

Board Special Meeting

Executive Committee

April 6, 2017, 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Board Office Conference Room, John Stanford Center
2445 – 3rd Avenue South, Seattle WA 98134



Minutes

Director Peters and Harris were present. Director Pinkham arrived at 8:45am.

This meeting was staffed by Superintendent Larry Nyland, Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Pegi McEvoy, Director of Capital Projects & Planning Richard Best, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives Erinn Bennett, Director of Policy & Board Relations Nate Van Duzer, Deputy General Counsel John Cerqui, General Counsel Noel Treat, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Clover Codd, Associate Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Michael Tolley, Chief Engagement Officer Carri Campbell, and Director of College & Career Readiness Dan Gallagher.

Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 8:39am.
2. Approval of agenda

Director Harris asked to amend the agenda to add a special attention item about security at Regular Board meetings.

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

3. Approval of March 2, 2017 meeting minutes

Director Harris noted that Director Pinkham would like to be present to vote on the minutes; therefore, the minutes would be discussed upon his arrival.

I. Board Action Items

1. Amending Policy 1240, Committees

Mr. Treat provided an overview of this action report and the suggested changes made to this policy. Directors and staff discussed the Superintendent's role in the approval process. Directors and staff discussed using clarifying language within the action report.

Director Pinkham arrived at 8:45am.

Director Harris moved this item forward to the full Board for consideration. Director Pinkham seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of March 2, 2017 meeting minutes

Director Harris moved to approve the March 2 minutes. Director Pinkham seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

II. Review of the April 19 and May 3 legislative session agendas

April 19:

Directors and staff reviewed the April 19 Regular Board meeting agenda. Directors and staff discussed the Public Employee Relations Commission notice on the agenda and the process for this announcement. Directors and staff discussed the enrollment process and marketing of schools, specifically in relation to alternative schools. Director Harris noted that she would like more information around the HIPPA requirements for action item No. 3.

Directors moved action items 1 and 3-11 to consent.

Director Harris moved to approve the April 19 agenda as amended. Director Pinkham seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

May 03:

Directors and staff reviewed the May 3 Regular Board meeting agenda. Directors moved action items 3, 4, and 5 to consent. Staff discussed the curriculum purchases for each elementary school opening for the 2017-2018 school year.

Director Harris moved to approve the May 3 agenda as amended. Director Pinkham seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

III. Special Attention Items

1. March 4, 2017 Board Retreat Survey Feedback

Mr. Van Duzer discussed the feedback provided through this survey. Director Harris noted she would like staff feedback on future retreats.

2. 2017-18 Board Meeting Calendar Preview Discussion: Work Sessions

Mr. Van Duzer noted that at the May Exec meeting there will be a discussion on the 2017-18 Board meeting calendar. He discussed the amount of meetings for this year and the memo provided. Directors and staff discussed complex topics that will be addressed the next school year as well. Directors discussed scheduling stability and the need to be well-informed of complex items well in advance of scheduled meetings.

3. Discussion of Potential May 1 Activity

Directors and staff noted the Seattle Education Alliance's decision not to strike. Dr. Codd discussed how schools plan for coverage during known teacher strikes and absences.

4. Discussion of Regular Meetings with Labor Partners

Director Harris noted that it would be valuable to invite labor partners to executive meetings to provide a time for them to update the Board. She suggested giving the 3 major labor partners (SEA, PASS, and Local 609) 10 minutes on a rotating schedule, to assist in building better relationships and to formalize a regular discussion. Staff discussed designing guidelines to make clear that these meetings are not potential pre-negotiation or a way to circumvent the already established processes for grievances, investigations, or appeals.

5. Security at Board Meetings

Ms. McEvoy provided historical background to the decision to have security at regular Board meetings. She highlighted the information provided on a matrix outlining when and where to use security within the District. Directors and staff discussed the current needs for security, the image that it presents, assessing levels of threat, and lower levels of visible security in certain situations going forward.

IV. Board Policies and Procedures

V. Standing Agenda Items

1. Community Engagement (Superintendent 2016-17 SMART Goal #5 Update)

Ms. Campbell provided updates on the community engagement tool kit and the expansion of training of staff on how to use it. She noted that there would be training on how to appropriately use social media as an engagement tool. She noted feedback on the communication engagement tool so far, and how improvements to the communication plan are going. She discussed how the Board is informed when elected officials visit schools.

Dr. Codd provided updates on professional development trainings and collaboration efforts with labor partners to assist in the design of leadership trainings. She noted the efforts to strengthen problem solving and conflict resolution skills of staff and the long-term positive outcomes and interest-based collaboration.

2. Government Relations

Ms. Bennett provided feedback on a few of the policy-based bills that are being discussed in Olympia and which may affect the District. She provided information on Bill 1170 on truancy reduction. She discussed Bill 1508 on student nutrition and health and noted she will send the WSSDA Bill tracker link to the Directors for their information. Ms. Bennett noted Bill 1235, regarding physical education. She also highlighted a bill on the use of sunscreen and assessment bills that did not make it to a legislative committee. Mr. Gallagher and Ms. Bennett provided details on Bill 5639 concerning alternative student assessments. Mr. Gallagher discussed how opting out of the Smarter Balance Assessment testing will affect federal funding and the Every Student Succeeds Act. Directors and staff discussed the potential effects of this bill and the timeline of its implementation. Ms. Bennett noted there will be further discussion on the effects of this bill should it pass. Dr. Nyland provided an update on the communication and community engagement efforts in Olympia. Dr. Nyland provided feedback on collaboration with the City. Director Peters provided feedback regarding a meeting with the Mayor.

3. Board Calendar/Work Plan

4. Executive Committee Work Plan

5. Board 2017 Goals Update

Mr. Van Duzer noted he spoke with Mr. Starosky and Mr. Bush regarding connecting with principals and community partners.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 11:10am.