



## **Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Boardroom in the Central Office Building  
15675 Ambaum Blvd SW, Burien, WA 98166

### **1. Call to Order**

- 1.1. Welcome – President Alvarez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3. Roll Call – President Alvarez, Vice President Van, Directors Tidholm, Hagos and Petrini were present. Superintendent Duran was present.
- 1.4. Call for Changes or Additions to Board Meeting Agenda  
Vice President Van made a motion to move action items 8.2 and 8.3 to the consent agenda. Director Petrini seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

### **2. Recognition**

- 2.1 President Alvarez introduced Fred Swanson, Highline Schools Foundation Executive Director who gave brief remarks about the Gold Star Awards nominees and winners. Fred named all the winners and invited those who were present to join him to be recognized.
- 2.2 President Alvarez introduced Lolita O'Donnell, Director of Family and Community Partnerships who acknowledged the contributions of America Scores Seattle to the Highline community, emphasizing the value of their partnership in fostering youth development. Lolita introduced Marco Martinez, Assistant Principal at Midway Elementary and Alex Foster, Executive Director of America Scores Seattle. Marco spoke about the impact this partnership has had in the Highline Community. After Marco's comments, Alex gave brief acceptance remarks.

### **3. Scheduled Communications**

- 1.1 Shauna Pierson (Item 10.3 - IHA 2415 Performance Based Pathway)
- 1.2 Lucas Weisbecker (Item 10.3 - 2415 Performance Based Pathway) – Called Superintendent's Office to remove his name prior to the meeting.
- 1.3 Lori Mcewen (Item 10.3 - New Policy 2415 Performance Based Pathway)
- 1.4 Kellie Luther (Item 10.3 – Policy 2415)
- 1.5 Madeline Bouchard (Item 10.3 – New Policy 2415 Performance Based Pathway)
- 1.6 Anne Marie Littleton (Item 10.3 – Policy 2415)
- 1.7 Deborah Lipp (Thank you for bus driver support) – No show
- 1.8 Sandy Hunt (Alternatives to Violence)
- 1.9 James Payne (Policy 5000)
- 1.10 Alex Myrick (Student and staff safety)

#### **4. Superintendent's Update**

*Due to a technical error, the Superintendent's microphone was muted to the livestream although audible in the boardroom during the first part of his update. Volume was restored when HEA president, Jeb Binns came to the podium.*

Superintendent Duran shared about a visit from OSPI officials who were interested in learning more about how Highline implements mastery/competency models. They had a chance to visit Maritime High School, Big Picture, and Innovation Heights Academy and ask questions.

Superintendent Duran spoke about the last Superintendent Student Leadership Team meeting and the discussion they had about Artificial Intelligence.

Superintendent Duran shared that what drew him to Highline two years ago when he accepted the position as Superintendent, was its Promise to Know Every Student by Name Strength and Need; he shared that he's proud of the work being done to ensure we deliver on that Promise.

Superintendent Duran introduced Jeb Binns, President, Highline Education Association who gave brief remarks.

#### **5. School Board Reports**

There were no legislative reports at this time.

Director Petrini shared about visiting Big Picture where she learned about student-led internships and visited the aquarium in Redond Beach where a student led the tour. Director Petrini expressed interest in also visiting Innovation Heights. Director Petrini then spoke about attending a training session with school board directors and tribal leaders and reflected on her experience. She also expressed interest in attending the upcoming Native Student Success Summit on May 21. Director Petrini spoke about a family survey opening on May 24 and recommended families to complete it and provide feedback.

Director Tidholm spoke about her experience participating in mock interviews with students at PSSC. Director Tidholm also spoke about her participation in the Native Student Success Forum and highlighted the importance of collaboration to support Indigenous families. Lastly, Director Tidholm gave a reminder of the White Center Heights Family Resource Center being open to all families in the district.

Director Hagos spoke about attending the Highline Schools Foundation Scholarship event. Director Hagos also shared about the upcoming community engagement meetings being held as a director team and invited the community to attend the one being hosted by Director Petrini and Director Hagos on June 4. Director Hagos circled back to her report at a previous meeting around activities she attended on Earth Day, specifically an event at a glass sculpture studio in Des Moines and shared how the studio owner is deeply involved in the Highline community.

Vice President Van spoke about attending the Gold Star breakfast. Vice President Van shared that there will be a Highline Scholar Athlete banquet on May 21. Vice President Van spoke about a visit to McMicken Heights from state education leaders from 14 states organized by the Council of the Chief State School Officers.

President Alvarez expressed her gratitude for Fred Swanson and work being done by the Highline Schools Foundation. President Alvarez shared that Raisbeck Aviation High School is now ranked 274<sup>th</sup> nationally and number 5 in the state for Washington high schools.

Director Tidholm added that the White Center Community Development Association (WCCDA) will be having the groundbreaking of their new hub on Saturday.

President Alvarez spoke about the upcoming community meetings being held by directors and named that not all directors will be doing the same format, and some will be connecting with community differently.

## 6. Consent Agenda

6.1 Approval of [May 1, 2024, Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#)

6.2 Approval of [Payroll Warrants](#) and [Accounts Payable Vouchers](#), Director Petrini and Director Van

6.3 Approval of [Personnel Report](#)

Director Tidholm moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice President Van seconded the motion. The motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously.

## 7. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

## 8. Action Items

8.1 [Motion to approve Biology Instructional Materials Adoption](#)

President Alvarez moved to approve this item. Vice President Van seconded this motion. This motion passed unanimously.

8.2 [Motion to approve Resolution 08-24 Puget Sound Skills Center - Electrical Infrastructure Preservation Project - Final Acceptance of Construction Completion and Final Acceptance of Purchase Order No. CP220026 issued to Brink Electric LLC](#) (*Moved to consent during 1.4*)

8.3 [Motion to approve Tyee High School Replacement Project - Approval of Contractor Change Order No. 8 \(Absher Construction Company\) - Purchase Order No. CP230091](#) (*Moved to consent during 1.4*)

## 9. Introduction and Action Item

## 10. Introduction Items

10.1 [Motion to approve Interlocal Agreement for Partnership and Cooperation between Highline Public Schools and Port of Seattle](#)

10.2 [Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Regular Board Meeting Calendar](#)

President Alvarez provided brief comments about this item

10.3 [Motion to approve New Policy 2415 Performance Based Pathway](#)

Holly Ferguson, Chief Policy Officer, Kevin Takisaki, Innovation Heights Principal, gave a presentation on this item. Two Innovation Heights students shared their school experience. Followed by questions from the Board.

10.4 [Motion to approve South Seattle College - Career Link Open Doors \(1418\) Program](#)

Riley Todd, Assistant Director of Alternative Learning Education gave a brief presentation on items 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 and answered questions from the Board.

10.5 [Motion to approve Highline College - Open Doors \(1418\) Programs](#)

10.6 [Motion to approve Southwest Youth & Family Services - Open Doors \(1418\) Program](#)

10.7 [Motion to approve Graduation Alliance - Open Doors \(1418\) Program](#)

10.8 [Motion to approve acceptance of the Asset Preservation Program \(APP\) Annual Review Scores](#)

10.9 [Motion to approve 2023-24 Running Start Expenditures Increase](#)

Jackie Bryan, Chief Financial Officer gave a brief presentation on items 10.9 and 10.10 and answered questions from the Board.

10.10 [Motion to approve 2024-25 Running Start Expenditures](#)

10.11 [Motion to Approve Resolution 10-24, Delegation of Authority to WIAA for the 2024-25 School Year](#)

Philip Willenbrock, District Athletic Director answered questions from the Board on this item.

## 11. Items added to the Consent Agenda

## 12. Adjourn

Director Hagos moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Tidholm seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously. President Alvarez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**The May 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously at the board meeting on June 5, 2024.**

*Angelica Alvarez*

Angelica Alvarez (Jun 6, 2024 23:14 PDT)

President, Board of Directors

*Ivan Duran*

Ivan Duran (Jun 7, 2024 06:33 PDT)

Secretary to the Board