

May 15, 2019 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session
May 15, 2019 4:15 p.m.

Board of Directors

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 4:17pm
2. Director Geary, Patu, Burke, Harris, Pinkham, and Mack were present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Superintendent's Comments

III. Student Presentations

- John Rogers Elementary – Choir

IV. Board Committee Reports

Directors provided comments from the Board committees and liaison work.

V. Student Comments

A student from Franklin High School provided comments.

VI. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the April 24, 2019 [Oversight Work Session](#), and the May 1, 2019 [Regular Board Meeting](#).
2. [Satterberg Foundation Elementary Feeder School Grant](#) (C&I, April 23, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to accept the

Satterberg Foundation Elementary Feeder School grant funds in the amount of \$970,000.

3. **Kids in the Middle grant from the Nesholm Family Foundation** (A&F, April 22, for consideration) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to accept the Kids in the Middle grant funds from the Nesholm Family Foundation, in the amount of \$690,596 for the 2019-20 school year. (updated since introduction)
4. **Acceptance of the League of Education Voters Foundation (LEVF) grant to South Shore PreK-8** (A&F, April 22, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to accept the LEVF Grant of up \$2,000,000 for 2019-2021, with the option of up to \$2,000,000 for 2021-2023 for South Shore PreK-8. (updated since introduction)
5. **Amendment to Board Policy No. 2024, Online Learning; Repeal of Board Policy No. C16.00, Acceptance of Correspondence or College Courses for High School Credit** (C&I, April 23, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 2024, Online Learning, as attached to the Board Action Report, and that the School Board repeal Board Policy No. C16.00, Acceptance of Correspondence or College Courses for High School Credit, also attached to the Board Action Report. If the motion is approved, the changes would be effective starting the summer term of the 2018-19 school year.
6. **Amending Board Policy No. 2420, High School Grade and Credit Marking Policy** (C&I, Dec. 11, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 2420, High School Grade and Credit Marking Policy, as attached to the Board Action Report. (updated since introduction)
7. **Amending Board Policy No. 5005, Employment: Disclosure, Certification, Assurances and Approvals** (A&F, April 22, for consideration) Approval of this item would makes edits to Board Policy No. 5005, Employment: Disclosures, Certification, Assurances & Approval, to allow Athletic and Human Resources departments to conduct national background checks of volunteer coaches through OSPI (current practice) as well as other Human Resources-approved services.
8. **Acceptance of Gift of Ms. Smith-Brooks' Property and that the gift be earmarked for use by the Seattle Public Schools** (A&F, April 22, for consideration) Approval of this item would provide authorization for the Superintendent to accept Ms. Smith-Brooks' personal residence, which was bequeathed to Leschi Elementary School and; and that the gift be earmarked for use by Seattle Public Schools.
9. **BTA IV: Resolution 2018/19-23: Acceptance of the Building Commissioning Report for the Roxhill at E.C. Hughes Elementary School Modernization project** (Ops, April 18, for approval) Approval of this item would accept the building commissioning report for the Roxhill at E.C. Hughes Elementary School Modernization project, in accordance with WAC 392-344-165, as required to complete the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Form D-11 Application to Release Retainage. Approval of the resolution meets identified requirements.

10. **BEX IV/BTA IV: Approval of Construction Change Order #17 for the Lincoln High School Modernization and Addition project** (Ops, April 18, for consideration)
Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute construction change order #17 in the amount of \$1,290,686.01, plus Washington State sales tax, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary action to implement the change order.
11. **BTA III: Resolution 2018/19-24, Final Acceptance of Contract K5080 with Mike Werlech Construction Inc., for the Blaine K-8 Water Mains and Fire Sprinklers project** (Ops, April 18, for approval) Approval of this item would adopt Resolution 2018/19-24 and accept the work performed under Contract K5080 with Mike Werlech Construction Inc., for the Blaine Water Mains and Fire Sprinklers project as final.
12. **BTA III / BTA IV: Resolution 2018/19-25, Final Acceptance of Contract K5074 with FieldTurf, USA, Inc., for the Synthetic Turf Replacement, Track Re-Surfacing and Field Lighting Infrastructure at Roosevelt High School project** (Ops, April 18, for approval) Approval of this item would adopt Resolution 2018/19-25 and accept the work performed under Contract K5074 with FieldTurf, USA, Inc., for the Synthetic Turf Replacement, Track Re-Surfacing and Field Lighting Infrastructure at Roosevelt High School project as final.
13. **BTA III/ BTA IV: Resolution 2018/19-21, Final Acceptance of Contract K1303 with Aries Building Systems, LLC, for the Purchase and Installation of Portable Classroom Modules project** (Ops, April 18, for approval) Approval of this item would adopt Resolution 2018/19-21 and accept the work performed under Contract K1303 with Aries Building Systems, LLC, for the Purchase and Installation of Portable Classroom Modules project as final.
14. **BTA IV: Resolution 2018/19-14, Final Acceptance of Contract K5088 with Wayne's Roofing, Inc., for the Ballard High School & West Seattle High School Roof Replacement project** (Ops, April 18, for approval) Approval of this item would adopt Resolution 2018/19-14 and accept the work performed under Contract K5088 with Wayne's Roofing, Inc., for the Ballard High School & West Seattle High School Roof Replacement project as final.

Director Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Geary seconded.

Director Harris moved to remove part of item #1, the April 24, 2019 Oversight Work Session minutes from the Consent Agenda. Director Geary moved to remove item #5, Policy No. 2024, Online Learning from the Consent Agenda. Director Mack moved to remove item #6 Policy No. 2420, High School Grade and Credit Marking, from the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda as amended passed unanimously.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

VII. Board Comments

Directors Burke and Geary provided comments.

This meeting recessed at 5:21pm. This meeting reconvened at 5:30pm.

VIII. Public Testimony

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| 1. Miles Grant | Franklin High School Student |
| 2. Alex Tsimerman | Item #1 - May 1st Regular Board Meeting |
| 3. Alisha Taylor ceded to Bob Ettinger | Science Adoption |
| 4. Erik Bishop ceded to Ruby Geballe | Adoption of Science Curriculum |
| 5. Chris Jackins | LEV Foundation Grant; 3 Science Instruction Adoption Items |
| 6. Matthew Brewer ceded to Sabrina Slye | In favor of Science Adoption |
| 7. Emily Elasky | Science Materials Adoption |
| 8. Alexia Katzaroff ceded to Hilary Nguyen | Science Curriculum Adoptions |
| 9. Julia Ward | Science Adoption |
| 10. Joshua Tashima-Boyd | Science Curriculum Adoption |
| 11. Christine Benita ceded to Debbie Bermet | Science Adoption |
| 12. Melissa Westbrook | Science Adoption |
| 13. Brad Shigenaka ceded to Nahom Alemeyahu | K-12 Science Adoption |
| 14. Jen Fox | Science Instructional Materials Adoption |
| 15. Lisa Boveng | Science Adoption |
| 16. Rosslyn Shea ceded to Teresa Alsept | Science Adoption |
| 17. Rosemary Arnesen ceded to Sofia Martinez & Ruth Deja | Science Adoption |
| 18. Yolanda Jones | Elementary School Science Instructional Materials Adoption |
| 19. Brian Buchwitz | In favor of Science Adoption |
| 20. Emily Bramwell Cherkin | K-12 Science Instructional Materials Adoption |
| 21. Robert Femiano | Strong Opposition to the Amplify Science Curricula |
| 22. Dr. Katrina Reardon ceded to Heather Christothoulou | Science Adoption |
| 23. Patricia Bailey | Science Adoption |
| 24. Jennifer Goldman ceded to Katie Koressel | In favor of Science Adoption |
| 25. Christopher Lausted | Science Curriculum Adoption |

VII. Board Comments continued

Directors Pinkham, Mack, Patu, and Harris provided comments.

IX. Business Action Items (Continued)

C. Action Items

5. (Item Removed from Consent Agenda) [Amendment to Board Policy No. 2024, Online Learning; Repeal of Board Policy No. C16.00, Acceptance of Correspondence or College Courses for High School Credit](#) (C&I, April 23, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 2024, Online Learning, as attached to the Board Action Report, and that the School Board repeal Board Policy No. C16.00, Acceptance of Correspondence or College Courses for High School Credit, also attached to the Board Action Report. If the motion is approved, the changes would be effective starting the summer term of the 2018-19 school year.

Director Burke move to approve this item. Director Geary seconded.

Director Geary spoke about the Superintendent Procedure attached to this Board Policy action report. She stated that the change needed within the procedure will provide consistency in application and practice. Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker answered questions from the board.

Directors determined a scrivener's error would be made to the motion to include the word “rename” for clarification purposes.

This motion was passed unanimously.

6. (Item removed from Consent Agenda) [Amending Board Policy No. 2420, High School Grade and Credit Marking Policy](#) (C&I, Dec. 11, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Policy No. 2420, High School Grade and Credit Marking Policy, as attached to the Board Action Report. (updated since introduction).

Director Burke moved to approve this item. Director Geary seconded.

Dr. DeBacker spoke about the passing of House Bill 1599 that was signed by the Governor last week. She explained that the bill will impact Board Policy No. 2420.

This motion passed unanimously.

1. (Item removed from Consent Agenda) Minutes of the April 24, 2019 [Oversight Work Session](#).

Director Harris moved to amend the first sentence. Director Burke seconded.

The amendment passed with a vote of 5-0-1 (Director Geary, Patu, Burke, Harris, and Mack voted Yes; Pinkham abstained).

(please see below for the vote on the minutes as amended)

1. **Approval of Annual Highly Capable Program Plan** (C&I, April 23, for approval) Approval of this item would accept the District's Highly Capable Program Plan, which must be approved every year per WAC 392-170-025. Plan approval is necessary for accessing funds allocated by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for highly capable services.

Director Geary noted the C&I Committee recommendation. Director Burked moved to approve this item. Director Geary seconded the motion.

Acting Chief Counsel, Ronald Boy, approached the podium to explain to Directors that the motion to approve the April 24, 2019 minutes as amended still needed to take place.

Director Burke moved to approve the minutes as amended. Director Geary seconded.

The motion on the minutes as amended passed with a vote of 5-0-1 (Director Geary, Patu, Burke, Harris, and Mack voted Yes; Pinkham abstained).

Directors then returned to discussing the approval of the Annual Highly Capable Program Plan.

The Annual Highly Capable Program Plan passed unanimously.

This meeting recessed at 7:06pm. This meeting reconvened at 7:25pm.

D. Introduction Items

1. **High School Science Instructional Materials Adoption** (C&I, Apr. 23 & Apr. 30, for consideration) Approval of this item would accept the recommendation of the High School Instructional Materials Adoption Committee for instructional materials for all students taking 9th grade Chemistry A (CHEM A), 9th grade Physics A (PHYS A), 10th grade Biology A (BIO A), 10th grade Biology B (BIO B), and 11th grade Physics B (PHYS B), and authorize the Superintendent to purchase Carbon TIME as the core instructional materials for Seattle Public Schools' high school Biology A (BIO A) science classrooms, to approve the District-Developed Curriculum for BIO B as the core instructional materials for Seattle Public Schools' high school Biology B (BIO B) science classrooms, to approve the District-Developed Curriculum for CHEM A as the core instructional materials for Seattle Public Schools' high school Chemistry A (CHEM A) science classrooms, and to purchase PEER as the core instructional materials for Seattle Public Schools' high school Physics A and B (PHYS A and B) science classrooms, for an amount not to exceed \$1,034,132, covering licensing through school years 2019-20 through 2027-28. (Minor edit 5/14: Intro and action dates updated on Board Action Report to reflect correct meeting dates.)

Director Geary noted the C&I Committee recommendation.

Dr. DeBacker spoke about a blended approach to the curriculum, teacher and peer

development, and how it matches Board Policy No. 2015. Dr. DeBacker also spoke about the curriculum adoptions, provided historical context, and spoke on the committee work.

Directors spoke about access to technology for high school students.

Dr. DeBacker answered Directors' questions regarding which students will benefit from this item. She clarified that all high school grade levels 9-12 would receive the new curriculum.

Directors and Dr. DeBacker spoke about printing costs, which she stated that the costs would be at the building level budget for any printing needs.

Dr. DeBacker spoke about the cost of professional development during the last week of summer. Staff member Dr. Clover Codd provided some context regarding training days as covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Science Program Manager, MaryMargaret Welch spoke about online PDF materials, online access, using computers for learning, and technology use for teachers.

2. **Middle School Science Instructional Materials Adoption** (C&I, Apr. 23 & Apr. 30, for consideration) Approval of this item would accept the recommendation of the Middle School Science Instructional Materials Adoption committee for instructional materials for all middle school science classrooms in grades 6-8, and authorize the Superintendent to purchase AmplifyScience as the core instructional materials for all grade 6-8 Seattle Public Schools' science classrooms for an amount not to exceed \$2,069,686, covering licensing from school year 2019-20 to 2027-28, and an amount not to exceed \$565,857 for in-house professional development and collaboration and a 1.0 FTE Curriculum Specialist. (Minor edit 5/14: Intro and action dates updated on Board Action Report to reflect correct meeting dates.)

Dr. DeBacker spoke about the outdated materials and expressed that alignment across all grades is needed.

Acting Chief Legal Counsel Ronald Boy spoke about the testimony comments and clarified regarding gifts, costs, and anonymous donors. There have been products purchased by the district, but all gifts that were donated were under the allotted threshold.

Directors requested a statement from Amplify to clear up any prior miscommunication.

3. **Elementary School Science Instructional Materials Adoption** (C&I, Apr. 23 & 30, for consideration) Approval of this item would accept the recommendation of the Elementary School Science Instructional Materials Adoption Committee for instructional materials for all elementary school science classrooms in grades K-5, authorize the Superintendent to purchase AmplifyScience as the core instructional materials for all grade K-5 Seattle Public Schools classrooms for an amount not to exceed \$2,368,870 in a three-year phased-in purchase and implementation plan out of the FY2020 (2019-20), FY2021 (2020-21), and FY2022 (2021-22) budgets, covering licensing through school years 2019-2020 through 2027-28, and an amount not to exceed \$5,040,674 for in-house

professional development and collaboration. (Attachment J has been updated in track changes on 5/13)(Minor edit 5/14: Intro and action dates updated on Board Action Report to reflect correct meeting dates.)

Staff members clarified that elementary grade level students would have 0% online time for K-1 and about 10% of time online for grades 2-5 with the AmplifyScience Curriculum.

Dr. DeBacker and Ms. Welch explained that schools using the AmplifyScience program were given a waiver because the curriculum in other schools at the time was too outdated to get materials.

- **Amendment 1 to Elementary School Science Instructional Materials Adoption** (Directors Burke & Pinkham) Approval of this item would amend the proposed Elementary School Science Instructional Materials Adoption to adopt HMH Science Dimensions from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for all elementary school science classrooms.

Director Burke expressed his reasoning for providing an amendment to the Elementary School Science Instructional Materials Adoption Board Action Report. Director Pinkham provided his concerns around technology access and screen time for Science Curriculum.

Dr. DeBacker, Ms. Welch, and Dr. Kinoshita provided responses to Directors' questions on the curriculum. Chief Information Officer, John Krull, provided insight on the ADA compliance issues with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

X. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 9:46pm.