

Board Special Meeting
2017-18 Budget; Executive Session:
to Evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee
July 26, 2017, 5:30 - 8:30pm
Auditorium, John Stanford Center
2445 – 3rd Avenue South, Seattle WA 98134



Minutes

I. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:36pm.

Directors Geary, Harris, Patu, Peters, and Pinkham were present. Director Burke arrived at 6:05pm. Director Blanford was not present.

This meeting was staffed by Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Finance JoLynn Berge, and Director of Capital Projects Richard Best.

II. Restoration Plan

Ms. Berge provided an overview of the agenda and clarified that the budget to be acted upon later in the meeting has capacity for the restoration plan, but that a decision on the restoration plan does not affect the vote on the budget. She provided updated information about the impact to SPS from the State Legislature's budget actions. She highlighted several areas where the district would be receiving more revenue from the state than expected, noting the need for community engagement for the use of these funds as the district begins to prepare for an anticipated 2018-19 deficit. She emphasized that the State's education funding does not provide full funding for basic education in the district and that continued conversations with the Legislature are necessary.

Ms. Berge summarized restoration actions to date. Director Harris asked about mandatory baselines for funding administrative positions within schools and whether those decisions are made by schools or centrally. Director Peters asked for more detail regarding career and technical education funding decisions.

Ms. Berge presented the final round of restoration funding recommendations. Directors asked about funding for waitlist moves and international baccalaureate programs. Ms. Berge noted that some funding has been provided for IB programs and that she would look further into the current level and need.

Director Burke arrived at 6:05pm.

Director Peters asked that a restoration of counselor positions be added to the list of potential future funding; Ms. Berge noted that the Weighted Staffing Standards (WSS) Committee will be looking staffing allocations moving forward. Director Burke asked about funding the implementation of 24 credits.

Ms. Berge asked for consensus on the restoration plan. Directors expressed support for the recommendation and Directors Geary, Harris and Peters expressed their desire for the plan to be flexible enough that the needs of IB programs can be met.

III. Business Action Item: 2017-18 Budget - Discussion and Action

- **Resolution 2016/17-27, Fixing and Adopting the Budget** - (A&F, June 13, for consideration) Approval of this item would adopt Resolution 2016/17-27, to fix and adopt the 2017-18 budget.

Director Harris moved approval of this item. Director Pinkham seconded.

Ms. Berge presented further details about the 2017-18 budget. She highlighted fund balances and additional detail for the capital program. In response to questions from Director Peters, Ms. Berge noted the planned project expenditures for the year in the attachments. Directors asked about specific capital projects, including Magnolia Elementary, planning for a downtown school, and Rainier Beach. Director of Capital Projects Richard Best provided more information in response to director questions. In response to a question from Director Burke, Ms. Berge noted that the expenditure levels would not be affected in the coming year regardless of the state's final action on a capital budget.

This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 6:40pm.

IV. Executive Session: to Evaluate the Performance of a Public Employee; Potential Litigation

Director Peters called the executive session to order at 6:42 pm.

- Directors Burke, Geary, Harris, Patu, Peters, and Pinkham were present. Director Blanford was absent.
- The Potential Litigation discussion was staffed by Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen, Executive Director of Labor and Employee Relations Stan Damas, and Mark Mcurdy.
- Outside counsel was also present.

At 8:30 pm, Director Peters recessed out of the executive session.

V. Adjourn

The Special Meeting reconvened at 8:30 pm and there being no further business to come before the Board, Director Peters adjourned the special meeting at 8:30 pm.