

Board Special Meeting

Executive Committee

June 14, 2018 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Board Office Conference Room, John Stanford Center

2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134



Minutes

Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Director Harris called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. Directors Harris and Burke were present.

Staff present were Flip Herndon, Associate Superintendent of Capital Facilities Enrollment; Nate Van Duzer, Director of Policy and Board Relations, Pegi McEvoy, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Erinn Bennett, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives; Noel Treat, General Counsel; Superintendent Larry Nyland, Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen, Michael Tolley, Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Michele Ramirez, Board Office Administrator; Carri Campbell, Chief Engagement Officer.

2. Approval of agenda

Director Burke motioned to approve the agenda. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of May 17, 2018 meeting minutes

Director Burke motioned to approve the minutes. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

I. Board Action Items

1. 2018 Board Goals

Mr. Van Duzer introduced the action report to the Board Directors. Director Harris requested adding the wording “and workload” to the sentence regarding pressing priorities in the action report.

Director Harris motioned to amend the action report to contain the additional wording. Director Burke seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

Director Burke motioned that the committee move this forward for approval as amended. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

2. Addendum to Dr. Nyland’s Employment Agreement

Mr. Noel Treat explained this action report.

Director Burke motioned that the committee move this forward for consideration. Director Harris seconded. Director Harris noted that it is not preferable to bring this action report forward at the end of the Superintendent’s contract. This motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Superintendent Juneau Contract Amendment

Mr. John Cerqui introduced this action report. He noted a couple minor corrections.

Director Burke motioned that the committee move this forward for approval. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

II. Review of the June 27 and July 11 legislative session agendas

Mr. Van Duzer gave an overview of the agenda for June 27th.

Directors discussed #18 on introduction. Mr. Flip Herndon asked that this item be put on introduction and action for the June 27th agenda. Director Harris asked how many years the Cleveland field has not been safely usable. She requested that this information be added to the title of the action report. Director Harris and staff discussed the appeal process and how fees are considered.

Mr. Treat announced that if they are able to come to a decision during the Board's Executive Session scheduled for later this evening, then a tentative place holder for an additional item may need to be added to the agenda for introduction and action on June 27th.

Mr. Herndon also explained that with item 18 moving to introduction and action, item 17 should also be put on the agenda as introduction and action for June 27th, as the two are connected.

Director Burke motioned to amend the agenda to include items 17 and 18 on introduction and action for June 27th. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

Director Buke motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

July 11, 2018 Agenda

Mr. Van Duzer reviewed the agenda and noted that #17 and #18 will come off this agenda since they are going for introduction and action on June 27th.

Directors discussed the items that could be moved to consent. They determined items 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23 could be moved to consent.

Director Harris asked if the Orca card message could be put on the screen during the board meeting. Director Burke would like to frame this conversation from a family perspective.

Director Harris asked Mr. Herndon about club sports and how they operate. Staff and Director Harris discussed this topic, including the ability to have trainers for these sports.

Director Harris requested that item #20 be moved to #3 on the agenda.

Director Burke motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

III. Special Attention Items

1. Approval of 2018-2019 Annual Reports Schedule

Mr. Van Duzer reviewed the 2018-19 Annual Report Schedule. He noted not much has changed since last year's report.

Director Burke asked if this could be supplemented by a single page of monthly policies. Director Harris discussed with staff if this report could be added to the webpage. She asked that they revisit this topic at the August Executive Committee.

Director Burke motioned to approve the 2018-19 Annual Reports Schedule with a date sort distributed to the board. Director Harris seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

2. Policy No. 4040, Public Access to District Records, Annual Report

Natasha Walicki and Roxy O'Conner introduced themselves. Ms. Walicki reviewed the Public Records Request Update Memorandum. She noted that they get about 25 public records requests a month. She reviewed where the requests typically come from. She noted their biggest shift has been the adoption of a fee schedule and that this has created a slight decrease in the requests that are made for all records.

Director Harris asked if we are keeping student information secure if different entities are able to make records requests straight from the schools. Ms. Walicki discussed this process, noting that only those with access permission can pull those records.

Director Harris asked what the protocol is for spotting issues. Ms. Walicki said that they keep the legal team and other staff updated on requests that come in.

3. Rotary Peace Pole Placement at John Stanford Center

Mr. Tolley introduced Ms. Griffin from the Rotary Club. Ms. Griffin announced that peace building is one of the key components that the Rotary Club focuses on. She explained that one of their activities is the Peace Pole Project. She noted that similar poles have been placed at police and fire departments. Ms. Griffin asked if the district would be interested in having a pole in front of the John Stanford Building and some of the major high schools.

Ms. Griffin explained that they have poles in different languages that they could provide. Dr. Nyland noted that we have five main languages throughout the district that we would want to stick to. Director Harris suggested having these poles at the international schools. She asked if the Rotary would have any grants available to help put these poles in place.

Ms. Griffin noted that next steps would be letting her know how many poles we want and when the placing ceremonies might occur so that the rotary can assist in those.

Director Harris stated that they can endorse the pole for the John Stanford Building, but would want to continue the discussion for placing the poles at schools. Ms. Griffin noted that September 21st is International Peace Day. Carri Campbell and Michael Tolley will take on the coordination of these poles.

4. 2017-18 Superintendent Evaluation Process

Director Burke explained the evaluation process of the Superintendent. He noted the materials for this would be included in the June 27th board meeting.

IV. Standing Agenda Items

1. Government Relations

Ms. Erinn Bennett gave a brief update on communications with the state legislature. Mr. Stephen Nielsen noted that a meeting will be coming up regarding the Families and Education Levy. He also announced that he was recently on a panel with Senator Wellman and is looking forward to her leadership.

2. Community Engagement (Superintendent 2016-17 SMART Goal #4 Update)

Ms. Carri Campbell discussed the current start date of Kindergarten falling on Rosh Hashanah this year. She explained that staff met to discuss the pros and cons of different options and have decided to keep this start date. She noted that with such a diverse school district comes scheduling challenges. She highlighted that there are multiple points of time for the families to meet with teachers during the start of the kindergarten year to support this transition.

Director Harris asked if we are reaching out specifically to groups to acknowledge that this issue is challenging that they their concerns have been heard. Ms. Campbell confirmed that they are working on communication and that religious holidays are excused absences for students who notify teachers.

V. Adjourn

Director Harris adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm.