

November 15, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
November 15, 2017 4:15 p.m.

Board of Directors

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I. Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 4:21pm.
2. Directors Blanford, Geary, Harris, Patu, Pinkham, and Peters were present. Director Burke was not present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Superintendent's Comments

Staff and directors expressed appreciation for outgoing Directors Blanford and Peters, who also gave remarks.

III. Public Testimony

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| 1. | Addyson Wynkoop | Student Technology in our Schools |
| 2. | Alicia Goodwin and Sonia Kuykendall | Montlake Elementary on next Capital Levy |
| 3. | Noah Funck | Montlake Elementary on next Capital Levy |
| 4. | Chris Jackins | Magnolia ES Construction Contract; Exiting Board members; proposed field lighting project at Cleveland, Roosevelt, Ballard, Franklin, and Eagle Staff; and the Queen Anne ES, Wing Luke, and Webster projects |
| 5. | Melissa Westbrook | Naviance Contract |
| 6. | David Shepard | Student Assignment Transition Plan |
| 7. | Katie McVicars | Student Assignment Transition Plan |
| 8. | Andrea Peterman | Equitable Access to Advanced Learning |
| 9. | Venessa Goldberg | Equitable Access to Advanced Learning |
| 10. | Andrea Toll | Student Assignment Transition Plan |
| 11. | Karen Willemsen | Equitable Access to Higher Learning |

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| 12. | Jennilyn Edrosa | Student Assignment Transition Plan |
| 13. | Margaret Cerrato-Blue | Student Assignment Transition Plan |
| 14. | Andy Jensen | Wait List and Student Assignment Plan for the Central Elementary Schools |
| 15. | Katherine Farley | Student Assignment Transition Plan |
| 16. | Lynn Peters Anderson | Student Assignment Transition Plan |
| 17. | Rebecca Wynkoop | Student Technology in our Schools |
| 18. | Amanda Olson | HC Learning and Special Needs |
| 19. | Thomas Raymond Speer | Native-Focused High School |
| 20. | Amadanyo J. Oguara | Native-Focused High School |
| 21. | Jeff Clark | Leadership for Equity Award |
| 22. | Chester Weir | Montlake Elementary on next Capital Levy |
| 23. | Aidan Carroll | Indigenous-focused Education |
| 24. | Ra'mya Preston | Montlake ES on next Capital Levy |
| 25. | Margaret Johnson | Building Excellence Program and Montlake ES |

IV. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the November 1, 2017 [Regular Board Meeting](#)
2. [Warrants - October](#)

2017 Warrants - October

General Fund	*Payroll	\$1,366,067.88
		\$26,001,622.93
Capital Project Fund	Vendor	\$15,362,812.73
Associated Student Body	Vendor	\$268,308.89
Grand Total		\$41,364,435.66

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

3. [Resolution 2017/18-4, Certification of Excess Levies and Calculation of General fund Levy Rollback for 2018](#) (A&F, Oct. 9, for approval) – Approval of this item would certify to the county legislative authority budgets or estimates of the amounts to be raised by taxation on the assessed valuation of the property in the district.

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

This motion passed unanimously.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

V. Board Comments

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

This meeting recessed at 7:12pm. This meeting reconvened at 7:35pm.

VII. Business Action Items (Continued)

C. Action Items

1. [Amending Policy No. 2415, High School Graduation Requirements](#) (C&I, Oct. 11, for consideration) – Approval of this item would amend Policy No. 2015 to remove a minimum GPA requirement imposed by the district to bring graduation requirements more in line with state law.

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded. Director Geary spoke about the C&I recommendation in Director Burke's absence.

Staff member Caleb Perkins noted there were no changes from introduction. Directors and Dr. Perkins spoke about the various ways the current GPA is calculated that lead to an inconsistent approach. Directors expressed that they would like a yearly check-in regarding the ramifications of this item. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Michael Tolley spoke about adding this update to a yearly update.

This motion passed unanimously.

2. [Amending Policy No. 2420, High School Grade and Credit Marking](#) (C&I, Oct. 11, for consideration) – Approval of this item would amend Policy No. 2420, to align credit requirements with state law. (attachment edited since introduction)

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded. Director Geary spoke about the C&I recommendation in Director Burke's absence.

Dr. Perkins spoke about this item to align with current state law. Directors, Dr. Perkins, and Mr. Tolley spoke about the Counseling Manual that will reflect the details of grade marking. This flexibility will lead to more credit opportunities and structure. Directors expressed that they would like a yearly check-in regarding the ramifications of this item. Dr. Perkins spoke about working with Mr. Tolley about a yearly update. Dr. Perkins spoke about ensuring equity and rigor through checks.

This motion passed unanimously.

3. **Superintendent's Employment Agreement: Employment Agreement - Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA")** - Approval of this item would increase the Superintendent's base salary by the COLA amount of 2.3% (\$6,787.22).

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded.

Superintendent Nyland expressed his appreciation.

This motion passed unanimously.

4. **BTA IV: Award Construction Contract K5078, Bid No, B08705 to Forma Construction Company for the Magnolia Elementary School Renovation and Addition Project** (Ops, May 18, for consideration) - Approval of this item would authorize the execution of construction contract K5078 to Forma Construction Company for the Magnolia Elementary School Renovation and Addition Project in the amount of \$26,217,500, and authorize the transfer of \$5,000,000 from BTA IV Program Contingency to the Magnolia Elementary School Renovation and Addition Project. (action report edited and attachment added since introduction)

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded. Director Blanford spoke about the Ops Committee recommendation for this item as well as item number 5.

Staff members Flip Herndon and Richard Best spoke about this item. Mr. Best spoke about including additional information regarding the fiscal impact and transfer and adding some clarifying language. Mr. Best spoke about the overextension of the original budget. Mr. Best spoke about the bid in May that was six million over budget and how the district worked with the architects and engineers to bring costs down without compromising educational aspects. Costs were reduced in overall building decisions.

This motion passed with a vote of 4-2 (Directors Blanford, Geary, Harris, and Peters voted yes; Directors Patu and Pinkham voted no).

5. **Award three-year contract to Hobsons' Naviance for new College 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. (11/14 update: action report edited and attachments added)

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded.

Staff members Dr. Perkins and Chief Information Officer John Krull spoke about the change that was made since introduction. Language was added to answer questions that were brought up during introduction. Dr. Perkins and Mr. Krull spoke about student and family privacy policies and the importance of security. Mr. Krull described the security report, feedback, and protocol that will ensure protection of student data. Directors and

staff members discussed student privacy and what vital information needs to be shared for the software to work.

Director Harris moved to table this item to a future date. Director Pinkham seconded.

This motion to table this item passed with a vote of 5-1 (Director Geary, Harris, Patu, Pinkham, and Peters voted yes; Director Blanford voted no).

6. [Approval of a contract for an executive search firm to conduct a superintendent search](#) (Exec, Nov. 8, for consideration) – Approval of this item would approve a contract with a superintendent search firm. (for introduction and action at this meeting) (11/14 update: action report edited and attachment added)

Director Harris moved to approve this item. Director Pinkham seconded.

Staff member Erinn Bennett spoke about the RFP that was sent out and how this motion would allow the execution of the next steps of a superintendent search. Directors spoke about conducting a superintendent search during labor negotiations and a number of issues and disruption that could potentially cause.

This motion passed with a vote of 4-2 (Directors Harris, Patu, Pinkham, and Peters voted yes; Director Blanford and Geary voted no).

Director Harris left the meeting at 9:01pm.

D. Introduction Items

1. [Repeal of School Board Procedure E14.04, Research Activity and Test Administration Procedure, and Adoption of new School Board Policy No. 4280, Research Activity](#) (C&I, Nov. 7, for approval) – Approval of this item would update the District's Research Activity policy language within a new policy.

Director Geary spoke about the C&I recommendation in Director Burke's absence.

Staff member Eric Anderson spoke about the updates to the language within this policy, noting this BAR will clarify formal research review protocols. Staff member Jessica Beaver spoke about systematic tracking of proposals based on rigor of research, relevance to priorities, burden to district, and risks and benefits to participants.

2. [Amend and rename Policy No. 3240, Student Conduct and Discipline, to Student Behavior and Disciplinary Responses, and repeal Policy D82.00, Intervention for Violent Exceptional Misconduct Prior to Re-admittance to Regular Schools](#) (C&I, Nov. 7, for approval) – Approval of this item would amend and rename Board Policy No. 3240, *Student Conduct and Discipline to Student Behavior and Disciplinary Responses*, to align with the changes made over the past two years to the *Student Rights & Responsibilities (SR&R)*; and repeal Board Policy D82.00, *Intervention for Violent Exceptional Misconduct Prior to Re-admittance to Regular Schools*.

Director Geary spoke about the C&I recommendation in Director Burke's absence.

Staff member Erin Romanuk spoke about this item and how these policy changes align with the changes to the student rights and responsibilities document.

3. [Community Care Contract, RFQ02758](#) (A&F, Nov. 6, for consideration) – Approval of this item would provide purchase agreements that total \$417,320 wherein Community Care would provide Behavior Aides, Behavior Assessments, Behavior Parent Training, Behavior Technicians and Student Therapy.

Director Blanford spoke about the A&F recommendation in Director Harris' absence.

Staff member Wyeth Jessee spoke about this item that provide services to students IEPs that fall outside of the school day and how this firm helps meet student needs. Chief Jessee spoke about selecting Community Care and working with them in the previous school year.

4. [City of Seattle Families & Education Levy Funding for Seattle Public Schools for Middle School Out of School Program Transportation, Northgate Elementary transportation and Middle School Athletics](#) (A&F, Nov. 6, for consideration) – Approval of this item would accept \$652,624.00 in grant funding from the City of Seattle's Families & Education Levy. The funding will support Middle School Out-of-School Program Transportation (\$311,955), Northgate Elementary transportation (\$11,108), Middle School Athletics (\$201,232), Middle School Sports Transportation (\$33,125), and Summer Learning Transportation (\$95,224).

Director Blanford spoke about the A&F recommendation in Director Harris' absence.

Staff member Michael Stone spoke about this item with clarification from JoLynn Berge. They noted this item has been ongoing but was not brought forth during the Spring because the letter of intent was not received in the Spring and was sent late. Staff explained that this levy provides funding for transportation specifically covering extracurricular activities happening at family and education buildings.

5. [BTA IV: Approve Phase 1 purchase of Classroom Technology to support Teaching and Learning](#) (C&I, Nov. 7, for consideration) – Approval of this item would allow the purchase of new student computers and carts for a total not-to-exceed price of \$1,000,000.

Director Geary spoke about the C&I recommendation in Director Burke's absence for this item as well as item number 6.

Staff members John Krull and Kyle Kinoshita spoke about this technology measure with continued emphasis on the teaching and learning aspect. They noted this pilot purchase of laptops will address the amplification of projects such as interactive writing or practicing research skills.

School-based staff members gave a detailed overview of how technology would be utilized in a classroom setting and answered director questions.

6. **BTA IV: Approve purchase of mobile computer devices for certificated staff** (C&I, Nov. 7, for consideration) - Approval of this item would approve the purchase of new mobile computer devices for certificated staff for a total not-to-exceed price of \$5,500,000.

Mr. Krull spoke about this item that would provide devices to certificated teachers. Dr. Kinoshita spoke about teacher usage of these devices and the effect on productivity..

7. **Approval of the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2018-19**(Ops, Nov. 2, for consideration) – Approval of this item would update the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2018-19.
 - o **Amendment 1** - Approval of this item would amend the Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2018-19 to delete assignment pathway changes scheduled for implementation in 2019-20 and combine them with high school boundary approval to be implemented in 2019-20. (Directors Burke and Harris) (11/14 update: this item added)

Director Blanford noted the committee recommendations for this item and the remaining items on the agenda. He noted the committee did not review the proposed amendment.

Staff member Ashley Davies noted the history of the Board’s review of this item and highlighted the changes made since the October 25 Committee of the Whole.

In response to questions from Director Peters, staff member Wyeth Jessee spoke to advanced learning opportunities in schools.

Ms. Davies spoke to timing challenges associated with the delay that would result from the proposed amendment. Director Peters noted the amendment for the record. Director Peters noted concerns regarding the proposed high school highly capable pathways. Director Geary noted her appreciation for the proposed disbursement of advanced learning offerings as a movement toward fairness. Director Blanford expressed his disappointment with the process leading to the amendment.

The Board recessed at 10:33pm. The Board reconvened at 10:39pm.

8. **Multiple Funding Sources: Final Acceptance of Contract P5055 with Bayley Construction for the Seattle World School at TT Minor Modernization Project** (Ops, Nov. 2, for consideration) – Approval of this item would give final acceptance of Contract P5055 for the Seattle World School at TT Minor Modernization project for purposes of avoiding disputes over the timing of the filing of liens prior to the release of retention.

Staff member Richard Best provided an overview of this item and reviewed the change orders on this project.

9. **BTA IV: Modification to Contract K1243, for Architectural and Engineering Services, Mahlum Architects for the Magnolia Elementary School Renovation and Addition project** (Ops, Nov. 2, for consideration) – Approval of this item would modify in the amount of \$508,646 Contract No. K1243 with Mahlum Architects, for the Magnolia Elementary School Renovation and Addition project.

Mr. Best provided an overview of this item, noting the reasons behind the increased cost.

10. **BEX IV: Wing Luke Elementary School Replacement Project: Value Engineering Report State Funding Assistance** (Ops, Nov. 2, for approval) – Approval of this item would accept the Value Engineering Report and the Architect’s Response and Recommendation Matrix, as required by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Best provided an overview of this item.

11. **BEX IV: Approval of Modification No. 2 to Contract P1481 with Radixos LLC, for Consulting Services for K-12 Furniture Selection** (Ops, Nov. 2, for consideration) – Approval of this item would approve contract modification No. 2 in the amount of \$373,288 for Contract No. P1481 with Radixos LLC, to provide for an expanded scope of services.

Mr. Best provided an overview of this item, noting the goal to simplify furniture procurement.

12. **BEX IV: Final Acceptance of Contract P5043 with Spee West Construction Company for the Genesee Hill School Replacement project** (Ops, Nov. 2, for consideration) – Approval of this item would give final acceptance of Contract P5043 with Spee West Construction Co., and allows the district to formally accept the work and close out the contract.

Mr. Best provided an overview of this item. Director Geary highlighted there were savings in this project.

13. **BTA III/BEX IV: Final Acceptance of Contract P5062 with Holmberg Construction for the McGilvra Elementary School Mechanical, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Upgrades project** (Ops, Nov. 2, for consideration) – Approval of this item would give final acceptance of Contract P5062 with Holmberg Construction and allow the district to formally accept the work and close out the contract.

Mr. Best provided an overview of this item.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54pm.