

Board Special Meeting

Executive Committee

October 11, 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 Geary called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Directors Geary and Mack were present. Director DeWolf joined via phone.

Staff present were: Superintendent Denise Juneau; Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen; Ellie Wilson-Jones, Director of Policy and Board Relations; Noel Treat, General Counsel; Michael Tolley, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; Erinn Bennett, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives; Sherri Kokx, Special Assistant to the Superintendent; Pegi McEvoy, Associate Superintendent of Operations; and Michele Ramirez, Board Office Administrator.

2. Approval of agenda

Director DeWolf moved approval of the agenda. Director Mack seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the September 13, 2018 meeting minutes

Directors Mack and DeWolf noted they were not present at the September 13 meeting, and Directors postponed approval of the minutes to take place at a subsequent Executive Committee meeting.

I. Board Action Items

1. 2018-2019 Legislative Agenda

Erinn Bennett presented the proposed 2018-2019 Legislative Agenda. She noted that feedback was sought from Directors, staff, and key legislators to develop the Legislative Agenda. Director DeWolf discussed his interest in having more legislators involved in these discussions. Director Geary and Mack provided some clarification on the process.

Ms. Bennett noted that the Legislative Agenda is organized in the same three sections as previous years, with a common theme of funding. She described each section of the agenda and noted that the formal Legislative Agenda does not limit conversation on other topics.

Director Mack suggested changing the title to “State Legislative Agenda” to add clarity between state and federal priorities. Ms. Bennett agreed to revise accordingly and to add reference to advocacy at the federal level in alignment with the listed priorities.

Director DeWolf asked how the three topics were determined. Director Geary clarified how the topics of most importance are chosen. She explained each topic and the reasoning behind why it is proposed to be part of the agenda. Director Mack also provided some background on each topic.

Director DeWolf inquired about the Legislative Agenda's purpose. Ms. Bennett explained the value of the Legislative Agenda as a guiding document, as well as, a tool in communicating with other districts.

Director Mack moved the Committee move this item forward for consideration. Director DeWolf seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

II. Review of the October 17 and October 30 legislative session agendas

Ms. Wilson-Jones reviewed the October 17 agenda.

Directors requested the student speaker's name be provided to them for reference during Board meetings. Ms. Ramirez will provide the names to Directors on the meeting date. Directors discussed the order of the items. Director Mack requested that items 10 and 11 be placed after number 5.

Director Mack moved to approve the October 17 agenda as amended. Director DeWolf seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wilson-Jones reviewed the October 30 agenda.

Deputy Superintendent Nielsen explained that there is no state or other legal requirement to have a public hearing on the BEX V Capital Levy or the Educational Programs and Operations Levy and that numerous meetings and discussions have already taken place in the community. Directors and staff discussed holding a public comment session. Directors determined that a Board special meeting for public comment would be held on October 18 with the Capital department staffing the meeting.

Directors determined they would move the following items to consent: 2, 3, 4, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Directors noted that the order of the items should reflect the changes also made to the October 17 agenda.

Director Mack moved to approve the October 30 agenda as amended. Director DeWolf seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

III. Special Attention Items

1. District Equity Issues – Highlighting issues around equity emerging through the Superintendent's Listening and Learning Tour

Superintendent Juneau explained that she wants to discuss issues with the Board that she is hearing about during her Listening and Learning Tour as well as additional equity issues that she is learning about within the district. She highlighted the cost discrepancies between ASB fees across schools in the district.

2. Oversight Work Sessions for 2018-19

Ms. Wilson-Jones explained that Policy 1010 requires at least four Oversight Work Sessions each year. She reminded the Board that they waived Policy 1010 requirements last year, making nine Oversight Work Sessions due this year per the policy. She reviewed staff feedback received regarding the Oversight Work Sessions. She noted that the key issue is deciding whether the Board would like to schedule all nine sessions or amend the policy to adjust the number of meetings required.

Director Mack inquired about what a prior amendment to Policy 1010 in 2015 entailed and why the oversight meetings are needed. Deputy Nielsen explained why oversight meetings were created. Directors and staff discussed Policy 1010. Director Geary noted that frequent work sessions are helpful for Directors to get a good idea of how departments run. She highlighted how this helped in understanding the budget.

Director Mack suggested combining some of the meetings into one larger meeting. Director Geary highlighted that Directors Harris and Burke were not in attendance and that their input should be considered. Director Geary requested that a follow up discussion be scheduled to further consider this topic. Directors will also revisit this topic at the November Executive Committee meeting. Director Geary added that she is available to work on this further.

Director DeWolf noted he would like to hold a work session in the community.

IV. Board Policies and Procedures

V. Standing Agenda Items

1. Community Engagement (District 2018-19 SMART Goal #4 Update)

Ms. Wilson-Jones reviewed updates from Carri Campbell, Chief Engagement Officer, who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Wilson-Jones stated that there are four more Listening and Learning Tour events scheduled for the Superintendent, and highlighted upcoming engagement projects, including the Native American Listening Session scheduled for November 15.

In addition, a link has been added to school web pages to display the BEX and BTA historical information for each school.

2. Government Relations

Ms. Bennett referenced the earlier discussion of the Legislative Agenda and noted she did not have any further update.

3. Board Calendar/Work Plan

Directors and staff discussed how committee work plans are developed. Director Mack noted that committee chairs should have a larger role in determining the need for and sequencing of work sessions.

4. Executive Committee Work Plan

Ms. Wilson-Jones noted that the committee work plan had been updated to reflect the committee's work throughout the year.

5. Board 2019 Goals Update

Ms. Wilson-Jones explained that there was a high-level discussion around Board Goals in September, then she received individual feedback from Directors. She reviewed the specific feedback from Directors, noting some common themes were Board collaboration, improving information sharing between Directors, best practices in governance and collaboration, and community engagement. In addition, feedback from Directors included racial equity, and the Strategic Plan.

Directors discussed this feedback. Directors discussed making sure their goals are realistic and attainable. Directors confirmed their support for setting the following three Board goals for 2019: First, that the Board engage in racial equity training. Second, that the Board review policies governing the role of the Board, with that review led by the Executive Committee. The review should consider the role of Committee Chairs and policies related to communications, among other areas. Third, the Board should hold one Board work session off site at a school this year.

Director DeWolf left the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

6. Annual Reports Status List

Ms. Wilson-Jones reviewed the annual reports list, explaining that reports that have been provided are now available on the website. She highlighted that two reports from the Board Office regarding Policy 1310 are now posted on the Annual Reports page.

7. Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Bennett noted that the district are working with the District Management Group to develop a new strategic plan and Directors have signed up for meetings with the consultants. She explained that the Listening and Learning tour is continuing, and that ThoughtExchange is working on a feedback report. She noted that the December Board Retreat is planned to focus on the strategic plan.

Adjourn

Director Geary adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.