarding EEU. She thanked Dr. Herndon and his team for reducing the 19 possible affected schools down to 7, and noted to keep up the good work. Dir. Patu noted to the young people to continue to tell the Board what is happening at their schools and for standing up for their issues. She thanked the Rainier Beach students, and those that spoke about

water filling stations. Dir. Patu thanked the Interagency students, and noted the good work at Interagency. Dir. Patu noted the amazing basketball game between Rainier Beach and Garfield, and thanked all of those that pulled together to make the game safe for all that attended. Dir. Patu thanked everyone for coming tonight to the meeting and those that testified. She hopes to continue to improve the schools and asks constituents for their support.

The meeting recessed for a short break at 6:19 pm and reconvened at 6:32 pm.

Director Patu left the meeting at the break and did not return. Director Peters chaired the meeting in Dir. Patu's absence.

Action Items

1. **ORCA Card Passport Program Enhancement for Free and Reduced Lunch Secondary students for the 2015-16 school year** – (action)
(Ops) Approval of this item would accept the grant of \$510,017.94 in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Seattle and authorize the Superintendent to amend the 2015-16 Seattle Public Schools Transportation Services Standards.

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

Pegi McEvoy provided an overview of this item. She noted the attachment was a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), not a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and noted the difference. She noted that originally it was an MOU, but was changed to MOA. Director Blanford made a motion to amend the motion language. Dir. Harris seconded.

The motion to amend the language passed unanimously.

Ms. McEvoy noted the extensive services to students, and noted a meeting with the Rainier Beach Transit Justice Team later this month. She noted a new task force for the district to learn in this pilot year, and to work with the students and communities. Ms. McEvoy noted the changes since introduction. Kathy Katterhagen noted the work with the City of Seattle and acknowledged the work done. She highlighted the changes to the action report and the MOA, in regards to the numbers of students from 2857 students to 2493, as they were able to identify students in other programs who were receiving ORCA cards. Ms. Katterhagen noted the changes to the term of "low income student" to be "students who receive free and reduced lunch." She noted changes to the payment process for paying invoices and noted the language to amend for number of students who may change over time. Ms. Katterhagen noted the confidential student information section, to ensure student information safety. She noted that miscellaneous section G was struck out, as it was language that was not necessary.

Dir. Peters asked Dir. Blanford to note the committee recommendation. Dir. Blanford noted the committee moved the item to the full Board with a recommendation for consideration. Ms. McEvoy noted that the MOA had not been finalized at the time of the committee meeting.

Directors asked what happens next year, and asked why yellow bus service wasn't used. Ms. McEvoy noted that in the past yellow buses were not

necessarily a less expensive transportation mode for students, and noted that the ORCA Passport program has reduced costs in the district. Ms. McEvoy noted that the program will continue if this pilot is successful. She noted that it will be up for consideration and another MOA with the city with next year's transportation standards, and she noted the timelines.

Directors noted an issue and discussion on eligibility. Ms. McEvoy noted that when working through the process, they wanted to make sure that no individual data on the Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) students was sent to the City, and she noted that the information sent to the City is aggregate data, not individual data. Ms. McEvoy noted that parents signed a waiver for the district to have access to determine eligibility, but the information does not go beyond that. Directors noted an estimated per card cost, and the total fiscal impact, and the number of students served has changed on the updated action report, but the total overall cost didn't change. Ms. Katterhagen noted the cost per card is the same, and noted we can purchase as many cards as we can for up to the listed total cost.

Director Peters noted that there were no further questions or comments from the Board and asked for a roll call for the amended motion.

This motion passed unanimously.

2. **BEX IV: Cascadia Elementary School and Robert Eagle Staff Middle School (formerly Wilson-Pacific) Approval of Change Order No. 04 to change the roofing system to Multi-Ply Modified Bituminous Roof Membrane System at both schools** – (Ops) Approval of this item would approve Change Order No. 04 for the Bid Alternate number Arch-03, for changing the roofing system from the currently specified single-ply thermoplastic membrane roofing to multi-ply modified bituminous membrane roofing system at both schools, in the amount of \$452,203, plus Washington State sales tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary.

(intro/
action)

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

Richard Best provided an overview of this item. He noted the change that is being requested is a preferred roofing system and has a longer life than the single membrane roofing. He noted the reasoning for the change from single to multi-ply.

Director Blanford spoke about the review of this item by the Operations Committee, and noted that the committee recommended the item be moved to the full Board for approval as introduction and action at this meeting. Mr. Best noted the timeline for the roofing system modification.

Directors asked why it is changing from one ply to multi-ply. Mr. Best noted that at the time of bid, it was listed as an alternate due to cost, so it was not chosen. Mr. Best noted that at this point in the project, the contingency budget hasn't been fully used, and there are now funds to be able to choose this alternate. Directors asked for the difference in lifespan between the two options. Mr. Best noted that the single ply has had greater risk of vandalism, and the three ply is much harder to vandalize.

Directors noted that Indian Heritage High School is going away, and noted the work that is being doing to preserve the murals there. They noted the desire to see the schools SPS's builds are the best that can be built within the budget. Directors asked the history of change orders with this vendor. Mr. Best made note of the change orders.

This motion passed unanimously.

E. **Introduction Items**

2. **BTA III: Final Acceptance of Public Works contract K5040, Edifice Construction Co., for Phase I of the Columbia School Modernization project** – (Ops) Approval of this item would accept the work performed under BTA III Public Works Contracts K5040, with Edifice Construction Co., for the Columbia School Modernization project Phase I as final. (introduction)

Dir. Blanford noted that the Operations Committee recommendation was to move this item forward to the full Board for approval.

Mr. Best provided an overview of this item. He noted the work is complete and the approval allows for final documents from three state agencies to close out the paperwork associated with the project. Mr. Best noted the work performed in Phase I.

Directors thanked the team for the closeout checklist to be included in the documents provided to the Board and public.

3. **BTA III: Final Acceptance of Public Works contract K5051, Regency NW Construction, Inc., for Phase II of the Columbia School Modernization project** – (Ops) Approval of this item would accept the work performed under BTA III Public Works Contract K5051, with Regency NW Construction, Inc. for the Columbia School Modernization project Phase II as final. (introduction)

Dir. Blanford noted that the Operations Committee recommendation was to move this item forward to the full Board for approval.

Richard Best provided an overview of this item. Mr. Best noted that the work has been completed, and noted the classroom modernization and technology upgrades. He noted the Phase II project, and the three state agency letters of completion, which need Board approval.

Directors asked if the percentage was correct on the change order memo. Mr. Best noted that the memorandum as well as the change order show the same percentage, and clarified the numbers from which the percentage is taken.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.