

Board Special Meeting
Student Services, Curriculum, & Instruction Committee
November 10, 2020
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. **This meeting was called to order at 4:31pm. Directors Rankin, Hersey, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director Hampson joined the meeting at 5:26 pm.**

This meeting was staffed by Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker, College and Career Readiness Executive Director Dr. Caleb Perkins, Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction Executive Director Cashel Toner, Executive Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer Maria Gonzales-Millsap, Director of Policy and Board Relations Ellie Wilson-Jones, Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza, Senior Legal Counsel Ronald Boy, Principal of Cascade Parent Partnership Owen Gonder, Principal of Middle College High School Liz McFarland, Principal of Interagency Programs Melissa Rysemus, Principal of NOVA Eyva Winet, Chief Officer of African American Male Achievement Dr. Mia Williams, Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge, and Assessment Development Program Manager Audrey Roach.

Director Rankin announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Director Rankin noted that the meeting was being held remotely consistent with the Governor's proclamations prohibiting the meeting from being held in person due to COVID-19. Director Rankin noted that the public had been provided remote access through Microsoft Teams and teleconference.

b. **Approval of agenda**

Director Hersey moved to approve the agenda. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, and Rankin voted yes).

Director Rivera-Smith made a motion to move item 2c to 2a and approve the agenda as amended. Director Hersey seconded. This motion passed unanimously. (Directors Rivera-Smith, Hersey, and Rankin voted yes).

c. **Approval of meeting minutes**

Director Rivera-Smith moved to approve the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Director Hersey seconded. This motion passed unanimously. (Directors Rivera-Smith, Hersey, and Rankin voted yes).

2. Board Action Reports (Discussion and/or Action)

- a. **Seattle Public Schools Personal Services Contracts (PSC) for Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS)**
Dr. Perkins and Dr. Williams provided background on the Personal Services Contracts for Equal Opportunity Schools. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered. The Directors requested an update on the progress of the work. Drs. Williams and Perkins will provide updates to the Board.

Director Hersey made a motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, and Rankin voted yes).

- b. **Annual Approval of Programs or Schools Using the Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) Model and Review of Policy No. 2255, Alternative Learning Experience Schools or Programs**
Dr. Perkins provided an overview of the annual approval of programs or schools using Alternative Learning Experience model. Also included in the Board Action Report (BAR) is a review of Policy No. 2255, Alternative Learning Experience Schools or Programs. Dr. Perkins introduced principals of NOVA, Middle College, Parent Partnership Program, and Interagency. The principals shared their experience as leaders of ALE schools. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

Director Hersey asked the principals to share their support needs. Principals Rysamus, McFarland, Gonder, and Winet noted equity, funding, mental health support and space issue as their priorities. Director Rankin encouraged the principals to email them with additional support needs.

Hampson joined the meeting at about 5:26 p.m.

Director Rivera-Smith noted that the policy was not included in the packet. Dr. Perkins will add to the Board packet prior to the Board meeting.

Director Hampson requested additional conversations to support and expand ALE programs to make them more accessible. She also noted Native and Pacific Islander were missing on the list for Cascade Parent Partnership Program. Dr. Perkins will correct the oversight.

Director Rivera-Smith made a motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Hersey seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Rivera-Smith, Hersey, and Rankin voted yes).

- c. **Approve the Purchase and Related Service of Hotspots to Support Remote Learning Through School Year 2020-21**

Ms. Berge presented to the committee the BAR for approval of the purchase and related service of hotspots to support remote learning through school year 2020-21. The fiscal impact to this action is estimated at \$568,013. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Berge where questions were asked and answered.

Director Hersey made a motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Hersey, Rivera-Smith, and Rankin voted yes).

- d. **Approval of Community Schools and Outdoor Education Task Force**

Directors Rankin, Hampson, and Hersey presented the Board Action Report for approval of the Community Schools and Outdoor Education Task Force. Director Rankin provided an overview. She explained that the BAR is an outcome of Board Resolution No. 2020/21-4 approved by the Board on August 12, 2020. She further explained the two pieces of the initiative are the program pilots and the task force. Discussion ensued between Directors and Dr. DeBacker where questions were asked and answered. Director Rankin requested revisions to the BAR as follows: add the revenue source and amount and remove the highlighted sentence on page four that reads, "There is...". Director Rivera-

Smith asked to include the dates of the expected timeline in the Charter and to add board representative(s) to the membership section.

Director Rivera-Smith made a motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Hersey seconded. This motion passed unanimously (Directors Rivera-Smith, Hersey, and Rankin voted yes).

3. Special Attention Items

a. Threat Assessment Policies: Revisions Status

Ms. Romanuk and Mr. Boy reported on the intent of the proposed changes to Board Policy No. 3225, School-Based Threat Assessment. The Directors agreed that this policy is about student engagement and therefore more appropriate to come before this committee as opposed to the Operations Committee. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered. Mr. Boy will present a Board Action Report at next month's SSC&I Committee meeting.

b. Formative Assessments

Dr. DeBacker and Ms. Roach reported on the use of formative assessments during remote learning. Dr. DeBacker explained that the use of the SBA interim assessments would respond to the City of Seattle's Department of Education and Early Learning's (DEEL) need to the accountability requirements of the CSIPs and the city investments in our 30 levy schools. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered. Mr. Jessee and Dr. Williams joined the discussion. The Directors shared their concerns over the use of formative assessments during remote learning. Staff emphasized the intention of the SBA interims only for accountability purposes. The Directors agreed to have additional conversations on this issue. Dr. Williams suggested a work session.

c. College Board Contract

Ms. Roach provided an overview of on the 2020-21 College Board contract including the cost of the contract and updates on the administration of the 2020-21 school day PSAT and SAT. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

d. Waiver of Basic Instructional Materials

Ms. Toner presented the annual report regarding Board Policy No. 2020, Waiver of Basic Instructional Materials. The report shows the number and type of waivers requested and the disposition, including rationale, of those requests. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner where questions were asked and answered.

e. School Board Policy No. 3246, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Physical Intervention

Dr. Pedroza updated the committee on the current work around Board Policy No. 3246, Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Physical Intervention. Dr. Pedroza reported on a recent meeting of the internal workgroup and the work on the revision of the policy. Stakeholders involved in the workgroup included representatives from the African American Male Achievement and the Transportation departments, and the McKinney Vento program. Dr. Pedroza will meet with Board Directors in December to discuss community engagement and the revision process. Discussion ensued between Dr. Pedroza and Directors where questions were asked and answered. Director Rivera-Smith made a request for the workgroup roster and meeting agenda. Dr. Pedroza will share the roster and meeting agenda in a Friday Memo.

4. Standing Agenda Items

a. Special Education Update

Dr. Pedroza reported on current work of the Special Education team, highlighting recent Special Education PTSA meetings, evaluations, and in-person services. Dr. Pedroza shared information about the community forums she will be hosting for Special Education families. Discussion ensued between Directors and Dr. Pedroza where questions were asked and answered. Dr. Pedroza will share the dates of the forums in a Friday Memo and post the dates on the website.

b. Science Instructional Materials

Ms. Toner shared an update on the latest work around the science instructional materials. Discussion ensued between Directors and Ms. Toner where questions were asked and answered.

A Director asked if the curriculum is translated in different languages. Ms. Toner will confirm and respond in a Friday Memo.

c. Strategic Plan Goals 4 & 5: On Track Graduation and College and Career Readiness

Dr. Perkins shared an update on the Strategic Goal 4, 9th Grade On-Track and On-Time Graduation and Goal 5, Graduating Ready for College and Career. He highlighted accomplishments to dates on mentoring as part of Goal 5. African American Male Achievement (AAMA) Project Coordinator Mr. William King shared his experience and current progress of the mentoring initiative work being implemented by the AAMA team. Dr. Perkins also reported on upcoming proposed policy changes from College and Career Readiness. Discussion ensued between Directors and staff where questions were asked and answered.

d. SSC&I Policy Committee Work Plan

This item was not discussed due to time restriction.

5. Board Policies and Procedures

a. Superintendent Procedure 3210SP.B, Discrimination Complaint Process

Ms. Meade reported on the revisions to Superintendent Procedure 3210SP.B, Discrimination Complaint Process. Ms. Meade highlighted the changes to 3210SP.B.

There was no discussion.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Minutes submitted by:

The Office of Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker