Board Special Meeting
Executive Committee
June 1, 2017 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Board Office Conference Room, John Stanford Center
2445 3rd Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134

Minutes

Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 8:39am. Directors Peters and Harris were present.

   This meeting was staffed by Superintendent Larry Nyland, Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsens, General Counsel Noel Treat, Director of Policy & Board Relations Nate Van Duzer, Executive Director of Government Relations & Strategic Initiatives Erinn Bennett, Associate Superintendent of Capital, Facilities, and Enrollment Flip Herndon, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Pegi McEvoy, Capital Project Programs Assistant Wendi Abella, Director of Capital Projects & Planning Richard Best, Chief Strategy & Partnerships Officer Brent Jones, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Clover Codd, Associate Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Michael Tolley, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance JoLynn Berge, Chief Engagement Officer Carri Campbell, Senior Assistant General Counsel Ronald Boy, Public Records Officer Roxy O’Conner, and Public Records Officer Natasha Walicki.

2. Approval of agenda

   Director Harris moved to approve the agenda. Director Peters seconded.

   This motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of May 4, 2017 meeting minutes

   Director Harris moved to approve the agenda. Director Peters seconded.

   This motion passed unanimously.

I. Board Action Items

1. Approval of the Board’s Governance Priorities and Superintendent’s Evaluation tools for 2017-18 (Instrument and SMART Goals/Accompanying Rubrics)

   Ms. Bennett provided an overview of this item. She noted that this item would be amended and presented as two separate action reports, recommending that the professional practice goal be presented for introduction and action at the July 5th meeting and the other report to be presented for introduction on June 7th with action on June 28th. She discussed the attachments to the action report. Directors and staff provided positive feedback on the timing of the evaluation process. Director Harris asked for community engagement on this item. Directors and staff discussed the professional practice goal. Ms. Bennett provided the next steps and timeline for the evaluation.

   Director Harris moved to approve this item as amended. Director Peters seconded. This motion passed unanimously.
II. Review of the June 7, June 28 and July 5 legislative session agendas

1. June 7

Mr. Van Duzer highlighted the changes to this agenda, noting the addition of the SMART Goals item and Exec Session. Mr. Best discussed that the portable item will need to go back on the agenda as an intro/action item with some changes. Dr. Nyland noted the recognitions portion of the meeting.

Director Harris moved to approve the June 7th agenda as amended. Director Peters seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

2. June 28

Mr. Van Duzer provided an overview of this agenda, noting the changes that will carry over from the June 7th agenda, and that there will not be any recognitions, student performances or comments to allow for a work session on waitlists and the budget to occur at the beginning of the meeting. Directors and staff discussed items to move to consent. Directors moved action items 3-6 to the consent agenda.

Director Harris moved to approve the June 28th agenda as amended. Director Peters seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

3. July 5

Mr. Van Duzer noted the changes that will carry over to this agenda, as previously discussed. Mr. Nielsen noted that the budget will be on the agenda as an intro item. Directors and staff discussed items that will go to consent. Directors moved action items 3-5, 8, 13-24, 26-28, and 34-35 to the consent agenda.

Mr. Nielsen suggested placing a budget update and report at the beginning of the meeting.

Director Harris moved to approve the July 5th agenda as amended. Director Peters seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

III. Special Attention Items

1. Labor Partner Discussion: Seattle Education Association

Phyllis Campano and Michael Tamayo from Seattle Education Association provided an overview of the positive feedback from the members of these organizations and provided suggestions on how to continue building positive relationships and encourage collaborative efforts. Ms. Campano and Mr. Tamayo noted bargaining, member’s participation in advocacy for adequate education funding, and maintaining transparency. Directors, Mr. Tamayo, and Ms. Campano discussed professional development, the 24 credit framework, Building Leadership Teams and trainings, Ethnic Studies, Eliminating the Opportunity Gap, Special Education, and educator needs. They discussed areas of concern, including testing, the budget, technology, capacity challenges, and requests for consistency in curriculum and development.

2. Approval 2017-18 Board Meeting Calendar

Mr. Van Duzer discussed the suggested changes to the calendar and noted that he had received input from other Directors who expressed that they were okay with the staff recommendations to have the Executive Committee after all other Committee meetings. He provided an overview of the two options supported by staff and noted the pros and cons of each option. Directors and staff discussed the options
and provided their perspectives on each calendar. Director Peters asked about the January meetings and retreats. Directors and staff discussed the potential to change the calendar later, once new Board members were elected and could re-evaluate the need.

Director Harris moved to approve the 2017-18 Board Meeting Calendar Option B. Director Peters seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

3. Summer Budget Meetings

Mr. Nielsen provided an overview of the impending budget discussion timeline and legal requirements around public hearings and approving the final budget. Directors discussed potential dates to hold the public hearing and meeting to hold a vote. Directors and staff discussed notice, public participation, and meeting structures. It was agreed to hold the public hearing on July 19 and the Board Special meeting to vote on the budget on July 26.

This meeting recessed at 10:13am and reconvened at 10:16am.

4. Review of 2017-18 Oversight Work Sessions

Mr. Van Duzer discussed the schedule for oversight work sessions and noted the need for Director feedback and guidance as to how many meetings would be held next year and their topics. He provided staff recommendations and their efforts to make meetings more efficient. Directors and staff discussed the upcoming Board elections, policy oversight, and of the intended purpose of these meetings. Directors and staff discussed possible alternative ways to disseminate information that would provide oversight. Directors asked for more input from their colleagues.

5. Approval of 2017-18 Annual Reports List

Mr. Van Duzer noted the changes to the annual report list. Directors and staff discussed the review timeline, constituent transparency, and tracking. Directors expressed concerns with approving the list at the time and postponed this item until the August meeting.

6. Policy No. 0030, Ensuring Educational and Racial Equity, Annual Report

Dr. Jones provided an update on Policy No. 0030. He discussed the categories of work that the race and equity department was focused on and the progress made so far. Dr. Jones described the racial equity tool as a foundational guidepost. Director Harris requested that the information be distributed to all Directors and provided in annual report for the public. Directors and staff discussed the report, the Creative Advantage program and International Baccalaureate programs, and their expansion and sustainability. Staff noted they would provide an update in the Friday Memo on the Creative Advantage programs.


Roxy O’Conner and Natasha Walicki provided an update on the public records requests received by the District over the past year. They discussed the trends in requests, noted a new records managements system and discussed legislative bills that affect public records requests regarding costs recovery, responses, and the logging of requests. Ms. O’Connor noted that there will be a need to amend District practices in response to the legislative changes. Directors and staff discussed reporting student data, especially for recruitment purposes. Mr. Boy discussed the release of information forms and parental options.
8. Board Meeting Recognitions

Dr. Nyland noted that a plan around recognitions was being developed for next school year.

9. Organizational Reviews/Audits

Mr. Nielsen noted a 1990 performance review of central office and provided an overview of the scope of the review and the resulting suggestions. Directors and staff discussed the pros and cons of the review and potential for cost savings and organizational improvements. Directors asked for more transparency in the Board budget. Directors and staff discussed the mandated and discretionary costs involved in the Board budget. Directors noted that they would like to table the discussion and action until August, allowing for further input from all Directors.

IV. Board Policies and Procedures

V. Standing Agenda Items

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

Dr. Codd provided feedback on the Building Leadership Trainings and noted some future topics and structure of trainings. Dr. Nyland noted the positive reviews from those who attended. Dir. Harris noted the appreciation and importance of the focus on leadership teams and building capacity. Ms. Campbell provided an update on the website refresh and noted the launch. She noted the training for website editors and building knowledge across the District. Directors and staff discussed the communication advisory committee.

Dr. Nyland discussed the ADA consent decree. Mr. Nielsen noted that all documents would still be maintained, just not provided online. Mr. Van Duzer noted the complications with making some documents accessible and noted the possibility of removal of links due to noncompliance of documents. Directors and staff discussed the direct costs to making documents accessible and the amount of staff time that is required.

2. Government Relations

Directors and staff discussed transportation funding. Ms. Bennett provided an update on the assessment policies moving through the state legislature.

3. Board Calendar/Work Plan

Mr. Van Duzer noted that there were no updates at the time and that an update on the race and equity training would occur at the Retreat.

4. Executive Committee Work Plan

5. Board 2017 Goals Update

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 11:49am.