

October 18, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
October 18, 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 4:18pm.
2. Directors Geary, Burke, Peters, Harris, Pinkham, and Patu were present. Director Blanford was not present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Recognition

II. Student Presentations

- South Shore PreK-8

III. Superintendent's Comments

- Sanislo Elementary Presentation

IV. Student Comments

- Chief Sealth High School

V. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the September 27, 2017 [Work Session](#) and the October 4, 2017 [Regular Board Meeting](#).
2. [Warrants - September](#)

2017 Warrants - September

General Fund	*Payroll	\$800,139.45
	Vendor	\$24,377,252.16
Capital Project Fund	Vendor	\$17,260,997.97
Associated Student Body	Vendor	\$209,335.65
Expendable Trust Fund	Vendor	\$29,500.00
Grand Total		\$42,677,225.23

*Note – Payroll total reflects warrants issued to employees. It does not however, reflect cash transfer amounts in payments of employees' Direct Deposit payroll.

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

This motion passed unanimously.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

VII. Board Comments

Directors Burke, Harris and Geary provided comments.

VI. Public Testimony

https://youtu.be/dGd8boXVO_M?t=4583 (P1: 1:16:23-2:00:00)

1. Khaim Vassar-Fontenot Chief Sealth High School
2. Hani Ahmed Rainier Beach High School
3. Chris Jackins September Warrants; Policy 2161; Resolution 2017/18-3, CTE Partnerships; Playground Space; School Bus Drivers
4. Amy Bryan 2018-19 Implementation Amendment to 2013-20 Growth Boundaries Plan for Student Assignment
5. Kellie Pecoraro Boundary Change Related to Area 127
6. Gloria Ann Renfrow Boundary Changes
7. Allison Osenar Growth Boundary Implementation
8. Taylor Stahl Whittier/Loyal Heights Re-Zone
9. Simon Knaphus Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
10. Abraham Taylor Potential Labor Dispute with First Student
11. Brian Terry Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
12. Robin Schwartz Overcrowded Kindergarten Classrooms at Concord International Elementary School
13. Cynthia Kniffin Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
14. Valerie Cooper Proactive Capacity Planning
15. Jorji Knickrehm Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
16. Kate Poux Equitable Access to Advanced Learning
17. Sebrena Burr Shared Governance and Equity in Decision Making

18.	Emily McKeon ceded to John Kew	Socrates Data
19.	Natasha Boswell	Capacity
20.	Alyosha Adams	Capacity Issues

VII. Board Comments

Directors Pinkham, Patu, Geary, Harris and Peters provided comments.

This meeting recessed at 6:42 pm. This meeting reconvened at 7:01pm.

VIII. Business Action Items (Continued)

C. Action Items

D. Introduction Items

1. [Annual approval of the written plans of programs or schools using the alternative learning experience model](#) (C&I, Oct. 10, for approval) – Approval of this item would approve the plans of four Alternative Learning Experience schools or programs.

Director Burke spoke about the C&I recommendation. Staff member Caleb Perkins spoke about this item and how it would help strengthen the flexibility for students to meet the various state requirements.

2. [Amend Board Policy No. 5010, Nondiscrimination & Affirmative Action; Adopt New Board Policy No. 5207, Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying; and Adopt New Board Policy No. 5245, Non-Retaliation](#) (A&F, Oct. 9, for consideration) – Approval of this item would adopt standalone policies for nondiscrimination; harassment, intimidation, and bullying; and non-retaliation for employees in the 5000 policy series.

Director Harris spoke about the A&F recommendation.

Staff member Clover Codd spoke about how the district has been working on resolving problems as the lowest level before they escalate to high levels. Current policy and procedures are difficult to find and confusing. Both parties have been unsatisfied with resolutions so these changes propose fair and objective and encourage alternative problem solving with board oversight. Staff member John Cerqui spoke about the state law changes that stimulated district changes.

Staff provided an overview of the different policy and procedure changes. Directors suggested some language tweaks and asked some clarifying questions. Staff member Stan Damas spoke about the inclusion of labor partners in this revision process. Director Peters expressed concern about the changes in the Board oversight function.

3. **Repealing School Governance Structures Policy and Procedures F20.00, F20.01, and F20.02 and Adopting New Board Policy No. 4140, Collaborative Governance Structures** (C&I, Oct. 10, for consideration) – Approval of this item would replace outdated policy and procedures related to school governance structures with higher-level policy language about the importance of collaborative governance structures.

Director Burke spoke about the C&I recommendation. Staff member Nate Van Duzer spoke about this attempt to clean up policies and procedures last updated in 1996. He noted inconsistencies between these policies and the collective bargaining agreement that cause confusion for families. Staff noted that the collective bargaining agreement takes precedence. Directors and staff discussed this dynamic and the purpose of a policy on collaborative governance structures. Directors asked for more detail in the replacement policy.

4. **Amending Policy No. 2161, Special Education, and Repealing Policies C62.00, Graduation for Special Education Students, and C69.00, Procedural Safeguards for Parents** (C&I, Oct. 10, for approval) – Approval of this item would incorporate Policies C62.00 and C69.00 into Policy No. 2161.

Director Burke noted the C&I recommendation for item 4 and item 5.

Staff member Trish Campbell spoke about incorporating item policy C62 and C69 into Policy No. 2161.

5. **Adoption of Board Resolution 2017/18-3: Career and Technical Education (CTE) Partnerships** (C&I, Oct. 10, for consideration) – Approval of this item would adopt a resolution in support of CTE partnerships that support district goals.

Director Burke spoke about how this item would formalize support of CTE partnerships to support district goals.

Director Patu and Harris spoke about this as an opportunity to get kids to school and open new prospects for them. Director Geary spoke about partnerships and pathways to better prepare them for the world after high school.

6. **2017-18 Legislative Agenda** (Exec, Oct. 12, for approval) – Approval of this item would adopt the formal statement of the District's legislative priorities from the School Board to members of the state and federal legislatures.

Staff member Erinn Bennett spoke about the proposed legislative agenda, noting that it is similar to last year's agenda as some of those issues are still unresolved. Ms. Bennett spoke about the language changes and Director Geary spoke about the potential to join forces with other districts to lobby for comparable goals.

7. **Kids in the Middle grant from the Nesholm Family Foundation** (A&F, Oct. 9, for approval) – Approval of this item would accept a grant of \$596,608 to provide support to the three highest poverty middle schools in the district.

Director Harris spoke about the A&F committee recommendation.

Staff member Michael Stone spoke about the three thriving middle schools served under this grant and how an additional grant has supplemented this work to better align the elementary schools.

8. **[Award three-year contract to Hobsons' Naviance for new Career and Career Readiness software solution, services and support](#)** (Ops, Jun. 15, for consideration) – Approval of this item would approve a three-year contract in the total amount of \$619,538 with Hobsons' Naviance, selected via a competitive bid process, to provide career and college readiness and planning technology to eighth through twelfth grade students, families and staff.

Director Geary noted the Ops committee recommendation in Director Blanford's absence.

Staff member Caleb Perkins spoke about how this item helps families and communities to learn about pathways to careers and provides enhancement to high school and beyond planning. Staff member Nancy Petersen spoke about privacy concerns and will continue to work with vendors about who data can be shared with, encryption, and various layers of protection. Staff noted the contract and stipulations as well as data sharing agreement will be presented with action.

9. **[2018-19 Implementation Amendment to 2013-20 Growth Boundaries Plan for Student Assignment](#)**(Ops, Oct. 5, for approval) – Approval of this item would update the 2013-20 Growth Boundaries Plan to prevent misalignment of the Whittier Elementary School and Loyal Heights Elementary School boundaries.

Director Geary spoke about the Ops committee recommendation in Director Blanford's absence.

Staff member Ashley Davies spoke about this BAR regarding the Whittier and Loyal Heights boundary changes in area 127 and 128. She noted that there have been community meetings to discuss previous changes as well as changes introduced with this item; she noted students who are currently in the area will be grandfathered in but transportation is not recommended Staff member Flip Herndon spoke about transportation and spoke about the various possibilities.

10. **[Approval of the Washington State Auditor's \(SAO\) Annual Audit Services Contract for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Audits](#)** (A&F, Oct. 10, for approval) – Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to reimburse the Washington State Auditor's Office for its services up to the amount of \$346,890 for the District's 2016-17 fiscal year audits.

Director Harris spoke about the A&F committee recommendation.

Ms. Bennett noted this would authorize the superintendent to reimburse the Washington State Auditor's office for their audit of the district.

Director Geary left at 8:48pm.

11. [Approval of the Superintendent's Professional Practice goal and rubric for 2017-18](#) (Exec, Aug. 24, for consideration) - Approval of this item would approve a professional practice goal and accompanying rubric and amend the Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument.

Director Burke spoke about the SMART Goals that were adopted by the Board previously and how this fifth goal would be implemented to support the professional practice work of the superintendent.

IX. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.