



Tumwater School District

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Tumwater School District School Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Zoom
621 Linwood Ave. SW
Tumwater, WA 98512
January 13, 2022
6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Casey Taylor, Scott Killough, Melissa Beard, Laurie Sale, Darby Kaikkonen, Sean Dotson (Secretary)

President Casey Taylor 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. He then led us in the flag salute.

Public Comment Reminder:

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

Agenda Discussion/Approval:

- Agenda Changes: Superintendent Sean Dotson shared that there were no changes/additions to the previously published version of the agenda.

Review of Minutes

- The Board has reviewed the December 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes and there were no changes. Director Kaikkonen asked for clarification of the committee elections that took place at the December meeting because that date doesn't match the July 1st date in Policy 1220-Board Officers and Duties of Board Members. Dr. Dotson explained that we elect the Legislative Rep position in December for a two-year term but the intent is to assume that position in between legislative sessions which explains the July 1st date in the policy. The board will decide if they want to elect this position annually in December or if a change needs to be made to the policy. No motion is necessary.

Consent Agenda

- Melissa Beard/Darby Kaikkonen, M/S to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MELISSA BEARD DARBY KAIKKONEN SCOTT KILLOUGH LAURIE SALE CASEY TAYLOR

"Continuous Student Learning in a Caring, Engaging Environment"

➤ Personnel Report:

New Hire:				
Leslie Sue Fosbre	Assistant Cook	PGS	Continuing effective November 29, 2021	PSE
Coletan Rosie	Coach	BHHS	Effective December 8, 2021	N/A
Nicolette Hopkins	Coach	THS	Effective November 29, 2021	N/A
January Canfield	Bus Driver	Transportation	Effective December 15, 2021	PSE
Clinton Foster	Substitute Custodian	B & G	Effective January 10, 2022	PSE
Sydney Stewart	Paraprofessional	BMS	One Year Only effective January 24, 2022	TAP
Adjusted:				
Rick Sutter	Custodian/Groundskeeper	Buildings and Grounds	From Custodian NMSC to Custodian/Groundskeeper effective December 6, 2021	PSE
Tammy Hicks	Paraprofessional	MTS	From LOA return on December 31, 2021 to anticipated return of January 20, 2022	TAP
Anastasia Wright	OT	SS	Add 0.2 Super FTE for the 2021-2022 school year, effective September 8, 2021	TEA
Tamara Schultz	OT	SS	Add 0.2 Super FTE for 2021-2022 1st Semester, effective September 8, 2021	TEA
Leaves:				
Elizabeth Prestegard	Bus Driver	Transportation	LOA starting November 20, 2021, returning January 4, 2022	PSE
Sara Glass	Teacher	PGS	LOA starting January 4, 2022, returning January 31, 2022	TEA
Tyler Haywood	Teacher	TMS	LOA starting January 4, 2022, returning January 31, 2022	TEA
Melissa Finley	SLP	SS	LOA starting January 18, 2022, returning January 25, 2022	TEA

Sarabeth Delozier	Teacher	ECLC	LOA starting January 31, 2022, returning May 2, 2022	TEA
Resignation:				
Stephanie Pedigo	Paraprofessional	BLE	Effective December 17, 2021	TAP
Jackie Lince	Paraprofessional	BLE	Effective January 7, 2022	TAP
Kelli Ehresmann	Executive Director	Special Services	Effective June 30, 2022	ADMIN
Bobb Yett	Paraprofessional	LRE	Effective December 31, 2021	TAP
Wendi Fernandez	Coach	THS	Effective January 5, 2021	N/A
Retirement:				
Sue Burns	Cook	THE	Effective December 28, 2021	PSE
Jamie Weeks	Teacher	THS	Effective June 30, 2022	TEA
Paul Mueller	Custodian	BLE	Effective March 31, 2022	PSE
Neil Weber	Bus Driver	Transportation	Effective January 4, 2022	PSE
Kathryn Cholakian	Paraprofessional	SS	Effective August 31, 2022	TAP
Termination:				
Micah Lukes	Substitute Custodian	B & G	Involuntary Termination, effective January 6, 2022	PSE
Co-Curricular				
Jace Feldmeier	MS Intramural Coordinator (Racquet Sports)	TMS		N/A
Melinda McGill	MS Intramural Supervisor (Racquet Sports)	TMS		N/A

➤ Payroll and Vouchers

FUND NAME	WARRANTS (INCLUSIVE)			AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND:				
Payroll				
Payroll Taxes				\$ 1,054,755.09
Direct Deposit				\$ 3,372,657.41
Payroll Benefit Wire Transfer				\$ 1,154,569.05
Accounts Payable -Payroll	72805817	to	72805827	\$ 17,269.92
Accounts Payable	72219316	to	72219325	\$ 45,870.60

Accounts Payable	77219326	to	72219350	\$	101,671.72
Accounts Payable	72219351	to	72219382	\$	143,054.38
Accounts Payable	72219383	to	72219383	\$	1,500.00
Accounts Payable	72219384	to	72219407	\$	42,705.96
Accounts Payable	72219408	to	72219424	\$	1,060,582.73
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	28,431.42
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	49,043.89
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	118,544.91
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	302,965.73
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	424,832.04
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	117,258.83
ACH Rejection				\$	(4,849.59)
Voided Warrants					
Accounts Payable - COMP					
TAX				\$	6,069.50
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:				\$	8,036,933.59

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:

Accounts Payable	72012502	to	72012504	\$	235,457.46
Accounts Payable	72012505	to	72012507	\$	18,866.03
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	17,800.00
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	5,504.04
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	58,699.63
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	75,194.90
Voided Warrants					
Accounts Payable - COMP					
TAX					
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND:				\$	411,522.06

ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY FUND:

Accounts Payable	72441973	to	72441973	\$	85.00
Accounts Payable	72441974	to	72441975	\$	117.00
Accounts Payable	72441976	to	72441977	\$	399.60
Accounts Payable	72441978	to	72441980	\$	262.52
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	48,068.60
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	9,794.64
Accounts Payable ACH				\$	131.24
Voided Warrants					
Accounts Payable - COMP					
TAX				\$	111.42
TOTAL ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY FUND:				\$	58,970.02

PRIVATE PURPOSE FUND:

Accounts Payable	72700568	to	72700568	\$	700.00
Accounts Payable ACH					
Accounts Payable - COMP					
TAX					

TOTAL PRIVATE PURPOSE FUND: \$ 700.00

**TRANSPORTATION
VECHILE FUND:**

Accounts Payable

72900028 to 72900028

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION

VECHILE FUND: \$ -

- **Budget Status Report**
- **Donations Acceptance – Tumwater High School**
 - \$2000 from Special Olympics of Washington State for the startup of their Unified Sports Program
 - \$500 from community members (led by a GoFundMe created by Amy Charles) to replace items stolen from the FRESH program
- **Capital Projects – Acceptance of Contract As Complete – BHHS Intercom Replacement**
- **Capital Projects – Contract Award – BHHS Boilers & Chiller Replacement**
- **Capital Projects – Contract Change Order – BLE Fire Sprinklers Addition**

Student Reports – *“This year, we are doing all we can to maintain in-person instruction. When individuals, classrooms, or schools experience outbreaks, they are sometimes required to shift to remote instruction temporarily. If this happens, what feedback do students have about how we can support them most?”*

- **Talia Kallappa (BHHS)** – Many students requested not to give as much work. If you are giving work, then it needs to be essential to the class; no busy work! Zoom meetings need to be the same amount of time as in-person class; 2 hours is too long. Students request constant updates. Teachers need to assign work far enough in advance; not the day before or the day of. Students request that teachers only use Google classroom and no other platforms. Keep things concise and to the point. One student wrote, “prioritize student education above all and help them see the value in it”.
- **Ameiya Brown (THS)** – Less class assignments and no busy work. Provide more on-line resources and one on one time with teachers. Students would also like to attend in person to complete projects, i.e. science projects. Leave sports and clubs open. Give students more details and email students back as quickly as possible. Have teachers encourage students not to attend zoom meetings in which the student knows they will be distracted. Students would like teachers to be understanding if they are late logging on; many experience technical issues. Some other suggestions include: hybrid first and have the school supply materials. A common comment was, “it’s more beneficial to be in-person”.

Public Comment Follow-Up/By the Numbers

- **Public Comment Follow Up:** Jennifer Carrouger will be providing a budget update. Director Beard suggested that we address DJ Brimer’s concern specifically and to communicate clearly to our community and staff about how a budget works.

- Recognition: Shawn Batstone recognized our School Resource Officers; Ross Rollman, Tyler Boling and Jen Kolb with the Tumwater Police Department. We are lucky to have our SRO's to support our schools. He then recognized Tim Graham who received the NIAAA Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award. This is awarded to an individual who supports the vision of staff development at the national level. The Board also thanked the SROs and Tim Graham.

January is School Board Appreciation month. Superintendent Dotson took a moment to share what a board member does and thanked them and our student reps for their service. He then read The State of Washington Proclamation issued by Governor Jay Inslee.

Public Comment

- Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: Becky Parsons stated that one person signed up to address the Board on one topic. DJ Brimer spoke about the Tumwater School District budget.

Statement from Board

- President Casey Taylor shared a statement on behalf of the Board to extend their condolences to family and friends of Schyler Bush, a Michael T. Simmons 3rd grade student who left us too soon. Their hearts go out to all those who were affected by this tragedy.

Reports to the Board

- Budget Update: Jennifer Carrougher presented on this topic. She provided an enrollment and budget update.
- Transportation Update: Jennifer Carrougher presented on this topic. This was a follow up regarding a transportation feasibility study to move forward with an RFP.

Action Items

- 2nd Reading and Recommended Adoption, Policy 1400-Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum: Superintendent Dotson presented on this topic. This passed unanimously.
- Approval of Legislative Priorities: Superintendent Dotson presented on this topic. This passed unanimously.
- Waiver of the Community Outreach Graduation Requirement for the 21-22 SY Recommended Adoption: Shawn Batstone presented on this topic. This passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Dotson followed up with the request that our student reps meet with their principals to talk about their reports. The students shared that they are meeting and having great conversations.

Andra Kelley-Batstone presented on Panorama Data. She went through several slides that explained data pulled from the survey that the district conducted regarding SEL (Social Emotional Learning) and equity needs.

Board Discussion

- Legislative update: Director Kaikkonen presented on the Legislative Session, which will be a short session. She and Superintendent Dotson had an opportunity to speak with the 22nd Legislative District Reps this last Monday. Rep. Dolan was able to speak to legislation she has put forward and gave some insight to where things are headed. Director Kaikkonen also reported on SB 5581, SB 5563, HB 1590, HB 1664 and SB 5595.


Board Member Comments

- Darby Kaikkonen: She attended the Nisqually Council meeting which addressed the continued use of the Thunderbird mascot at THS and thanked Director Beard for her work. She also attended band and orchestra concerts at THS and on her way out was able to see some of the boys' basketball game. On Dec. 17th, she attended the Michael T. Simmons Elementary winter concert and gave a special recognition to Justin McKaughan who learned of the MTS students passing in the middle of the performance. She acknowledged how hard that must have been to continue with the concert.
- Scott Killough: All of the districts are feeling the pinch of COVID. Whatever we can do to get volunteers in our buildings is important. Junior and seniors can also volunteer. Schools need bodies to help! When it comes to a tragedy, sometimes we get quiet. He encouraged former students can reach out to support staff; sometimes just knowing someone is thinking of you is helpful.
- Casey Taylor: He asked that people keep in mind that the board doesn't have control over a lot of things. Please contact your legislators to voice any concerns. He again gave his condolences to Schyler Bush's friends and family.
- Laurie Sale: She was unable to report due to a power outage at her house.
- Melissa Beard: She attended the Nisqually Council meeting. She was amazed that we went there to ask for permission to keep using the Thunderbird mascot, but they were the ones thanking us for coming. She also went to the Tumwater Tree Lighting Ceremony and saw band and choir performances. She visited East Olympia Elementary to participate in voting for their door decorating contest. She acknowledged Schyler's classmates who will be affected by this tragedy for years to come and shared how important it will be that we continue to support them.
- Talia Kallappa: She thought this was a good meeting. Thank you for the equity survey data that was shared. As a student she really appreciates that staff is working hard. Major condolences and thoughts to Schyler's family.
- Ameiya Brown: Offered her condolences to Schyler's family. Thank you to the teachers and staff for still working to make connections with students. She found the survey data interesting.

With no further business coming before the Board, the Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Recorded by:
Becky Parsons

Signed this 10th day of February 2022.


Board Member


Board Secretary