

September 20, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
September 20, 2017 4:15 p.m.

Board of Directors

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Seattle, Washington 98134
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I. Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.
2. Directors Geary, Burke, Blanford, Harris, Peters, and Patu were present. Director Pinkham was not present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Recognition
 1. Sub Friendly Schools
 2. El Centro de la Raza

II. Superintendent's Comments

- Hawthorne Elementary School Presentation

III. Student Comments – Roosevelt High School

IV. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the August 30, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, September 6, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, and September 9, 2017 Board Retreat.
2. Warrants – August
3. **[Repeal Natural Resources Conservation Policy and Procedure H25.00 and H25.01, and Adopt Board Policy No. 6810, Natural Resources Conservation](#)**- (Ops, Aug. 23, for approval) Approval of this item would repeal Board Policy H25.00 and Procedure H25.01, and adopt a new Policy No. 6810, Natural Resources Conservation.

4. [Adopting Board Policy No. 3116, Students in Foster Care](#) - (Ops, Aug. 23, for consideration) Approval of this item would adopt new Board Policy No. 3116, Students in Foster Care.

Director Harris moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Patu seconded.

This motion passed unanimously.

V. Board Comments

Directors Patu, Geary, Burke and Blanford provided comments.

VI. Public Testimony

1. Nate Koidahl Roosevelt High School
2. Gian Rosario Rainier Beach High School
3. Hani Ahmed Rainier Beach High School
4. Chris Jackins Policy 6810, Natural Resources Conservation; July 5 Board Action on Waitlists; Student Assignment Plan
5. Brian Terry Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
6. Devin Bruckner Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
7. Valerie Cooper Capacity and Proactive Capacity Planning
8. Julie Popper Equity in HCC
9. Misty Jackson-Nau School on Fort Lawton Property
10. Janice Blackmore Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
11. Kateryna Adams Capacity Planning
12. Jessica Vidican-Neisius Capacity Planning
13. Vanessa Meraki Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
14. Briktawite Yimer Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
15. Natasha Boswell Fort Lawton School
16. Kellie LaRue Enrollment and Budget
17. Daniel Dickenson Capacity Planning
18. Jonah Randolph Unfair Staffing Issues

VII. Board Comments (Continued)

Directors Harris, Blanford, Patu and Peters provided comments.

This meeting recessed at 6:34pm. This meeting reconvened at 6:51pm.

VIII. Business Action Items (Continued)

C. Action Items

1. **Resolution 2017/18-5, Supporting Undocumented Students** (Exec, Sept. 12, for consideration) – Approval of this item would adopt a resolution in support of undocumented students.

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Peters noted the Exec Committee Recommendation.

Superintendent Nyland spoke about keeping students safe and feeling protected in schools.

This motion passed unanimously.

2. **[Annual Approval of Schools per WAC 180-16-220](#)** - (C&I, Jun. 12, for consideration) Approval of this item would approve each school within the District as having a school improvement plan that is data driven, promotes a positive impact on school learning, and includes a continuous improvement process, pursuant to WAC 180-16-220.

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Burke noted the C&I Committee Recommendation.

Staff member Mike Starosky spoke about the school improvement plan for each school. He also spoke about realigning the CSIP goals to better the staffing, scheduling, and overall transparency to the public, noting this will also show where extra money will go and where buildings are putting priorities for specific strategic goals. Mr. Starosky spoke about the Building Leadership Teams (BLT) and how part of that team includes parent involvement. Directors expressed appreciation for this work.

This motion passed unanimously.

D. Introduction Items

1. **Amending Board Policy No. 3432, Emergencies** (Ops, Sept. 7, for consideration) – Approval of this item would make edits to Policy No. 3432, Emergencies, to comply with revisions to state law and current best practices.

Director Blanford noted the Ops Committee Recommendation.

Staff member Pegi McEvoy spoke about updating the school board policy to reflect current state law, including the need to provide drills during summer school. She noted language was added to include provisions for students with special needs.

2. **Adopting new School Board Policy No. 4218, Speakers of Diverse Languages** (Exec, Sept. 12, for approval) – Approval of this item would adopt a new policy to fulfill the rights of parents/guardians to access information about the education of their child in a language they can understand.

Director Peters noted the Exec Committee Recommendation.

Staff member Wyeth Jessee spoke about this item that would add a new policy to coordinate access to interpretation and translation services. Engagement with families showed that almost 25% of SPS households identify a language other than English as their primary language.

3. **Approval of a One-Year Extension of Strategic Plan** (Exec, Sept. 12, for approval) – Approval of this item would extend the district’s 2013-18 strategic plan for one year through the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Director Peters noted the Exec Committee Recommendation.

Director Peters noted this extension would allow the strategic plan an additional year to allow for planning. Director Blanford spoke about engaging community-based organizations that helped shaped the current strategic plan about this extension.

4. **Elevator Maintenance and Repair Contract Extension** (Ops, Sept. 7, for approval) – Approval of this item would extend the elevator maintenance and repair contract with ELTEC for the 2017-18 school year for the amount of \$284,200.

Director Blanford noted the Ops Committee Recommendation for items 4, 5, and 8.

Staff member Bruce Skowyra noted this item that would extend the elevator maintenance contract under the master state contract for this vendor.

5. **Approval of property sale of 315 square feet for the South Lander Street Grade Separation Right of Way** (Ops, Sept. 7, for approval) – Approval of this item would allow for the sale of 315 square feet of land to the City of Seattle for the South Lander Street Grade Separation project.

Mr. Skowyra noted the City of Seattle needs the proposed small amount of land to complete the project based on the design to complete the east footing of the Lander street bridge. He noted the costs were assessed by the city and that the property management and legal teams reviewed and concluded that the assessment was acceptable.

6. **Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) beginning Educator Support Team (BEST) Grant Approval** (C&I, Sept. 12, for approval) – Approval of this item would accept a grant that would provide \$275,000 for the STAR Mentor Program to continue 2nd year teacher support, fund an additional STAR Mentor, and support the implementation of the Peer Assistance and Review Project.

Director Burke noted the C&I Committee Recommendation.

Staff member Chris Drape spoke about the STAR program, which is a teacher induction program. He noted the proposed grant would allow for continued mentorship for teachers in their second year and allow for an additional mentor, lowering caseloads.

7. **Rainier Beach School Improvement Grant (SIG) Year 4 Funding** (A&F, Sept. 11, for approval) – Approval of this item would accept the School Improvement Grant totaling \$1,116,623 for the 2017-2018 school year at Rainier Beach High School.

Director Harris noted the A&F Committee Recommendation.

Staff member Michael Stone noted this additional funding from the Department of Education would continue work started under a 2014 grant. Dr. Nyland noted the changing landscape of federal funding. Directors discussed sustainability, the International Baccalaureate program, success metrics, and past grants. Director Peters asked for the 2014 grant to be provided to the Board.

8. **BTA III & BEX IV: Final Acceptance of Public Works Contract K5059 with Western Ventures Construction, Inc., for the Seismic, Green Energy and Re-roofing Adams Elementary School Project** (Ops, Sept. 7, for approval) – Approval of this item would approve the Final Acceptance of Public Works Contract K5059 with Western Ventures Construction Inc., for the Seismic, Green Energy and Re-roofing at Adams Elementary School project, for purposes of avoiding disputes concerning the timing of the filing of liens prior to the release of retainage bond.

Mike Skutack provided an overview of this item.

IX. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.