

Board Special Meeting



2445 – 3rd Avenue South, Seattle WA 98134

Executive Committee
Thursday, September 17, 2015, 4:30-6:00pm
Auditorium, John Stanford Center

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:49pm. Directors Carr, McLaren, and Peaslee were present. The meeting was staffed by Superintendent Larry Nyland, Deputy Superintendent Charles Wright, Acting General Counsel John Cerqui, and Board Office Manager Theresa Hale.

Approval of agenda

Director McLaren moved to approve the agenda, Director Peaslee seconded. **The agenda was approved unanimously.**

Board Action Items

Special Education MOU for Consulting Services – Wyeth Jessee and Michaela Clancy provided an overview of this item. Mr. Jessee noted how the proposed contract with the external agency is related to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, which was an item that was presented to the Board earlier in June. He noted this item proposes that the external agency, Seneca, would help review over 700 Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). Ms. Clancy spoke about the process for the vendor selection. Mr. Jessee spoke about Seneca's current contract ending this month. Directors referred to attachment 3 of the Board Action Report and asked about the IEP review process. Mr. Jessee spoke about the possible ways data is gathered at the schools, noting IEP data is usually centered on compliance or timeliness. Director Carr noted this item would have gone through the Curriculum & Instruction Policy Committee meeting in September, but as it was cancelled, this item is being reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Director McLaren moved that this item be moved forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval and Director Peaslee seconded. **This motion was approved unanimously.**

Review of the September 23rd legislative session agenda

Directors and staff reviewed the Board meeting agenda. Ms. Hale noted action items #8 and #3 will be grouped together as they are both City of Seattle Families and Education Levy (FEL) contracts, and there will be edits to action item #6, Resolution 2014/15-35, Moratorium on Elementary Out-of-school Suspensions. Directors and staff discussed the source of funding for introduction item #9, Cascadia/Robert Eagle Staff: Amendment of Memorandum of Agreement with Seattle Public Utilities for Licton Springs Flood Reduction Project. Ms. Hale noted Richard Best's request for introduction items #9 and #10, Final Acceptance for Renovations at Northgate, West Woodland, and Graham Hill Elementary Schools Project, to be introduced and acted upon at the September 23 Board meeting, noting the impact on the work if these items do not move forward in a timely manner. Directors agreed to have introduction items #9 and #10 introduced and acted upon at the September 23 Board meeting.

Mr. Cerqui suggested moving the meeting discussion to the following agenda items: Collective Bargaining Agreement with Seattle Education Association, State Auditor's Office Contract for 2014-15 Fiscal Year Audits, FEL Contract with Communities in Schools CBO, and Authorization for Settlement. Directors agreed to discuss these items next.

Board Action Items (cont'd)

Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Seattle Education Association – Brent Jones provided an overview of this item, noting staff would be able to provide the full information on the contract if this item was presented at the October 7 Board meeting or it could also be introduced at the September 23 Board meeting, depending on the guidance of the Executive Committee. Mr. Cerqui referred to Policy No. 5020, Collective Bargaining, which

states that the Board needs to approve all collective bargaining agreements and he recommended that the Board approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with completed attachments. Mr. Jones noted staff will be working to get this information in by next Monday, if requested to do so. Directors asked staff if it would be possible for them to get the agreements completed in time for the September 23 Board meeting. Mr. Jones spoke about his concern around providing accurate information, noting more thorough editing can be done with more time if this item was brought to the October 7 Board meeting. Directors mentioned the Board may not have enough time to review these documents if they were posted on Monday for the September 23 Board meeting. Mr. Cerqui noted the Seattle Education Association (SEA) still needs to approve the tentative agreements, in a vote scheduled for September 20, and Directors noted it would make more sense that this item is presented to the Board on October 7. Directors and staff discussed the need to create and share information with the public around the timeline for this item. Supt. Nyland and Directors suggested that an update on this item can be presented at the September 23 Board meeting under Superintendent Comments. Directors noted it was important that the three Collective Bargaining Agreements are provided and agreed to wait until October 7 to vote on this item. Mr. Jones noted there would also be information on the updated calendar days and salary schedule provided in the Board Action Report. Directors summarized the timeline of bringing this item before the Board, including the addition of an update at the September 23 Board meeting and this item would be introduced and acted upon on October 7. Ms. Hale noted this item could be reviewed again at the October 1 Executive Committee meeting.

State Auditor's Office Contract for 2014-15 Fiscal Year Audits (Gotsch): Ken Gotsch provided an overview of the item, noting it is up for introduction at the September 23 Board meeting. Director McLaren made the motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Peaslee seconded. **This motion was approved unanimously.**

FEL Contract with Communities in Schools CBO (Stone): Michael Stone provided an overview of this item, noting the reason why it has been requested to be introduced and acted upon at the September 23 Board meeting. Director McLaren made the motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Peaslee seconded. **This motion was approved unanimously.**

Authorization for Settlement (Cerqui): John Cerqui provided an overview of this item, noting the reason why it has been requested to be introduced and acted upon at the September 23 Board meeting. Director McLaren made the motion to move this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval. Director Peaslee seconded. **This motion was approved unanimously.**

Director Carr noted the discussion will return to the review of the September 23 Board meeting agenda.

Review of the September 23rd legislative session agenda (cont'd)

Directors agreed to include an overview of the Collective Bargaining Agreement update in the Superintendent Comments. Director McLaren made the motion to approve the September 23 Board meeting agenda with the edits as discussed. Director Peaslee seconded. **The agenda was approved unanimously.**

Review of the October 7 legislative session agenda

Directors and staff reviewed the Board meeting agenda. Ms. Hale noted that the Eckstein Jazz Band may perform at the October 7 Board meeting. Directors noted the Collective Bargaining Agreement item should be moved to action item #1 for both introduction and action. Directors agreed to move action items #4, Resolution 2015/16-2, Olympic Hills Elementary School Replacement Project, & #5, Olympic Hills Elementary School Replacement Project Constructability Review Report, to the Consent Agenda. Ms. Hale noted action items #9 and #10 will be introduced and acted upon at the September 23 Board meeting instead and the item description for action item #11, Ratify 2015-16 Board Governance Priorities, will be corrected to the 2015-16 school year. Supt. Nyland noted the Adopting Board Policy No. 3405 item would need to move to the October 7 Board meeting agenda. Ms. Hale noted she would connect with Pegi McEvoy and Dr. Flip Herndon regarding the items for Bell Times and BTA IV levy to see when they would need to be brought before the Board. Mr. Cerqui recommended having introduction item # 1, Collective Bargaining Agreement with Automotive Machinists Local 289, be introduced and acted upon at the same meeting. Ms. Hale noted the Automotive Machinists item may be reviewed at the October 1 Executive Committee meeting.

Director McLaren made the motion to approve the October 7 Board meeting agenda with the edits as discussed. Director Peaslee seconded. **The agenda was approved unanimously.**

Director Carr noted the discussion will now move to the Special Attention Items.

Special Attention Items

1. September 26th Retreat – discussion to include: Erinn Bennett provided an overview of this item, including the topics that will be discussed at the retreat.

Resolutions, Board Governance Priorities, and Board Communications Protocol: Ms. Bennett asked whether the Elementary School Suspension Resolution topic is still needed on the agenda since it was discussed at a prior work session and mentioned that staff will have recommendations for the Superintendent SMART Goals. Directors noted they would like to discuss the process of bringing resolutions forward as part of the Communications Protocol. Supt. Nyland recommended that resolutions brought forward should be reserved for legally required resolutions, innocuous resolutions, or an item that would not change the direction or finances of the District mid-year. Directors discussed the importance of clarifying when it is appropriate for a Director to bring a resolution before the Board. Supt. Nyland noted if Directors are interested in bringing forth a resolution that would impact the Board Governance Priorities, it would be a process for the following year, not in the same year. Directors asked how Board members can hold each other accountable and suggested looking into Robert's Rules of Order. Ms. Bennett noted part of the retreat agenda includes the discussion of norms at Board meetings and the review of the Communications Protocol. Directors asked how the Code of Conduct can be enforced if a Director violates it, if Robert's Rules of Order addresses violations, and suggested looking into how Mercer Island School District enforces their code of conduct and if the Washington State School Directors' Association has other suggestions. Ms. Bennett said she would look into this, noting that Ms. Hale has done some research on the use of Robert's Rules of Order at Board meetings. Directors discussed and agreed to change the time of the retreat to start at 9:30am and go until to 2:45pm. Ms. Hale noted Director Blanford will not be able to attend the Board retreat. Director Carr asked Ms. Hale to collect his input for the Governance Priorities and SMART Goals discussion.

Director McLaren made the motion to approve this item and Director Peaslee seconded. **This motion was approved unanimously.**

2. Board Development Calendar: Erinn Bennett provided an overview of this item and referred to the calendar handout. Directors and staff discussed the possible locations of the State of the District address and how the Board's evaluation is conducted at a public meeting. Directors suggested having a Board survey that is specific to the Board's SMART Goals to allow the Board an opportunity to share their input. Ms. Hale noted in the past a survey was sent out in advance to the Board so they could rank themselves on their SMART Goals, and then the survey information was shared at the work session.
3. Legislative Agenda: Supt. Nyland spoke about the need to move forward to identify the legislative priorities for this year and noted the two items on last year's legislative agenda: full-funding and the McCleary decision. Directors asked about the possibility to include the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization in the legislative agenda. Supt. Nyland noted a draft of the legislative agenda that may be sent to the Board by October 1.
4. Board Transition Training: Director Carr noted this item can be moved to the October 1 Executive Committee meeting agenda and spoke about the importance of focusing the new Director training on governance and reviewing the Series 1000 policies.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.