



TUMWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Tumwater School District School Board Meeting Minutes

Location: District Office & YouTube
621 Linwood Ave. SW
Tumwater, WA 98512
November 9, 2023
6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Casey Taylor, Melissa Beard, Darby Kaikkonen, Jill Adams, Scott Killough, Kevin Bogatin (Secretary)

President Kaikkonen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and acknowledged that the Tumwater School District sits on the ancestral land of the Nisqually, Squaxin Island and Chehalis people, thanking the caretakers of the land who have lived on and continue to live on the land since time immemorial. She then led everyone in the flag salute.

Agenda Discussion/Approval

- Agenda Changes: Superintendent Bogatin shared that there were no updates to the previously published version of the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Review of Minutes

The Board has reviewed the October 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and there are no changes or corrections. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- No motion is necessary. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

Personnel Report:

New Hires	Position	Location	Status	Group
Andrew Pitman	Assistant Principal	THE	0.6 FTE one year only, effective October 30, 2023	ADMIN
Laurel Chappell	Paraprofessional	LRE	One Year Only, effective November 6, 2023	TAP
Emma Duff	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	BMS	Effective October 30, 2023	Co Curr

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Adjusted:				
Azar Salazar	Lead Custodian	BLE	From day custodian at multiple sites to lead custodian at BLE, effective November 1, 2023	PSE
Wendi Weiks	Teacher	THS	From 0.3 FTE to 0.4 FTE, effective November 3, 2023	TEA
Wendi Weiks	Paraprofessional	THS	From 5.0 hours per day to 4.5 hours per day, effective November 3, 2023	TAP
Faith Landry	Bus Driver/Asst Cook	Transportation/CHS	From 5.92 hours per day Bus Driver, adding 1.25 hours per day Assistant Cook at CHS, effective October 16, 2023	PSE
Faith Landry	Bus Driver/Asst Cook	Transportation/CHS	From 5.92 hours per day Bus Driver and 1.25 hours per day Assistant Cook at CHS, adding .25 hours per day Assistant Cook at CHS effective November 6, 2023	PSE
Deann Workman	Bus Driver	Transportation	From 7.75 hours per day bus driver to 8 hours per day bus driver, effective November 1, 2023	PSE
Emily Fourtner	Paraprofessional	THE	From 6.5 hours per day (BHHS) to 6.0 hours per day (THE) 4 days per week (Preschool Impact)	TAP
Colleen Gundersen	Teacher	EOE	From 6.5 hours per day Paraprofessional to 1.0 FTE Teacher, effective November 3, 2023	TEA
Stephen Walker	Campus Supervisor/Paraprofessional	BMS	From 6.0 hours per day Paraprofessional to 4.5 hours per day Campus Supervisor and 2.0 hours per day Paraprofessional	NON REP/TAP
Resignation:				
Kyle Wilhelme	Driver in Training	Transportation	Effective October 23, 2023	PSE

Gus Russell	Bus Driver	Transportation	Effective October 31, 2023	PSE
Saura Moore	Office Professional	MTS	Effective October 31, 2023	TOPA
Steven O'Connor	Bus Driver	Transportation	Effective November 14, 2023	PSE

➤ Payroll and Vouchers

FUND NAME	WARRANTS (INCLUSIVE)			AMOUNT
<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>				
Payroll				
Payroll Taxes				\$ 1,399,961.52
Direct Deposit				\$ 3,972,009.20
Payroll Benefit Wire Transfer				\$ 1,003,130.65
Accounts Payable - Payroll	72806080	to	72806093	\$ 22,828.68
Accounts Payable - Payroll	72806094	to	72806095	\$ 4,865.51
Accounts Payable - Payroll	72806096	to	72806096	\$ 3,244.68
Accounts Payable	72221753	to	72221753	\$ 46.09
Accounts Payable	72221754	to	72221754	\$ 5,776.80
Accounts Payable	72221755	to	72221775	\$ 115,405.34
Accounts Payable	72221776	to	72221776	\$ 80,290.00
Accounts Payable	72221777	to	72221790	\$ 83,388.44
Accounts Payable	72221791	to	72221809	\$ 122,689.99
Accounts Payable	72221810	to	72221827	\$ 1,211,487.81
Accounts Payable	72221828	to	72221843	\$ 36,224.50
Accounts Payable	72221844	to	72221844	\$ 4,205.04
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 26,315.01
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 1,855,202.86
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 166,580.08
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 319,305.26
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 366,536.86
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 160.00
ACH Rejection				
Voided Warrants				
Accounts Payable - COMP TAX				\$ 587.14
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:				\$ 10,800,241.46
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:</u>				
Accounts Payable	72012660	to	72012661	\$ 26,078.25
Accounts Payable	72012662	to	72012664	\$ 19,420.62
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 465.68
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 21,269.32
Accounts Payable ACH				\$ 413.58

Accounts Payable ACH				\$	97,649.72
Voided Warrants					
Accounts Payable - COMP TAX					
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:				\$	165,297.17

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY FUND:

Accounts Payable	72442273	to	72442276	\$	1,941.39
Accounts Payable	72442277	to	72442280	\$	1,390.00
Accounts Payable	72442281	to	72442284	\$	117.93
Accounts Payable	72442285	to	72442286	\$	1,760.00
Accounts Payable	72442287	to	72442288	\$	301.00
Accounts Payable	72442289	to	72442289	\$	70.00
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	6,017.15
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	19,614.69
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	14,901.21
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	6,466.59
Voided Warrants					
Accounts Payable - COMP TAX				\$	161.12
TOTAL ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY FUND:				\$	52,741.08

PRIVATE PURPOSE FUND:

Accounts Payable	72700590	to	72700590	\$	1,000.00
Accounts Payable	72700591	to	72700591	\$	21.00
Accounts Payable ACH					
Accounts Payable ACH					
Voided Warrants					
Accounts Payable - COMP TAX					
TOTAL PRIVATE PURPOSE FUND:				\$	1,021.00

TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND:

Accounts Payable		to			
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND:				\$	-

- Capital Projects Contract Change Orders – Change Order #3 for the BLE/THS Boiler Replacement construction contract.
- 23-24 Non-Rep/Admin Salary Schedule

Superintendent's Report/Public Comment Follow-Up

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Bogatin followed up from the last meeting's public comment regarding transfers. As a new superintendent, he is seeking to understand the process/history and assured everyone that he is taking these concerns seriously. He shared about BHHS Senior Night, BLE & EOE Trunk or Treat, Veteran's Day, Native American Heritage Month and American Education Week. He also shared that the district is newly participating in the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program. He thanked Andra Kelley-Batstone and Dan Reich for their help getting us started.

Student Board Reports

- Ameiya Brown/Ben Morgan (THS) – Their google form received 85 responses. The 1st question was, "Are you aware of the after school resources the school provides? If yes, provide one." 44 said no. 38 said yes. The most common resource cited was tutoring and the second was the Friday testing center. The 2nd question was, "Do you use these resources?" 64/85 responded. 48 said no. 16 said yes. The 3rd question was, "Do you find after school resources useful?" 66/85 responded. 45 said yes. 21 said no.
- Chloe Wachtman/Lilly Wilson (BHHS) – They met with Mr. Myers and BHHS offers peer tutoring through the National Honors Society and PACK time which isn't really used to get help from teachers. There isn't really an opportunity due to transportation issues.
- Lyn Hepp (CHS) – They don't have a tutoring program, because they have an individualized student focus. Many of their students attend New Market Skills Center. Teachers help students fill out financial aid forms and help them prepare for college before and after school.

Public Comment Reminder

- President Kaikkonen outlined how the Public Comment portion of the meeting works.

Public Comment

- Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: Becky Parsons stated that five people signed up to address the Board:
 - Charles Camper – transportation, Casey Taylor's integrity, THS/BHHS football issue
 - DJ Brimer – equity in education
 - Anthony Estrada – physical exhaustion of BHHS football players and his thoughts as to why it is happening
 - Lisa Creekpau – Pioneer Bowl cancellation and disparities between BHHS and THS
 - Laura Moxham – Policy 1109 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

Reports to the Board

- Special Services Update. Chris Burgmeier presented.
- Human Resources Update. Wendy Bromley presented.

Action Items

- 2nd Reading and recommended approval of Policy 3205, Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited. Shawn Batstone presented.
Vice-President Beard/Director Taylor, Motioned/Seconded (M/S) to approve Policy 3205. The motion passed unanimously.
- Recommended Approval of Resolution 03-23-24 Uncollected Tax. Melissa Richter and Cory Plager presented.
Vice-President Beard/Director Killough, (M/S) to approve Resolution 03-23-24. The motion passed unanimously.
- Recommended Approval of Resolution 04-23-24 EP&O Levy. Melissa Richter and Cory Plager presented.
Director Killough/Vice-President Beard, (M/S) to approve Resolution 04-23-24 EP&O Levy at \$2.50 rate/\$1000 assessed value. The motion passed unanimously.
- Recommended Approval of For and Against Levy Appointments. Superintendent Bogatin presented.
Vice-President Beard/Director Taylor, (M/S) to approve the Appointment of Jennifer Herrin to the For Levy Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Committee Reports

- Legislative Update: Vice-President Beard shared that six of our priorities overlapped with WSSDA priorities. She also explained regionalization and how it affects Tumwater; we do not get extra money like our surrounding districts. Budget stability, unfunded mandates, graduation requirements/pathways and materials, supplies & operating costs are also priorities to our district.

Board Member Comments

- Director Taylor: He congratulated Scott and Jill on their successful elections. He thanked Chris and Wendy for their presentations and was happy to see all five student reps. He acknowledged Veterans and their families to include Darby, her family and Tim Voie. He is glad to hear that the Transportation Task Force is moving forward. He added that if you are interested in his kid's enrollment, then you can ask him and he would be happy to talk with you.
- President Kaikkonen: She attended BHHS Senior Night, THS fall play, both BHHS and THS volleyball games and THS football game. She congratulated Director Adams, Director Killough and Director Taylor for their successful elections and she is excited that they will remain a team. She used a swimming metaphor to describe how she feels this Board works well together. To conclude, she acknowledged Veteran's Day to include her husband, Colonel John Kaikkonen and Ameiya's family.
- Vice-President Beard: She loves seeing all the student reps. We have more than in the past because the board wants all the student voice they can get. She

reminded everyone that transportation is a priority, but transfers are important also. She thanked everyone for coming and for all the emails; the feedback is helpful. Transfers are an important topic and the Board has been working on it. This helps them see that the changes that have been made aren't enough. She did share that she isn't interested in making kids go to school where they are "supposed" to go. She wants kids to go to school where they will be successful.

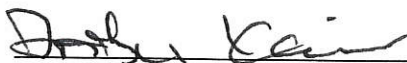
- Director Adams: She believes in fairness and opportunities. She is committed to research to see what we can do to improve both high school so we can have a strong district that enables all students to excel. She would like everyone to communicate strengths and differences so the board can analyze them.
- Director Killough: He is impressed with how Tumwater presents in a civil manner during public comment and he is proud to be a Tumwater resident. This past week he attended the 10th Annual Coats for Kids organized by the Olympia Firefighters Association at PGS. They provided over 1000 coats to kids at five Title 1 schools in the area. At PGS 260 coats were given out to students in need.
- Ameiya Brown: She excited for Ben to join because he is very talented. She's thankful for the math teachers who stay after school, especially Mr. Hudson. After school help is being utilized and is appreciated.
- Ben Morgan: He is happy to be here and grateful for the opportunity. He will make his best effort to make the remainder of the meetings.
- Lilly Wilson: She thought it was very cool how many special services are being offered to students who need them and how they are being recognized and personally seen to.
- Lyn Hepp: She thanked Wendy and the human resources team because she is interested in that field after high school. It's nice to see everything they do for us.
- Chloe Watchman: She thanked human resources for the information they provided regarding transportation and what they are doing to help fix the issues.

Adjourn Regular Meeting

With no further business coming before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Recorded by:
Becky Parsons

Signed this 13th day of December 2023.



Board Member



Board Secretary