

**Tumwater School District**  
**Special School Board Meeting Minutes**  
Zoom Meeting originating at  
District Office  
621 Linwood Avenue SW  
Tumwater, WA 98512  
March 26, 2020

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

President Melissa Beard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and acknowledged that the Tumwater School District sits on the ancestral land of the Nisqually, Squaxin Island and Chehalis people.

**Public Comment Reminder:**

- President Melissa Beard outlined how the Public Comment portion of the meeting will work.

**Agenda Discussion/Approval:**

- Agenda Changes: Superintendent Sean Dotson shared that the Governor's OPMA Proclamation was added and that the times were adjusted to more accurately reflect the expected timeframes for each topic. **Scott Killough/Casey Taylor, Moved/Seconded (M/S) to approve the amended agenda for the March 26, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Governor's Proclamation**

Superintendent Sean Dotson reviewed the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) requirement for an on-site location for Board meetings. Due to the stay-at-home order and social distancing, on-site meetings are not an option. Governor Inslee's proclamation says that meetings must be held in a way for the public to view and participate. Boards are allowed to consider items that are deemed "routine and necessary." Superintendent Dotson has been consulting with the district attorney to ensure agenda items meet this criteria and all future agendas will be reviewed through this lens.

**Review of Minutes**

**Darby Kaikkonen/Casey Taylor, M/S to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2020 Board Meeting and the March 19, 2020 Special Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Comment**

- Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: Tami Collins stated that she did not receive any submissions for Public Comment.

## Consent Agenda

Casey Taylor/Scott Killough, M/S to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

<b>Employment:</b>				
Melissa Humphries	Substitute Cook	Food Services	Temporary	PSE
<b>Adjusted:</b>				
Cathy McNamara	Principle	TMS	From Assistant High School Principal at BHHS to Temporary Principal at TMS, effective March 16, 2020 through the end of the 2019/20 school year	ADMIN
Andrew Landowski	Temporary Assistant Principal	BHHS	From Teacher at BHHS to Temporary Assistant High School Principal at BHHS, effective March 16, 2020 through the end of the 2019/20 school year	ADMIN
Jennifer Wilbur	Paraprofessional	EOE	From Impact Paraprofessional to One Year Only Professional effective March 13, 2020	TAP
<b>Retirement:</b>				
Deborah Leuschen	Teacher	BMS	Effective June 30, 2020	TEA
Launa Abrahamson	Office Professional	Capital Projects	Effective April 3, 2020	TOPA
<b>Leaves:</b>				
Jade Williams	Instructor	NMSC	LOA starting March 6, 2020, returning March 16, 2020	NON-REP

## Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Sean Dotson began by giving a current status of COVID 19, with 24 confirmed cases in Thurston County. He reviewed a quick timeline and the precautions the district is taking. Grab 'n go meals will continue through spring break and thanked staff that are making that happen!

He reviewed some of the guidance and the timeline that Superintendent Chris Reykdal presented at a meeting earlier in the day. If we had begun planning a year ago, we could have been able to provide distance learning as soon as we closed. But most

districts are not able to do that so quickly as it is a big lift. Superintendent Reykdal does not expect most districts will be able to be offering 100% now, if at all during this closure, but expects they will do their best to improve upon what is being currently done, including support for seniors to be able to graduate. He recommends that the Board passes a resolution to waive senior presentations and volunteer hour requirements for the class of 2020. We are still waiting on guidance from the State Board of Education to provide guidance on state guidance.

He shared that we now have MOUs in place with all associations and now we will be able to ramp up services for students, including resources and communications with teachers. We do need to continue to work towards ensuring everyone has a device to work with and training to use equipment provided by the district.

BY THE NUMBERS: 10,080-number of minutes in a week. 5, 579-number of titles in the Netflix library. 3, 207-number of COVID-19 cases in Washington state as of today.

### **Board Member Comments**

- Casey Taylor: He was not able to attend the meeting on the 12th and the last meeting was a special board meeting and did not have board comments so he is a little behind with his comments. He visited THE and attended a music assembly, which was great! Looks forward to being able to go back. Congrats to basketball teams from BHHS and THS for their performance this season. There has been a lot of policy work in a short period of time. SB5395-hadn't heard too much about it and then was able to watch the video from the 12th. He doesn't know what the district could do even if they wanted to about this bill passing. He is against any bill that takes away local control. He looks forward to seeing morning information on this curriculum. Priorities have been COVID response and he thanks everyone for their work during this time. He is concerned about the lack of funding to help districts shift to on-line learning.
- Scott Killough: He thanked Casey for his comments. His nightly routine is to check social media and follows a lot of educators around the state. He is sending a shoutout to Principal Heddin for his booking reading and accents! Principal Doughty had her daily thoughts and she shared how her staff are thinking about their students and worrying about their needs.
- Darby Kaikkonen: Thanked Casey for his comments and supports what he said, especially regarding the last minute push on SB5395. The current situation gives us the opportunity to live what we mean with regard to educational equity. The focus on those who need the most support needs to accelerate because they are less likely to speak up and let someone know they need it.
- Melissa Beard: She agreed with Darby in the fact that there are many students and families that don't have access to what we are offering or will offer and don't even have phones. She has relatives who have computers that are too slow to operate things like social media or have a flip phone and there are others like that out there. She is also thinking about staff...she got email addresses of staff from Beth Scouller and she offered to share them with other board members so they can check in with staff.

### **Recess Regular Board Meeting**

- President Melissa Beard recessed the Regular Board Meeting to allow the Board to enter into an Executive Session at 6:50pm to discuss Personnel Performance, Evaluation or Qualifications for Employment, pursuant to RCW 42.30-110(1)(g).

At 7:40pm, President Melissa Beard extended the session for approximately another 15 minutes. At 8:05, President Melissa Beard extended the session for approximately another 5 minutes.

### **Reconvene Regular Board Meeting**

- President Melissa Beard adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 8:15pm.

### **Action Items**

- Superintendent's Contract: Board President Melissa Beard and Superintendent Sean Dotson presented this item. **Scott Killough/Darby Kaikkonen, M/S, to the Superintendent's Contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

With no further business coming before the Board, the regular meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Recorded by:  
Tami L. Collins

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Board Member

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Board Secretary