

Board Special Meeting
OSPI Washington Schools 2020–21 Reopening Progress Report Submission
February 25, 2021; 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director Hampson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Directors Hampson, DeWolf, Harris, Hersey, and Rankin participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director Rivera-Smith joined the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Action Items

- Approval of Resolution No. 2020/21-4.2, again restating and amending the reopening plan and remote learning model previously adopted for the 2020-2021 school year, and approval of the Washington Schools 2020–21 Reopening Progress Report Submission

The meeting began with a staff briefing on the Washington Schools 2020–21 Reopening Progress Report Submission (Progress Report). Chief of Staff Sherri Kokx, Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee, Chief Human Resources Officer Dr. Clover Codd, Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza, Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett, Executive Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Cashel Toner, Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta, and Executive Director of College and Career Readiness Dr. Caleb Perkins provided the briefing and addressed questions.

Chief of Staff Sherri Kokx presented background on the state-required Washington Schools 2020–21 Reopening Progress Report Submission. Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee reviewed the Progress Report responses related to health and safety protocols. Directors and staff discussed staffing of and supports for COVID site supervisors, planning and communications, school safety committees, collaboration with other organizations utilizing school buildings, planning documents, building readiness and signage, and safety violation reporting.

Director Rivera-Smith requested the rosters for each school's safety committee.

Director DeWolf requested that mental health days be explored as a possible incentive for COVID site supervisors.

Director Hampson requested that supporting documentation for the Progress Report be posted on the district website.

Director Hampson requested school-level signage be developed related to building safety and readiness.

Chief of Public Affairs Carri Campbell reviewed the Progress Report responses related to communication protocols. Directors and staff discussed district communications, development of a dashboard, communication with students, and surveying and follow-up outreach.

Chief Kokx reviewed the Progress Report responses related to data collection participation and implementation. Directors and staff discussed bargaining, OSPI reporting, and in-person schedules.

Director Rivera-Smith requested that data reported to OSPI be distributed to the Board.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett reviewed the Progress Report responses related to student learning and well-being. Directors and staff discussed communication with the Board, supports for elementary school students, supporting in-person transitions, data, educational stability for students experiencing homelessness, reporting related to the Remote Learning Task Force, grading and support for students with incompletes, building preparations, and summer school.

Director Rankin requested data related to question 16.

Director Hersey moved to approve the original motion in the Board Action Report as follows: “I move that the School Board approve Resolution No. 2020/21-4.2 as attached to this Board Action Report, superseding the previously adopted Resolution No. 2020/21-4.1 and amending the previously adopted Resolution No. 2020/21-4, and approving the Washington Schools 2020–21 Reopening Progress Report as also attached to the Board Action Report. Immediate action is in the best interest of the district.” Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

Director Hampson presented background on the development of Resolution No. 2020/21-4.2 updating prior Board reopening resolutions. Directors discussed implementation of the resolution and the return to in-person instruction and supports, advocacy on vaccine prioritization, centering students, reporting related to the Remote Learning Task Force, and outdoor education.

The motion passed 5-1 (Directors DeWolf, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, Harris, and Hampson voted yes; Director Hersey voted no).

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 6:31 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