

# Board Special Meeting

## Executive Committee

January 11, 2018 8:30 am – 10:30 am

Board Office Conference Room, John Stanford Center

2445 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98134



## Minutes

### Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order by Director Harris at 8:37am. Director Burked joined the meeting at 8:45am.

Directors Geary, Harris, and Burke were in attendance. The meeting was staffed by Superintendent Larry Nyland, Director of Policy of Board Relations Nate Van Duzer, General Counsel Noel Treat, Associate Superintendent of Capital, Facilities & Enrollment Flip Herndon, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Clover Codd, Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen, Associate Superintendent Michael Tolley, Assistant Superintendent of Operations Pegi McEvoy, Executive Director of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives Erinn Bennett, Chief Engagement Officer Carri Campbell, and Special Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent Sheryl Anderson-Moore.

2. Approval of agenda

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

3. Approval of November 9, 2017 meeting minutes

Directors held approval of these minutes, as Director Geary was not in attendance at that meeting.

4. Approval of December 14, 2017 meeting minutes

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

### I. Board Action Items

1. Approval of 2018-19 School Year Calendar

Director Burke joined the meeting.

Dr. Codd reviewed the 2018-19 School Year Calendar BAR, as well as the physical calendar. Director Geary questioned whether we have looked over the calendar considering holidays for different ethnicities and cultures. The Directors and staff discussed the calendar further. Director Geary asked if there are any controversial areas of the calendar. Dr. Codd noted that early release days may be a sensitive topic, as well as the scheduling during the week before Thanksgiving.

Director Burke moved for approval. Director Geary seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

## **II. Review of the January 17 and January 31 legislative session agendas**

### **January 17, 2018**

Mr. Van Duzer noted we will be adding the 2018-19 School Year Calendar BAR as the number one introduction item.

Mr. Van Duzer discussed the two upcoming agendas for January 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> noting the recognitions and presentations scheduled for each meeting.

Director Geary requested that we invite Tara Davis to speak on the topic of the Special Olympics at a board meeting. Dr. Nyland agreed to extending the invitation.

Directors discussed the action items on the January 17<sup>th</sup> agenda. They determined items: 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 17 for action could be moved to consent.

Director Geary moved to approve as the agenda as amended. Director Burke seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

Directors then discussed moving action item 9 to first in the order. Director Burke motioned to move item 9 and approve the agenda as amended. Director Geary seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

### **January 31, 2018**

The directors reviewed the January 31<sup>st</sup> agenda to determine which action items could be moved to consent.

The directors determined the 2018-19 School Year Calendar would be moved to consent, as well as items 1, 4, 6, and 7.

The directors and staff discussed the details of the action items, specifically those of the Building Excellence BEX and BTA Capital Programs Oversight Committee.

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

Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen gave a quick description of the College Success Foundation, which was scheduled to be recognized on January 17.

## **III. Special Attention Items**

### **1. Labor Partner Discussion – Seattle Education Association**

Michael Tamayo and Phyllis Campano, representatives from the Seattle Education Association, discussed the meeting they attended yesterday in Olympia. The presenters discussed their concern for proper representation at this meeting.

Ms. Campano discussed their concern that the Superintendent stays and continues to keep stability across the district. They announced that they are working with bus drivers on their negotiations with First Student. The directors and presenters discussed this topic. The directors noted their upcoming board action item that will provide more parking for buses.

Ms. Campano noted Feb 5-9<sup>th</sup> will be Black Lives Matter week and that they will work with educators to make sure there is age appropriate curriculum for all grades to discuss this topic. Director Burke inquired about any collaboration with central office staff on ethnic studies. Directors, staff, and the presenters discussed further collaboration with other community members and civic leaders. Director Geary suggested we make sure Mayor Durkan is made aware of these events.

Ms. Campano and Mr. Tamayo continued to discuss with directors other upcoming projects for SEA.

The presenters discussed the need for more equitable construction in the Southeast area of Seattle. Staff and Directors discussed what they can do in capital to address the needs at Rainier Beach High School, specifically. Director Geary noted the importance of including the community in the amount of work we put into these projects so that they can see the behind the scenes work we're doing. Directors and staff discussed the options of further building and reconstruction at Rainier Beach High School.

## 2. Oversight Work Sessions

Mr. Van Duzer asked the directors what Oversight Work Sessions they want to hold on the calendar. He suggested that the District meet the policy requirement of 4 work sessions and then discuss what else is needed for the coming year. He noted that we are required to have Work Sessions on Budget and HR each year and that the other two can be determined by the board. Mr. Nielsen suggested we wait until further information is given before determining what the topics of those work sessions may be. Directors and staff discussed the options for best determining the topics of those work sessions.

## 3. Executive Committee Scheduling

Mr. Van Duzer revisited the concern of the current Executive Committee meeting time. He suggested that a good option for staff may be the current Thursdays from 3-5pm. The directors will move forward with this suggestion for 3-5pm and will revisit the time in April.

## **V. Standing Agenda Items**

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

Ms. Carri Campbell gave an overview of ThoughtExchange. She notified the board that texting is possible and will launch in February. Families will get an initial text to opt in or out of receiving texts from SPS. She explained that they are considering the best ways to communicate with ELL families when there is an emergency. Based on a survey, ELL families are overall in favor of the texting option.

Director Burke noted his concerns with the online calendar and will schedule a meeting with Ms. Campbell and Ms. Pauline Amell Nash to review this.

The Family Engagement Task force will be launching soon. Ms. Campbell explained the steps taken for communication anytime there is a news story. She asked directors to repost any social media post in order to amplify its reach. She asked for feedback from the directors about connecting with families affected by the change area for high school boundaries via phone message. The directors supported this idea.

### 2. Government Relations

Erinn Bennett started with announcing that the state legislative session has started. She met with key members of the Seattle Delegation. They received an update on the capital budget and a potential capital request. Director Harris suggested that we put the video of this on our website. Next Wednesday Ms. Bennett will meet with the Seattle Delegation again. She noted two bills coming up, including Breakfast after the Bell, and a bill allowing retirees to becoming substitute teachers. Director Geary noted to the directors that they should let her know if there are particular topics they want to be notified of regarding the WSSDA meetings. Staff and directors discussed the options for providing information to the other directors.

### 3. Board Calendar/Work Plan

Due to time, this item has been deferred.

### 4. Executive Committee Work Plan

Mr. Van Duzer explained the executive committee work plan noting the policies we may update this year. The specifics of this will be discussed at a later date.

### 5. Board 2018 Goals Update

Mr. Van Duzer asked the board how we should continue this conversation. Director Harris suggested we continue this conversation at the retreat. She also suggested we have the retreat in the community. Mr. Van Duzer noted the March agenda will be up for approval at the February meeting. Staff and directors discussed these options. Director Harris requested the cost of having the retreat at either Rainier Beach or Franklin High School.

### 6. Annual Reports Status List

Mr. Van Duzer noted this information is in the packet for review.

### **Adjourn**

Director Harris adjourned the meeting at 10:48pm.