

March 01, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
March 01, 2017, 4:15 p.m.

Board of Directors

2445 – 3rd Avenue South
Seattle, Washington 98134
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I. Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.
2. All Directors were present. Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen was present in Superintendent Nyland's absence.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Recognition

II. Student Presentations

- Van Asselt Elementary Performing Arts

III. Superintendents Comments

IV. Student Comments

Theo Lasky from Nova High School provided comments.

V. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the [Work Session/Board Special Meeting](#) on January 11, the [Oversight/Work Sessions/Executive Session](#) on January 25, the [Oversight/Work Sessions/Executive Session](#) on February 08, and the [Regular Board Meeting](#) on February 15.
2. [Personnel Report](#)

3. [Amending Board Policy No. 1210, Annual Organizational Meeting/Election of Officers](#) - (Exec., Feb. 02, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 1210, Annual Organizational Meeting/Election of Officers.

Director Harris moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Pinkham seconded. The consent agenda passed unanimously.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

VI. Board Comments

Directors Harris, Patu, Burke, Pinkham, Geary, & Blanford provided comments.

VII. Public Testimony

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| 1. | Samwise Williams, Mirabai
Kukathas, Princess Lucy Escarcega | Nova High School |
| 2. | Tuyet-Nhi Vo | Rainier Beach High School Renovation |
| 3. | Gian Rosario | Rainier Beach High School Renovation |
| 4. | Diego Reyes-Foster | Rainier Beach High School Renovation |
| 5. | Monte Britt | Rainier Beach High School Renovation |
| 6. | Saido Nor | Rainier Beach High School Renovation |
| 7. | Arinne Rosorio | Southshore Pre-K-8 |
| 8. | Chris Jackins | Seattle Preschool Service Agreement; City Year
Contract Modification |
| 9. | Mindy Huang | Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement |
| 10. | Phyllis Campano | Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement |
| 11. | Melissa Westbrook | Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement;
HCC Comprehensive Program |
| 12. | Brian Terry | Racial Equity in HCC Comprehensive Plan |
| 13. | Karen Betancourt | Accessibility of HCC Program |
| 14. | Janet Blessing | Lowering WiFi in Classrooms |
| 15. | Katherine Cortes | Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement |
| 16. | Lori Hiltz | Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement;
Special Education PTSA Update |
| 17. | Sebrena Burr | Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement |
| 18. | Liza Rankin | Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement |

VIII. Board Comments (continued)

Mr. Lasky and Directors Burke, Patu, Geary, Blanford, Pinkham & Peters provided comments.

The meeting recessed at 6:31pm and reconvened at 6:50pm.

IV Business Action Items (continued)

C. Action Items

1. [Adopting Board Resolution 2016/17-13, Fully Funding Basic Education](#) - (Exec., Feb. 02, for consideration) Approval of this item would call on the state legislature to fully fund education and delay the levy cliff until that funding is fully implemented.

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded. Director Peters noted the Executive Committee recommendation.

Mr. Nielsen noted the edits to the Resolution between introduction and action.

This motion passed unanimously.

2. [City of Seattle Department of Education and Early Learning/Seattle Preschool Program Service Agreement 2017-18](#) - (Exec., Feb. 02, for action/consideration) Approval of this item would accept grant funds from the City of Seattle Department of Education and Early Learning to allow for the continuation of 8 Preschool Program classrooms currently operated by the District and the expansion of up to 9 new classrooms, for a total of up to 17 classrooms.

Director Harris moved to approve Motion A of this item. Director Pinkham seconded. Director Peters noted the Executive Committee recommendations for both motions.

Directors and staff discussed the number of inclusion pre-school classrooms. Directors, staff and Department of Education representative discussed the enrollment levels and number of students with Individual Education Plans within each site. Ms. Cashel Toner discussed the changes made to the service agreement since introduction. Directors asked questions and voiced concerns over capacity, sustainability of the program and its growth, and the process for which the locations of sites are determined.

This motion passed unanimously.

Director Harris moved to approve Motion B of this item. Director Pinkham seconded.

Directors and staff discussed the Cedar Park site and the sustainability of building space at this location. Directors asked questions regarding the number of sites opening under this proposal and the viability of each location. Staff provided information on enrollment projections and flexibility around financial and capacity changes.

This motion passed 6-1-0 (Directors Blanford, Burke, Geary, Harris, Patu, Pinkham voted yes. Director Peters voted no).

3. [Amending the 16-17 Superintendent Evaluation Criteria](#) - (Exec., Feb. 02, for approval) Approval of this item would amend the previously adopted 16-17 Superintendent evaluation criteria to add a professional practice element.

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded. Director Harris noted the Executive Committee recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously.

4. **City Year Contract Modification** - (A&F, Feb. 9, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to approve the City Year Personal Services Contract (PSC) Modification of \$310,000, to support programming at Aki Kurose, Van Asselt Elementary, Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary, and Denny International Middle School.

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded. Director Harris noted the Audit & Finance Committee recommendation.

Director Harris noted the appreciation and value of City Year's partnership. Directors discussed concerns around work being performed prior to Board approval. Ms. JoLynn Berge provided information on the mechanisms in place to prevent it in the future. Staff provided feedback on the City Year contract and why it is being modified. Director Harris noted that these thorough discussions occur at the Committee meetings and invited more people to attend.

This motion passed unanimously.

D. Introduction Items

1. **Amending Policy No. 5001, Hiring of Retired School Employees** - (A&F, Feb. 9, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 5001, Hiring of Retired School Employees.

Dir. Harris noted the Audit & Finance Committee recommendation.

Clover Codd provided background and an overview of the policy change. She noted that, despite the removal of some policy language, Board oversight of hiring remains via the personnel report approved by the Board monthly.

2. **Amending Board Policy No. 3422, Student Sports - Concussion and Head Injuries** - (Ops., Feb. 16, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 3422, Student Sports - Concussion and Head Injuries.

Dir. Blanford noted the Operations Committee recommendation for this item and for items 4 and 5.

Tara Davis provided background and an overview of the policy change, noting that it focuses on adding training and providing information regarding sudden cardiac arrest. Dir. Harris asked about applicability of the policy to club sports. Associate Superintendent Flip Herndon explained that staff are investigating to ensure that the various levels of club sports receive the same information and training about concussion and sudden cardiac arrest.

3. [Highly Capable Students Program Comprehensive Plan](#) - (C&I, Feb. 13, for consideration) Approval of this item would approve the District's Highly Capable Students Program Comprehensive Plan as resubmitted to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for school year 2016-17 to support Highly Capable Services and the District's gifted eligibility identification process and authorize the Superintendent to apply for and accept allocation of these funds.

Dir. Burke noted the Curriculum & Instruction Policy Committee recommendation.

Wyeth Jessee noted that this item comes as part of an annual iGrant application to the state. He noted that different schools apply different elements within this program; he noted the need for a comprehensive program review underway for Spectrum and Highly Capable services. Directors expressed concerns about the value of check-the-box exercises but noted this document provides a valuable overview of possible services in this area. Dir. Peters asked about steps taken to ensure the document accurately represents the work done in schools. Directors and staff discussed state funding for this program. Dir. Pinkham noted the need for tests without implicit bias.

4. [BEX IV: Award Contract P2515 for Architectural and Engineering Services, to NAC Architecture for Wing Luke Elementary School Project](#) - (Ops, Feb. 16, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute an agreement with NAC Architecture, in the amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$3,060,715), plus reimbursable expenses of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Wing Luke Elementary School project.

Mike Skutack provided an overview of this item, noting 13 firms applied for this contract. Dir. Peters asked about education specifications and Mr. Skutack noted that the Board would approve those in a future action.

5. [BTA III: Award Construction Contract K5080, Bid No. B11637 to Mike Werlech Construction Inc., for the Blaine Water Mains and Fire Sprinklers Project](#) - (Ops, Feb. 16 for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute construction contract K5080, to Mike Werlech Construction Inc., for the Blaine Water Mains and Fire Sprinklers Project, in the amount of \$949,822, including Alternate Bid 1, plus Washington State sales tax.

Mr. Skutack provided an overview of this item.

X. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.