

# February 24, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting



## Minutes

Regular Legislative Session

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 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. Director Hampson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
2. Directors DeWolf, Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Rankin, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director Rivera-Smith left the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

## II. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Juneau provided comments.

## III. Student Comments

- West Seattle High School

## IV. Business Action Items

### A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Executive Session and Work Sessions; January 26, 2021 Executive Session; February 3, 2021 Oversight Work Session and Work Session; and February 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
2. Warrants Report

### January 2021 Warrants

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

<b>General Fund</b>	*Payroll	\$ 581,933.82
	Vendor	20,778,189.95
<b>Capital Project Fund</b>	Vendor	10,637,556.99
<b>Associated Student Body Fund</b>	Vendor	29,009.50
<b>Expendable Trust Fund</b>	Vendor	3,333.23
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$32,030,023.49

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

3. **Authorization for Lawsuit Settlement.** Approval of this item would authorize the District’s Chief Legal Counsel to take all necessary actions to resolve the lawsuit filed by former employee Eric McCurdy against the District, which includes a payment of District funds in the amount of \$133,333.33 (as part of a total settlement amount of \$400,000), in exchange for signing the attached Settlement Agreement, which includes a mutually agreed upon statement regarding the settlement of the lawsuit and documentation of accomplishments. Immediate action is in the best interest of the District. (Introduction and Action)

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

Director Harris moved to remove Item 3 (Authorization for Lawsuit Settlement) from the Consent Agenda.

Director Hersey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed with a vote of 5-1 (Directors Harris, Hersey, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and Hampson voted yes; Director DeWolf voted no).

## **B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**

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

Directors and Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver discussed the terms of the settlement agreement.

This motion passed with a vote of 5-1 (Directors DeWolf, Hersey, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and Hampson voted yes; Director Harris voted no).

## V. Public Testimony

Order	Speaker	Topic
1	Nikhil Chhagan	Student Testimony
2	Loni Norman	Billy Frank Jr Day
3	Mia Dabney	Youth should be on the School Board.
4	Angela Neederberger	In person Graduation
5	Bianca Carufel	I would like to talk about getting the School Board to move beyond holding a virtual graduation, and begin planning for a safe in-person graduation this year.
6	Gavin Mountry	COVID friendly in person graduation for the class of 2021.
7	Chris Jackins	1) Interim Superintendent Hiring 2) Billy Frank Jr Salmon Celebration Day 3) Cleveland Forest Easement
8	Sarah Sense-Wilson	Billy Frank Jr Day and Indian Education
9	Kayla Harstad	Billy Frank Jr day
10	Ella Richardson	the virtual graduation for the class of 21.
11	Jazell Jenkins	Billy Frank Jr. Day
12	Sebrena Burr	Hiring of Dr. Brent C. Jones as Interim Superintendent and approval of Interim Superintendent's Employment Agreement
13	Gia Tran	Billy Frank Jr Day
14	Anya Souza-Ponce	youth representation on the School Board.
15	Shaun Alice Hubbard	Northgate Elementary School
16	Brooke Stromme	Indian Education
17	Florence K Fiddler	equity in education
18	Anne Goodchild	The school reopening.
19	Angela Herndon	Reopening school beyond grade 1
20	Amaya Jauregui	challenges with remote learning

## VI. Board Committee Reports

Directors provided reports from the Audit & Finance Committee; Operations Committee; Student Services, Curriculum & Instruction Committee; and Executive Committee.

## VII. Business Action Items (Continued)

### C. Action Items

1. **Hiring of Dr. Brent C. Jones as Interim Superintendent and approval of Interim Superintendent's Employment Agreement** Approval of this item would move that the School Board hire Dr. Brent C. Jones as Interim Superintendent with an official start date of July 1, 2021, based on the terms of the Interim Superintendent's Employment Agreement for Dr. Jones, as attached to this Board Action Report, and authorize Board President Chandra Hampson to take the necessary steps to sign and implement the Agreement.

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

Directors and Dr. Jones discussed the hiring of Dr. Jones as Interim Superintendent.

This motion passed with a vote of 5-1 (Directors DeWolf, Hersey, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and Hampson voted yes; Director Harris voted no).

2. **Approval of Board Resolution 2020/21-22, Designating March 9, 2021 as a day of observance recognizing and honoring the life and legacy of Billy Frank Jr.** Approval of this item would approve Board Resolution 2020/21-22, designating March 9, 2021 as "Billy Frank Jr.: Salmon Celebration Day" to honor his life and legacy. Immediate action is in the best interest of the district. (Introduction & Action, Materials Updated 2/23/21)

Directors DeWolf and Hampson presented background on the development of the item with students, Tribal nations and other community members and spoke about Billy Frank Jr.

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

Directors discussed the development of the resolution and considering honoring Billy Frank Jr. with a future school renaming.

This motion passed unanimously.

Director Rivera-Smith left the meeting at approximately 5:25 p.m.

### D. Introduction Items

1. **Motion to adopt Board Policy No. 1250, School Board Student Members, and amend Board Policy No. 1240, Committees** (Exec, February 10, for approval) Approval of this motion would adopt Board Policy No. 1250, School Board Student Members, Members, and amend Board Policy No. 1240, Committees, as attached to the Board Action Report.

Directors DeWolf and Hersey presented background on work by students to lead the development of the proposed new policy. Directors and Senior General Counsel Ronald Boy discussed development and implementation of the policy.

2. **Approval of Guiding Principles for the Buildings, Technology, and Academics/Athletics (BTA) V Capital Levy** (Ops, February 4, for consideration) Approval of this item would approve the guiding principles for the BTA V Capital Levy as attached to this Board action report.

Director DeWolf noted that the posted agenda for the February 24, 2021 Regular Board meeting did not accurately reflect the recommendation from the Operations Committee. The Operations Committee moved the item forward for consideration by the full Board.

Director DeWolf presented on the development of the guidelines in collaboration with partners. Directors discussed the development and role of the guiding principles in development of the BTA V Capital Levy.

3. **Approval to Rename Northgate Elementary School to James Baldwin Academy** (Ops, February 4, for consideration) Approval of this item would authorize the change of the name Northgate Elementary School to James Baldwin Academy. This change will take effect when the new building is completed (estimated in 2022-2023).

Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta presented background on the proposed name change in conjunction with the school construction project. Family Support Worker Guillermo Carvajal and Principal Dedy Fauntleroy presented an overview of the development of the proposed name in honor of James Baldwin and the importance for the school community. Directors and staff discussed whether to rename the school James Baldwin Academy or James Baldwin Elementary School, honoring James Baldwin, the Northgate project, and efforts of the school staff and community.

4. **Cleveland High School Memorial Forest Conservation Easement Agreement with King County and Memorandum of Understanding with the Cleveland High School Alumni Association** (Ops, February 4, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute a Conservation Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement with King County and to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Seattle Public Schools and the Cleveland High School Alumni Association in the form of the draft agreements attached to the BAR, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent to implement these agreements.

Chief Podesta presented an overview of the proposed easement agreement and memorandum of understanding. Directors discussed the benefits of the action.

5. **Building Excellence (BEX) V: Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools regarding the Student and Community Workforce Agreement** (Ops, February 4, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to approve the MOA between Seattle Public Schools (SPS) and the City of Seattle regarding the implementation of the SCWA in an amount of \$452,648 on an annual basis not to exceed a period of five years.

Chief Podesta presented an overview of the proposed memorandum of agreement. Directors and staff discussed implementation of the student and community workforce agreement, identifying returns on investment under the MOA, and the terms and timeline of the MOA. Director Harris requested a midpoint review of the MOA.

6. **Recommendation to Extend Contract Terms and Amend Contract Amounts for Furniture Procurement for 2021-2022, Bid No. B01834** (Ops, Feb 4, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract amendments that extend the current contracts approved by the board on April 4, 2018, effective as of April 2018 through March 31, 2021, and amend the contract amounts for an additional year for the Furniture Procurement for 2021-2022 with the following four vendors: Catalyst Workplace Activation Inc., a one-year amendment to contract #P5110 (Bid No. B01834) with an increase of \$469,834.10 to a current contract amount of \$943,232.10 for a revised contract total not to exceed \$1,413,066.20; Evergreen Furnishings LLC, a one-year amendment to contract #P5111 (Bid No. B01834) with an increase of \$1,722,557.50 to a current contract amount of \$3,584,355 for a revised contract total not to exceed \$5,306,912.50; Saxton Bradley Inc, a one-year amendment to contract #P5112 (Bid No. B01834) with an increase of \$68,010 to a current contract amount of \$289,235 for a revised contract total not to exceed \$357,245; and School Specialty LLC, a one-year amendment to contract #P5114 (Bid No. B01834) with an increase of \$494,520.65 to a current contract amount of \$610,345.35 for a revised contract total not to exceed \$1,104,866; plus Washington State sales tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary, and to take any necessary actions to implement the contracts.
7. **Recommendation to Extend Contract Terms and Amend Contract Amounts for Furniture Procurement for 2021-2022, Bid No. B05866** (Ops, February 4, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute the contract amendments that extend current contracts approved by the board on March 11, 2020, and amend the contract amounts for an additional year for Furniture Procurement for 2021-2022 with the following three vendors: Catalyst Workplace Activation Inc., a one-year amendment to contract #P5118 (Bid No. B05866) with an increase of \$1,541,836.20 to the current contract amount of \$6,500,858.77 for a revised contract total not to exceed \$8,042,694.97; Evergreen Furnishings LLC, a one-year amendment to contract #P5119 (Bid No. B05866) with an increase of \$5,000.00 to the current contract amount of \$369,850.00 for a revised contract total in the amount not to exceed \$374,850.00; and Saxton Bradley Inc, a one-year amendment to contract #P5120 (Bid

No. B05866) with an increase of \$91,930.00 to the current contract amount of \$235,585.00 for a revised contract total in the amount not to exceed \$327,515.00; plus Washington State sales tax, with any minor additions, deletions, modifications, and actions deemed necessary to implement the contracts.

Chief Podesta presented Introduction Items 6 and 7 together and provided background on the need for the contract extensions and amendments.

## **VIII. Board Comments**

Directors Hersey, Harris, Rankin, DeWolf, and Hampson provided comments.

## **IX. Adjourn**

Director Hampson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

*This meeting was held remotely per the Governor's proclamation allowing public agencies to conduct meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act remotely to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Public access was provided remotely online and by teleconference.*

## **Minutes submitted by:**

*School Board Office staff*