

May 19, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting



Minutes

Regular Legislative Session

Wednesday, May 19, 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 3:30 p.m.
2. Directors DeWolf, Dury, Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Rankin, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone.

II. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Jones provided comments.

III. Student Comments

- **The Center School**

Center School student Maddie Tanabe provided comments.

IV. Business Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the **May 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting**.
2. **Warrants Report - April**

April 2021 Warrants

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

General Fund	*Payroll	\$577,225.36
	Vendor	18,726,345.32
Capital Project Fund	Vendor	6,536,669.34
Associated Student Body Fund	Vendor	67,908.78
Expendable Trust Fund	Vendor	0
Grand Total		25,908,148.8

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

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

This motion passed unanimously.

B. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

VII. Board Committee Reports

This item was taken out of order on the agenda.

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

Director Hampson announced at 3:50 p.m. that a technical difficulty was impacting public access through SPSTV and that the meeting would be recessed and that the Board would be meeting in a Closed Session during the recess.

Director Hampson reconvened the meeting at 4:20 p.m. and all Directors were present.

Director Hampson announced that due to the technical issues impacting earlier public access, the Consent Agenda would be voted on again. Director Hersey moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously. *(Note: The Consent Agenda as approved is included earlier in the minutes at section IV(A), where originally voted upon.)*

V. Public Testimony

Order	Name	Topic
1	Nid Lefkoff	The Center School

2	Chris Jackins	1) Clerical Error 2) Recovery Plan 3) RBHS Spec 4) WS Parcel Exchange 5) Satterberg Grant 6) School Board Elections
3	Carrie Syvertsen	ARP ESSER funds as it relates to student mental health and well-being and leverage community resources.
4	Sonia Pitts	Comments on the Academic and Student Well-Being Plan and the need for a more comprehensive public review and discussion.

VI. Executive Session: To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation and/or potential litigation. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Director Hampson announced at 4:34 p.m. that the Board was going into executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation and/or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and that the executive session was scheduled for approximately 30 minutes, with an anticipated end time of 5:04 p.m.

Director Hampson called the executive session to order at 4:35 p.m. Directors DeWolf, Dury, Harris, Hersey, Rankin, Rivera-Smith, and Hampson were present. Staff present were Superintendent Dr. Brent C. Jones, Deputy Superintendent Rob Gannon, Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel John Cerqui, and Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta.

At 5:04 p.m., Director Hampson announced that the executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation and/or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) was now expected to go an additional 10 minutes, with an anticipated end time of 5:14 p.m.

At 5:12 p.m., Director Hampson recessed out of the executive session.

The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 5:13 p.m.

VIII. Business Action Items (Continued)

C. Action Items

1. **Motion to correct a clerical error in Resolution 2020/21-18, Transitioning Seattle Public Schools to 100% Clean and Renewable Energy, approved by the Board February 10, 2021** (Due to a clerical error, the resolution approved February 10, 2021 mistakenly stated that the implementation plan and accountability process for meeting the goals of the resolution shall be presented to the Board no later than January 31, 2022. The correct date is January 31, 2023.) (**Introduction & Action**)

Director Hersey moved to correct a clerical error in Resolution 2020/21-18 as follows: “I move that the School Board amend Resolution 2020/21-18 approved by the Board February 10, 2021 to correct a clerical error in the date by which the implementation plan and accountability process for meeting the goals of the resolution shall be presented to the Board. The correct date is January 31, 2023 rather than January 31, 2022. The

corrected resolution will be recirculated for signatures of those Directors who voted on the original resolution approved February 10, 2021, attested to by Interim Superintendent Dr. Brent Jones, and posted to the School Board website.” Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

Chief Legal Counsel Greg Narver and Directors discussed the intent of the resolution sponsors and the clerical error.

This motion passed unanimously.

D. Introduction Items

1. **Approval of Resolution 2020/21-24, approving Seattle Public Schools’ Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan for submission to OSPI on June 1, 2021** Approval of this item would approve Resolution 2020/21-24 and the attached Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan for submission to OSPI on June 1, 2021, as required by House Bill 1368, Chapter 3, Laws of 2021 and approve receipt of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) funding. (Materials Updated 5/18)

Superintendent Jones; Deputy Superintendent Rob Gannon; Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett; Chief of Student Support Services Dr. Concie Pedroza; and Chief of Equity, Partnerships and Engagement James Bush presented on planning requirements for the receipt of federal funding and provided an overview of the Academic and Student Well-Being Recovery Plan and related engagement and planning. Directors and staff discussed the plan and strategies for communicating with families, engagement with building leaders and teachers, collecting feedback with Let’s Talk, state requirements, ongoing planning, task forces, and ethnic studies.

2. **Updating Board Procedure No. 3520BP to Increase Student Meal Prices for the 2021-22 School Year** (A&F, May 10, for approval) Approval of this item would amend Board Procedure No. 3520BP as attached to the board action report to authorize a \$.25 increase in student meal prices starting with the 2021-22 school year, as follows: Elementary Breakfast \$2.25 (an increase from \$2.00), Secondary Breakfast \$2.50 (an increase from \$2.25), Elementary Lunch \$3.25 (an increase from (\$3.00), Secondary Lunch \$3.50 (an increase from \$3.25).

Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge presented on the meal price increases. Directors and staff discussed federal funding for meals and increasing adult meal prices.

3. **Approval of Satterberg Foundation Elementary Feeder School Grant** (May 11, SSC&I, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to accept the Satterberg Foundation Elementary Feeder School Grant funds in the amount of \$950,000.

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Keisha Scarlett presented on the Satterberg Foundation Elementary Feeder School Grant to support literacy efforts in alignment with the strategic

plan. Directors discussed their appreciation for the Satterberg Foundation grant and the work it supports.

4. **Approval of the contract with InterVision for WiFi 6 upgrade in secondary school buildings** (Ops, May 6, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with InterVision up to an amount of \$2,335,047, not including sales tax, for wireless installation and equipment in the form of the draft Agreement attached to the School Board Action Report, with any minor additions, deletions, and modifications deemed necessary by the Superintendent, and to take any necessary actions to implement the contract. (Materials Updated 5/19)

Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge presented on the purpose of the WiFi upgrades.

5. **BEX V: West Seattle Elementary School/Walt Hundley Playfield Property Exchange with City of Seattle Parks and Recreation Department** (Ops, May 6, for approval) Approval of this item would authorize the Superintendent to execute an agreement with the City of Seattle to exchange 35,495 square feet of Seattle Public Schools property located at West Seattle Elementary School currently utilized as the Walt Hundley Playfield in return for 35,495 square feet of City of Seattle Parks and Recreation Department property located at Walt Hundley Playfield.

Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta and Directors discussed the property exchange and related testimony.

6. **Green Lake Elementary Acceptance of Gift of Playground Improvements** (Ops, May 6, for approval) Approval of this item would accept Green Lake Elementary PTA's gift of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible playground ramp and hillside improvements, as described in the Board Action Report.

Chief Podesta presented on the gift of playground improvements. Directors and staff discussed improved playground accessibility, community efforts, and equity analysis. Director Hampson requested more detailed equity analysis be included in the Board Action Report.

7. **BEX V: Approval of the site-specific Educational Specifications for the Van Asselt School Addition project** (Ops, May 6, for approval) Approval of this item would approve the Site-Specific Educational Specifications dated March 2021 for the Van Asselt School Addition project.

Chief Podesta presented on the development of the site-specific educational specifications.

8. **BEX V: Approval of the Site-Specific Educational Specifications for the Rainier Beach High School Replacement project** (Ops, May 6, for approval) Approval of this item would approve the Site-Specific Educational Specifications dated January 29, 2021, for the Rainier Beach High School project.

Chief Podesta presented on the development of the site-specific educational specifications. Directors and staff discussed the community engagement process and classroom and restroom facilities.

9. **BEX V: Approval of the Value Engineering Report for the Van Asselt School Addition project** (Ops, May 6, for approval) Approval of this item would approve the Value Engineering Report dated December 11, 2020, for the BEX V Van Asselt School Addition project, as attached to the Board Action Report.

Chief Podesta presented on the value engineering process and addition project.

10. **BEX V, School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) & Distressed School Grant: Approval of the Constructability Reports for Kimball, Northgate, and Viewlands Elementary Schools replacement projects** (Ops, May 6, for approval) Approval of this item would approve the Kimball Elementary School Constructability Report by MENG Analysis dated February 19, 2021; the Northgate Elementary School Constructability Report by LRC Consultants, Inc. dated April 5, 2021; and the Viewlands Elementary School Constructability Report by MENG Analysis dated April 5, 2021, as complete.

Chief Podesta presented on state requirements and the constructability report process.

IX. Board Comments

Directors Hersey, Dury, Harris, Rivera-Smith, Rankin, and Hampson provided comments. Director DeWolf left the meeting during Board Comments.

X. Adjourn

Director Hampson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 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