

October 21, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Meeting held remotely

2445 – 3rd Avenue South

Seattle, Washington 98134

206-252-0040

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I. Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Directors DeWolf, Hampson, Hersey, Mack, Rankin, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.

The meeting was held electronically with public access consistent with the Governor's proclamation prohibiting in-person public meetings for agencies subject to the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. Superintendent Comments

Director DeWolf requested that Superintendent Juneau respond to a few emails sent over the last two weeks, and Superintendent Juneau confirmed that emails were in progress.

Superintendent Juneau provided a report back to the Board per Board Resolution No. 2019/20-38 on the status of, and plan for, implementation of the resolution. Director DeWolf moved the meeting on to the Student Comments, and Superintendent Juneau confirmed that the report information would be provided by Friday Memo.

III. Student Comments

- Ingraham High School

IV. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the September 3, 2020 Work Session (Updated since posted for 9/23/20 meeting), September 10, 2020 Work Session (Updated since posted for 9/23/20 meeting), September 22, 2020 Work Session, October 1, 2020 Board Special Meeting, October 1, 2020 Executive Session, October 6, 2020 Work Session, October 6, 2020 Executive Session, October 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, and October 8, 2020 Executive Session
- Warrants Report - September

The following warrants as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.08, are approved for payment:

General Fund	*Payroll	\$693,159.95
	Vendor	22,885,486.05
Capital Project Fund	Vendor	26,244,985.03
Associated Student Body Fund	Vendor	179,183.49
Expendable Trust Fund	Vendor	32,430.00
Grand Total		\$50,035,244.52

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

Director Hampson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

This motion passed unanimously.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

V. Public Testimony

Order	Speaker	Topic
1	Kaia Jarvegren	Ingraham High School
2	Kayla Harstad	Indian Education
3	Emily Cherkin	Technology Device Refresh BAR and the Outdoor Learning Pilot
4	Chris Jackins	1. Laptop Contract; 2. Webster Project; 3. Rainier Beach Project
5	Dr. Carol Simmons	Action Item #3 & Indian Education

6	Dr. Jimmie R. Simmons	Action Item #3 & Indian Education
7	Flo Beaumon	The need to change the Student Assignment Plan designated high school pathway for Dual Language Instruction in the Southeast region from Rainier Beach High School, where it has not succeeded, to Franklin High School, where it will succeed
8	Barbara Leigh	The possible provision of lifesaving information about safe secure firearm storage in homes where students are spending more time due to COVID-19 and remote learning
9	Sarah Sense-Wilson	Indian Education
10	Kay Fidler	Native Education & Equality in Education
11	Carol Podney Wartman	Re-entry to SPS schools under COVID-19
12	Brooke Stromme	Indian Education Services
13	Tina Marie Norman	1. Obstruction on Title VI and poor communication on voting; 2. UNEA; 3. Teaching within SPS
14	Brian Terry	Addressing racism in our schools
15	Lailani Norman	Šəqačib program not serving the Native community

VI. Business Action Items (Continued)

C. Action Items

1. **Authorization for Claim Settlement** (Exec, October 14, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to take all necessary actions to resolve a claim for damages, dated April 18, 2019, brought by a parent volunteer and student against the district, which would include payment in the amount of \$350,000, less the cost of agreed to non-monetary terms, in exchange for a waiver and release of all claims, following any necessary court approval for the minor student. Immediate action is in the best interest of the district. (Introduction & Action)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

Deputy Chief Counsel John Cerqui presented background on the settlement authorization requested and the investigation and mediation history. Directors, Mr. Cerqui, and Chief Human Resources Officer Dr. Clover Codd discussed the development of the planned Board Policy No. 0040 on anti-racism, training that would be provided to staff and the broader school community under the settlement, cross-divisional work to make systemic change, the process for court approval of the settlement, and reaching people who have left the school community and could benefit from receiving anti-racism training.

This motion passed unanimously.

2. **Approval of the renewed agreement with King County to purchase ORCA Business Passport Products (Metro Transportation)** (Ops, October 8, for Consideration)

Approval of this item would waive the 2019-20 Transportation Service Standards for the sole purpose of making additional middle school students eligible to receive an ORCA card while school bus service is not offered and authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with King County for student ORCA cards that will not exceed \$1.5 million in the form of the agreement attached and presented to the School Board, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary actions to implement the contract. Immediate action is in the best interest of the district. (Introduction & Action)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta presented background on the annual agreement with Metro Transportation to supply transit passes for secondary students, changes in the cost structure, adjustments to the eligibility standards for middle school students, and the partial waiver of the Transportation Service Standards.

Directors and staff discussed the adjustments to the eligibility standards incorporated per the Operations Committee's request, broader funding sources that support transit pass eligibility for secondary students, expectations around transit pass utilization, and considering whether the expansion of middle school eligibility should be continued to future years.

Director Hampson requested that district outreach emphasize the ability of students to take advantage of a variety of resources including transit passes, the ability to pick up lunches for multiple days and family members, and flu shot clinics and spoke to looking forward to seeing any additional PR that goes out.

This motion passed unanimously.

3. **The Assistance League of Seattle (ALS) is donating gift cards to fund its Operation School Bell (OSB) shopping program for new school clothes for fall quarter of the 2020-2021 school year** (A&F, October 12, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$350,000 from Assistance League of Seattle to benefit students who wish to participate in its Operation School Bell program for the 2020-21 school year. Immediate action is in the best interest of the district. (Introduction & Action) (Item renumbered on agenda 10/20/21)

Director Hampson moved to approve this item. Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee presented background on the work of the Assistance League of Seattle and Operation School Bell and changes to the program planned for the current school year.

Directors and staff discussed the need for immediate action, the method for gift card distribution, included equity analysis, and acceptance of grants and gifts.

Director Mack requested information be provided by staff on other donations that have not come to the Board for approval including recent donations of Chromebooks and monitors.

This motion passed unanimously.

Director Hampson requested to make a motion to revise Board Policy No. 0030, Ensuring Educational and Racial Equity. Directors and Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver discussed providing public comment before taking action on policy matters. Directors and Mr. Narver discussed procedural next steps to bring forward a motion to the next Regular Board Meeting to revise Board Policy No. 0030.

D. Introduction Items

1. **Implementation of Moss Adams recommendations to create a high-value internal audit function designed to help the District achieve its goals** (A&F, October 12, for Approval) Approval of this item would support and direct full implementation of all recommendations identified in Moss Adams' September 8, 2020 independent report on the internal audit function, within the implementation timelines identified in the report.

Director of Internal Audit & Ethics Officer Andrew Medina presented background on Moss Adams' review of Internal Audit and the planned implementation of the recommendations.

Directors, Mr. Medina, and Moss Adams staff Colleen Rozillis discussed shifting the work of Internal Audit to implement the recommendations, appreciation for the work that went into the development of the recommendations, the fiscal impact, increasing the scope of Internal Audit, and recommendations related to the audit response manager position.

2. **Approval of funding for the 2020 – 2021 School Year for the central Seattle local school and neighborhood network as described in the Affiliation Agreement between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and Seattle University signed August 2019** (A&F, October 12, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to accept grant funds totaling \$446,500 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year from Seattle University for the creation of a school, family, and community network to support six elementary schools with any additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary actions and enter into service agreements to accept the grant funds.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker presented an overview of the work that would be funded and the alignment with the Strategic Plan.

Directors, Dr. DeBacker, and Director of School & Community Partnerships James Bush discussed the racial equity analysis conducted, school levels involved, planned results and evaluation, and amendments by the Audit & Finance Committee.

Director Rankin requested additional information on how the work funded under the item would be evaluated to determine whether it has been successful and whether reporting being provided to the funder could also be provided to the district. Dr. DeBacker confirmed additional information would be provided in response to the questions.

3. **BTA IV: Approval of Budget Transfer and Construction Change Order #17 for the Webster School Modernization and Addition project** (Ops, October 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve a one-time fund transfer of \$870,000 from the BTA IV Program Contingency fund to the BTA IV Webster School Modernization and Addition project, and authorize the Superintendent to execute construction change order #17 for the Webster School Modernization and Addition project in the amount of \$789,691, plus Washington State sales tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take necessary action to implement the change order.

Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta presented background on the need for the construction change order given additional costs related to COVID-19.

4. **BEX V: Resolution 2020/21-11 Racial Imbalance Analysis for Viewlands Elementary School project** (Ops, October 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve Resolution 2020/21-11 certifying that the proposed Viewlands Elementary School project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance as defined by WAC 392-342-025.

Mr. Podesta presented background on the purpose of the analysis and state funding requirements.

5. **BEX V: Approval of the Site-Specific Educational Specifications for the Viewlands Elementary School Replacement project** (Ops, October 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve the Site-Specific Education Specifications dated September 2020 for the Viewlands Elementary School Replacement project.

Mr. Podesta presented background on the process for developing the specifications and the role of the specifications in guiding the design team.

Directors and staff discussed the development of overarching district educational specifications and site-specific educational specifications and implementation of Resolution 2019/20-28 and inclusion of gender-neutral restrooms in the project.

6. **BEX V: Approval of the Value Engineering Report for the Viewlands Elementary School Replacement project** (Ops, October 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve the Value Engineering Report dated June 15, 2020, for the BEX V Viewlands Elementary School Replacement project, as attached to the Board Action Report.

Mr. Podesta presented background on the value engineering process, purpose of the report, and relationship to state funding requirements.

8. **BEX V: Resolution 2020/21- 8 New-in-Lieu Replacement Option for the Van Asselt School Addition project** (Ops, October 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve Resolution 2020/21-8 as attached to the Board Action Report, certifying that a portion of the new facility identified in the project application (Form D-3) for the Van Asselt School Addition project submitted to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will be built in lieu of modernizing a portion of the existing facilities, and that that portion of the existing facility will be demolished.

This item was taken out of order on the agenda.

Mr. Podesta presented background on the project and applicable state funding requirements.

7. **BEX V: Resolution 2020/21-10 Racial Imbalance Analysis for Northgate Elementary School project** (Ops, October 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would approve Resolution 2020/21-10 certifying that the proposed Northgate Elementary project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance as defined by WAC 392-342-025.

This item was taken out of order on the agenda.

Mr. Podesta presented background on the analysis conducted and findings that the project will not worsen racial imbalance at the school.

9. **BEX V: Award Architectural & Engineering Contract P1788 to Bassetti Architects for the Rainier Beach High School Replacement project** (Ops, October 8, for Approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute A/E contract P1788 with Bassetti Architects in the amount of \$14,117,097, plus A/E reimbursable expenses of \$380,034 for plan review and printing fees for the Rainier Beach High School Replacement project, with any minor additions, deletions, modifications and actions deemed necessary by the Superintendent to implement the contract.

Mr. Podesta presented background on the contracting process for the project.

Directors and staff discussed the design specifications process, community involvement, and the complexity of the project.

VII. Board Comments

- **Office of Internal Audit & Ethics Report**

Director of Internal Audit and Ethics Officer Andrew Medina presented the Office of Internal Audit & Ethics Annual Report.

Director Hampson provided comments. Director Hampson left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Directors Hersey, Mack, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and DeWolf provided comments.

Director Mack stated a request to Director DeWolf and the Executive Committee that Board Committee reports be reinstated on Regular Board Meeting agendas.

Director Mack reiterated an earlier request that information be provided in response to the question of the process and threshold by which gifts to the district or to staff come to the Board for approval. She stated that the information could be provided by Friday Memo, through the Audit & Finance Committee, or other means.

Director Mack requested that the Executive Committee make sure that the Board is moving forward with development of a technology planning policy and spoke to the relationship between the planned policy and the Board's prior work to develop Board Policy No. 6900, Facilities Planning. She spoke to the new technology planning policy being developed by the Student Services, Curriculum & Instruction Committee.

Director Rankin requested mental health supports or resources be added to the district website, and stated her hope that the district could do more to share care for the community and alert people to resources.

Director DeWolf spoke to a request he made during the most recent Executive Committee meeting that the district distribute a press release related to the development of Board Policy No. 0040 regarding anti-racism.

VIII. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

School Board Office staff