

July 5, 2017 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
July 5, 2017 4:15 p.m.

Board of Directors

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I. Call to Order

1. This meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.
2. Directors Burke, Harris, Patu, Blanford and Pinkham were present. Director Peters was present via phone conference. Director Geary was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Nyland provided comments.

III. Work Session: Budget, Waitlists and Capacity

- [Presentation](#)
- [Briefing Paper](#)

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance JoLynn Berge noted the content of the briefing paper provided by staff. She highlighted the three options presented by staff and the costs associated with those. She provided an overview of the impact on each option on equity high needs schools. She stated the staff recommendation is to remain with Option 1, which is past practice.

Director Blanford asked about the overall budget picture and how that affects this conversation; in addition he asked about the disruption caused by moving students on waitlists.

Director Burke asked about past practice and swaps between individuals on waitlists who want to go to each other's schools, noting his understanding that this was standard practice in the past. Ms. Berge noted that she has asked staff with historical knowledge of past practice and noted that the current practice is not different. Director Burke presented some statistics about waitlist moves in previous years, suggesting that a recent change in practice has been implemented. Ms. Berge noted that changes in numbers correlate with the District's budget situation.

Director Peters noted that Option 2 does not implement policy as the current practice is not founded in policy. She emphasized that the current process would need to be better articulated in policy. She asked how the practice helps improve schools.

Dr. Nyland spoke about the complexity of the policy and agreed that SPS can clarify the policy in the future. Director Peters noted that students in under-enrolled schools would have less choice under this system and asked about the equity in that choice. Ms. Berge noted Rainier Beach High School as an example where intentional efforts have caused an increase in enrollment and that the district strives to make all schools appealing to all students so they would like to attend.

Director Blanford noted that some discretion was delegated to the staff originally in order to be able to balance schools throughout the district. He highlighted that it takes time to change perception of schools.

Director Harris noted her disappointment in the trust and transparency of the process.

Director Harris moved the following language:

I move the School Board direct SPS Staff to move the waitlists in accordance with Board Policy to keep siblings together as the first priority iterated in the Student Assignment Transition Plan (SATP) as referenced in Option 3; I further move that the Whitman waitlist be moved to allow those who desire to stay at Whitman be grandfathered as was referenced by staff during discussions that an amendment was “not necessary” as there was plenty of space to allow them to stay; and I further move that the High Schools with seat and space capacity be allowed to move their waitlists by the 10% set-aside as previously referenced in the SATP.

Director Burke seconded.

Directors and staff asked for clarity on the purpose of the amendment.

Director Blanford noted that staff had not reviewed this and asked whether other schools received similar treatment as Whitman.

Director Peters noted that Whitman was an unusual case, as families there were told that they could apply through open enrollment and that this was part of the January discussion on the student assignment transition plan. She clarified that the 10% set-aside would be a cap.

Staff highlighted that a 10% set-aside is not in the student assignment plan. Director Burke noted that he could not find language about a 10% set-aside, but the original 2009 student assignment plan discusses choice seats at attendance area schools.

Associate Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Michael Tolley noted historical perspective on discussions around set-aside language in the 2009 plan and that the final decision in those discussions was not to include specific set-aside percentage language.

Director Burke amended the motion as follows:

I move the School Board direct SPS Staff to move the waitlists in accordance with Board Policy to keep siblings together as the first priority iterated in the Student Assignment Transition Plan (SATP) as referenced in Option 3; I further move that the Whitman waitlist be moved to allow those who desire to stay at Whitman be grandfathered as was referenced by staff during discussions that an amendment was “not necessary” as there was plenty of space to allow them to stay; and I further move that the High Schools with seat and space capacity be allowed to move their waitlists through waitlist trades that do not impact total enrollment. ~~by the 10% set aside as previously referenced in the SATP.~~

Director Harris seconded.

Director Blanford asked staff for the impact of this language. Staff member E.R. Alvarez noted this language would potentially invalidate the tiebreaker order established in the SATP. Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen noted the lack of public engagement on this option.

Director Burke noted his reliance on previous Board directors who stated that waitlist swaps was a past practice.

The amendment was approved by a vote of 5-1 (Directors Burke, Patu, Pinkham, Harris and Peters voted yes; Director Blanford voted no).

The motion was approved as amended by a vote of 5-1 (Directors Burke, Patu, Pinkham, Harris and Peters voted yes; Director Blanford voted no).

IV. Public Testimony

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| 1. | Carol Simmons | Approval of Ethnic Studies |
| 2. | Chris Jackins | Solar Photovoltaic Systems Contract; School Bus Stop Paddle Camera Contract, ThoughtExchange Contract, Native Murals |
| 3. | Eric Blumhagen | Waitlists |
| 4. | Gian Rosario | Rainier Beach High School |
| 5. | Ariane Rosario ceded to Saida Noor | Rainier Beach High School |
| 6. | Lhea Alcon ceded to Beria Heyman | Rainier Beach High School |
| 7. | Arron Rosario | Rainier Beach High School |
| 8. | Naj Ali | Rainier Beach High School |
| 9. | Aivy Ha | Rainier Beach High School |
| 10. | Gerald Hankerson | Ethnic Studies |
| 11. | Patricia Borman | Waitlists – In Favor of Option 1; Placing Rainier Beach on BEX V |
| 12. | Patricia Killam | Waitlist Options and Rainier Beach High School Renovation |
| 13. | Brian Terry | Affirmative Action and Educational Equity |
| 14. | Kate Poux | Affirmative Action and Educational Equity |
| 15. | Mark Zimmerly | Affirmative Action and Educational Equity |
| 16. | Brandie Flood | Rainier Beach Renovations |

III. Work Session: Budget, Waitlists and Capacity (Continued)

Ms. Berge provided a brief explanation of the impact of the state budget agreement to the district. She provided a recap of the staff recommendation for additional restorations. Director Peters asked if the state provided additional special education funding and Ms. Berge noted more detail would be provided as the state budget is further analyzed. Director Peters asked about the restoration of central office funding as some schools see staff reductions. Ms. Berge highlighted the amount being restored within schools and noted the balance that must be struck in funding schools and central office staff.

Directors asked questions about losing staff at schools.

Burke noted his concerns about restoring administration funds when career and technical education staff positions are being reduced. Ms. Berge noted that the budget does increase funding for CTE. Director Burke suggested reducing the restoration funds for central office and middle school math adoption to set aside funding for future needs. Director Blanford noted the importance of considering opportunity costs.

Director Harris asked why there are CTE staffing reductions when CTE is receiving additional funding. Ms. Berge noted that programs are constantly being adjusted and refined due to enrollment in particular programs. Director Burke noted the need for a long term strategy around creating programs that will draw demand. Director Blanford noted work being done already to market programs. Skills Center Principal Dan Golosman noted that summer enrollment numbers are up.

Director Harris noted the need for consensus on moving the restoration recommendations forward. Director Blanford noted his support for the staff recommendation and requested time for additional discussion about the budget. Directors and staff discussed methods to make adjustments and how to move forward with the restoration. Ms. Berge spoke about the need to continue and refine moving forward. She noted that the 2017-18 budget was scheduled for introduction at this meeting and that additional work sessions would be scheduled in the coming year.

V. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. [Personnel Report](#)
2. [Amending Policy No. 3115, Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights & Services](#) - (Ops, June 15, for consideration) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 3115, Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights & Services.
3. [Amending Policy No. 5201, Drug Free Schools, Community & Workplace](#) - (A&F, June 8, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 5201, Drug Free Schools, Community & Workplace.

4. [Renewal of Washington State Risk Management Pool coverage for fiscal year 2017-2018](#) - (A&F, June 8, for approval) Approval of this item would accept the proposed WSRMP coverage agreement for the 2017-18 fiscal year and that the expenditure of \$1,945,585 in premium contributions to the WSRMP loss funding pool be authorized.
5. [RFP01545 - Athletic Trainer Support Services, Final Renewal of Contract for the Athletic Trainers Program, 2017-18](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute a personal service contract final renewal with Seattle Children's Hospital in the amount of \$330,000 to provide basic athletic training services for 24 hours a week at ten Seattle High Schools beginning August 1, 2017.
6. [Approval of Agreement with King County to Purchase ORCA Business Passport Products \(Metro Transportation\)](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with King County for \$2,461,364.60.
7. [Approval of a Contract with American Traffic Solutions for Stop Paddle Cameras and King County Interlocal Agreements](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would approve the use of cameras to detect school bus stop paddle violations and authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with American Traffic Solutions and Interlocal Agreements with King County.
8. [Approval of Agreements with Seattle Children's Hospital and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for Hospital-Based Educational Services](#) - (A&F, June 8, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to enter into agreements with Seattle Children's Hospital (\$465,500) and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (\$10,000) to allow for flow-through of OSPI Hospital Based Instruction funds for the 2017-2018 school year.
9. [Approval of Contracts for Individual Educational Program and Private School Services](#) - (A&F, June 8, for consideration) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contracts with Yellow Wood Academy (\$366,432), Children's Institute for Learning Differences (CHILD) (\$210,784), Seneca Family of Agencies (\$75,000), Brooks Powers Group (\$75,000), and Individual RFQ selected tutoring providers (placeholder of \$1,200), and an Inter Local Cooperation Agreement with Edmonds School District (\$237,471).
10. [Approval of Contracts for Therapeutic Day Treatment Service Providers](#) - (A&F, June 8, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contracts under RFQ07695 for Therapeutic Treatment Day Services with Ryther (\$231,950), Overlake Hospital Specialty School (\$571,175), Fairfax Hospital/NWSOIL (\$722,240) and Seneca Family of Agencies (\$432,860).
11. [Approval of Contracts for Related Services RFQ05790](#)- (A&F, June 8, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contracts approved through RFQ05790 (pending) Educational Staff Associate, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Vision, Orientation and Mobility and Audiology Services: Evaluation, Case Management, and Specially Designed Instruction based on an average hourly rate of \$78.00, for an estimated school year total of \$1,857,363 for all agencies.

12. [Approval of Contracts for Private School Proportional Share Services](#) - (A&F, June 8, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contracts with Spring Academy (\$255,150), Hamlin Robinson (\$120,874), Ryther (\$70,050), Catapult Learning (\$125,678), Brightmont Academy (\$81.00), and Yellow Wood Academy (\$81.00), and to reallocate funds amongst these contracts if necessary as long as the cumulative total does not exceed \$571,914.
13. [BEX IV: Approval of Purchase Order with Catalyst Workplace Activation, Inc. for Furniture Procurement for Schools Opening in 2017](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the purchase of furniture for schools opening in 2017 from Catalyst Workplace Activation, Inc., in the amount of \$293,635.68, plus WA State sales tax.
14. [BEX IV: Award Contract P1542, to Rolluda Architects for Architectural Engineering Services for the Eckstein Middle School Seismic Improvements Project](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contract P1542 with Rolluda Architects, in the amount of \$492,633, plus \$6,000 in reimbursable expenses, for Architectural and Engineering Services.
15. [BEX II/BEX III: Approval of Authorization No. 2017-089 A \(1\) and Contract No. 20174-089 G \(1-1\) for Implementation of the Solar Photovoltaic Systems Project at Six Seattle Public Schools](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to provide the Department of Enterprise Services notification of funding approval for authorization No. 2017-089 A (1) and Contract No. 2017-089 G (1-1) in the amount of \$2,174,008.03 in accordance with provisions of Interagency Agreement No. K3865 for the implementation of an energy efficiency project at six schools utilizing solar technology.
16. [Multiple Funding Sources: Resolution 2016/17-16, Board Acceptance of the Building Commissioning Report for the Seattle World School at T.T. Minor Modernization Project](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would approve Resolution 2016/17-16, accepting the final Building Commissioning Report for the Seattle World School at TT Minor Modernization Project.
17. [BEX IV: Resolution 2016/17-25: Resolution of New-in-Lieu Replacement Option for the Wing Luke Elementary School Project](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would approve Resolution 2016/17-25, which certifies that the existing space at the Wing Luke Elementary School, to be replaced through new construction in lieu of modernization, will not be used in the future for District instructional purposes or be eligible for future state financial assistance.

Director Pinkham moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Patu seconded. Directors removed items 1 and 15 from the Consent agenda. The Consent Agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

B. Items removed from the Consent Agenda

1. [Personnel Report](#)

Director Pinkham moved approval of this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Peters noted concerns. This motion passed with a vote of 3-2-1. (Directors Blanford, Patu, and Pinkham voted yes, Directors Burke and Peters voted no, Director Harris abstained).

15. [**BEX II/BEX III: Approval of Authorization No. 2017-089 A \(1\) and Contract No. 2017-089 G \(1-1\) for Implementation of the Solar Photovoltaic Systems Project at Six Seattle Public Schools**](#) - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to provide the Department of Enterprise Services notification of funding approval for authorization No. 2017-089 A (1) and Contract No. 2017-089 G (1-1) in the amount of \$2,174,008.03 in accordance with provisions of Interagency Agreement No. K3865 for the implementation of an energy efficiency project at six schools utilizing solar technology.

Director Pinkham asked about WMBE rates for subcontractors on this process. After discussion with staff member Richard Best, Director Harris moved to postpone consideration of this item until August 30. Director Pinkham seconded. This motion passed with a vote of 5-1 (Directors Blanford, Patu, Harris, Peters and Pinkham voted yes and Directors Burke voted no).

VI. Board Comments

Directors Blanford, Burke and Patu provided comments.

This meeting recessed at 7:14 pm. This meeting reconvened at 7:32 pm.

Directors Pinkham, Peters and Harris provided comments.

Director Burke spoke to the 2016-17 Superintendent Evaluation Narrative and Instrument. Dr. Nyland noted his appreciation for the process.

- [2016-17 Superintendent Evaluation Narrative](#)
- [2016-17 Superintendent Evaluation Instrument](#)

VII. Business Action Items (Continued)

A. Action Items

1. [**Repeal Board Policies H61.00, Food Service, H61.01, Breakfast and Lunch Program, and H62.00, Breakfast and Lunch Program - Free and Reduced Price Meals; and Adopt Board Policy No. 6705, Food Service and Student Nutrition**](#) - (Ops, May 18, for approval) Approval of this item would adopt Policy No. 6705, Food Service and Student Nutrition, and repeal policies H61.00, H61.01, and H62.00.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Blanford noted the Ops Committee recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously.

2. [Repeal Board Policies H63.00, Food Service for Special Programs, H64.00, Providing Meals for Private School Students, H65.00, Joint Use Agreement, and H65.01, Food Services for School Functions; and Adopt Board Policy No. 6706, Food Service for School and Community Programs](#) - (Ops, May 18, for approval) Approval of this item would adopt Board Policy No. 6706, Food Service for School and Community Programs, and repeal Policies H63.00, H64.00, H65.00, and H65.01.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Blanford noted the Ops Committee recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously.

3. [Resolution 2016/17-17, Supporting Ethnic Studies in Seattle Public Schools](#) - (C&I, June 12, for consideration) Approval of this item would adopt Resolution 2016/17-17, Supporting Ethnic Studies in Seattle Public Schools.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Burke noted the C&I Committee recommendation. Directors express appreciation of the transparent process to create this resolution supporting ethnic studies in Seattle Public Schools.

This motion passed unanimously.

4. [Adopting Policy No. 2080, Assessments](#) - (C&I, June 12, for consideration) Approval of this item would adopt Policy No. 2080, Assessments.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Burke noted the C&I Committee recommendation. Staff member Dr. Kyle Kinoshita spoke about the changes from introduction.

Director Burke moved to add the underlined language to page three of the policy:

All assessments for district-wide use will be reviewed for approval by the School Board.

Director Harris seconded.

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

This motion as amended passed with a vote of 5-1 (Directors Burke, Harris, Patu, Pinkham, and Peters voted yes, Director Blanford voted no).

5. [Review and Approval of Career and Technical Education 2017 Annual Plan per Policy No. 2170](#) - (C&I, June 12, for consideration) Approval of this item would approve the Career and Technical Education 2017 annual plan.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Burke noted the C&I Committee recommendation.

Staff member Dan Golosman spoke about the CTE annual plan.

This motion passed unanimously.

6. [Approval of Seattle Public Schools 2017-2021 Affirmative Action Plan](#) - (A&F, June 8, for consideration) Approval of this item would approve the Seattle Public Schools 2017-2021 Affirmative Action Plan to be submitted to OSPI and implemented by responsible parties in Human Resources.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Harris noted the A&F Committee recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously.

7. [City of Seattle Families & Education Levy \(FEL\) and Seattle Public Schools \(SPS\) Personal Services Contracts \(PSC\) for Seattle Parks & Recreation, City Year of Seattle, and University Tutors of Seattle Schools](#) - (A&F, June 8, for consideration) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contracts for a combined total of \$1,876,382 with City of Seattle's Parks & Recreation Department (\$543,492), University Tutors for Seattle Schools (\$522,890), and City Year (\$810,000) for the school year 2017-18 for the purpose of providing Families & Education Levy (FEL) funded activities.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Harris noted the A&F Committee recommendation. Staff member Michael Stone said he would be able to ask for a breakdown of the evaluation report.

This motion passed unanimously.

8. [Approval for Contract Amendment with School Data Solutions for School-Based Implementation of MTSS Student Data Portal \(RFP09615\)](#) - (C&I, June 12, for consideration) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract amendment with School Data Solutions in the amount of \$366,750 for the student data portal Homeroom.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Burke noted the C&I Committee recommendation.

This motion has passed with a vote of 5-0-1 (Directors Blanford, Burke, Harris, Patu, and Pinkham voted yes, Director Peters abstained).

9. [Award Contract RFP04772 to Thoughtexchange by Fulcrum Management Solutions, Inc. for the Community Engagement Platform](#) - (Ops, June 15, for consideration) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute contract RFP04772 with Thoughtexchange in the amount of \$325,725 for a district-wide Engagement Platform over a three-year period, from 2017-2020.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Blanford noted the Ops Committee recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously.

10. **Awarding Refuse Disposal & Mixed Waste Recycling Collection Services Bid No. B01753** - (Ops, June 15, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with Recology CleanScapes covering the period from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2020, in the amount of \$803,994.66 annually, or \$2,411,983.90 over the three-year term of the contract.

Director Pinkham moved to approve this item. Director Patu seconded. Director Burke noted the C&I Committee recommendation.

This motion passed unanimously.

B. Introduction Items

1. **Resolution 2016/17-27, Fixing and Adopting the Budget** - (A&F, June 13, for consideration) Approval of this item would adopt Resolution 2016/17-27, to fix and adopt the 2017-18 budget.

Staff member Linda Sebring presented this item. Ms. Sebring spoke and presented the breakdown of expenditures of state programs, activity groups, maintenance supplies and operating costs, etc., as outlined in the presentation slides attached to the action report.

VIII. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 9:28pm.