



School Board Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Welcome – President Van called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Van expressed appreciation to the Highline High School Jazz Band and the Art Display for greeting attendees, noting it was in celebration of Arts Education Month.

- 1.3. Roll Call – President Van, Vice President Alvarez, Directors Espinoza, Holien and Tidholm were present.
Superintendent Duran was present.

- 1.4. Call for Changes or Additions to Board Meeting Agenda
There were no changes or additions to the Board Meeting Agenda.

- 1.5. Musical Performance by North Hill Elementary School Students
President Van introduced Leah Stephens, North Hill Music Teacher, and invited the Board to join the audience for a student musical performance.

Ms. Stephens introduced Ms. Reitsma, along with the students and music staff from North Hill Elementary School. The students performed five songs.

2. Acknowledgement & Appreciation

- 2.1 President Van introduced Adina Thea, Gabby Olivarez, and Tim Wind. Director Alvarez then read a proclamation recognizing Arts Education Month. Ms. Thea and Ms. Olivarez accepted the proclamation and shared some remarks.
- 2.2 President Van introduced Lisa Johnson, Lilian Shines, Teasha Ward, Grace Garcia, Anne Slater, and Kelly Shines. He then read a proclamation recognizing School Lunch Hero Day. Ms. Johnson accepted the proclamation and shared some remarks.
- 2.3 President Van introduced Katie Utesch, Veronica Fairchild, and Ben Folgers. Director Tidholm read a proclamation recognizing Teachers Appreciation Week. Ms. Utesch, Ms. Fairchild, and Mr. Folgers accepted the proclamations and made some remarks.

2.4 President Van introduced Michelle Jervis, Angie Bartlett, Naisha Erickson, Lily Cohen, April Ovalles, and Jeanine Totten. Director Holien then read a proclamation recognizing School Nurse Day. Ms. Jervis accepted the proclamation and shared some remarks.

President Van named additional recognitions being celebrated throughout the month of May and invited everyone to visit the district's Facebook page to explore those additional recognitions.

3. Superintendent Reports

Superintendent Duran thanked attendees and those recognized. He shared highlights from his visit to Hilltop Elementary, provided an update on leadership transitions, and gave a brief bargaining update with Teamsters. He then introduced Jeb Binns, President of the Highline Education Association, who offered brief remarks.

Superintendent Duran introduced Lolita O'Donnell, Director of Family and Community Partnerships, who shared brief remarks. She then introduced Dr. Tanisha Felder, Adina Thea, Bernard Koontz, Val Allen, Rocio Ceja, and families of the Family Action Committee in attendance. Dr. Felder, Ms. Thea, and Mr. Koontz presented on behalf of the [Literacy Subcommittee](#). Following their presentation, Ms. Allen, Ms. Ceja, and a family representative presented on behalf of the [Multi-Tiered Systems of Support \(MTSS\) Subcommittee](#).

4. Director Reports

Director Tidholm spoke about the CollegeCon event held at Evergreen High School.

Director Holien thanked attendees and acknowledged the student performance that opened the meeting. He highlighted the recent Cascade Bicycle Club donation to Midway Elementary students and expressed appreciation to Murphy Campbell for leading this effort. He also talked about visiting Marvista Elementary and concluded with a shoutout to his wife in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Director Espinoza highlighted Jorge Velasquez, a special education teacher at Bow Lake, for his work on inclusion. She shared highlights from her recent visit to Valley View and spoke about attending the 10th Annual Tribal Consultation hosted by the Muckleshoot Nation. She also spoke about meeting with a coalition of high school students and thanked attendees for bringing their voice and perspectives to the board. She then noted about being interviewed by a group of Tyee students and concluded by acknowledging those speaking from North Hill during scheduled communications.

Vice President Alvarez spoke about School Redesign work underway at Sylvester and Cascade middle schools. She also spoke about attending an event at Evergreen High School featuring mariachi, local folkloric dancers and other artists. She concluded by thanking attendees for sharing their voices.

President Van gave another shoutout to the Highline High School Jazz Band and North Hill choir. He then spoke about attending the Southside Chamber of Commerce Education and Workforce Summit, as well as the 10th Annual Muckleshoot Tribal Consultation with Dr. Espinoza, Dr. Duran, and other Highline team members. He also spoke about attending McMicken Heights Elementary's multicultural night with his wife and daughter. President Van concluded by introducing a video highlighting Highline's Teacher of the Year, Mario Pilapil.

5. Scheduled Communications – Public Testimony

- 5.1 Kelly Stonelake (i-Ready contract renewal)
- 5.2 Melissa Mafua (Teamsters Bargaining)
- 5.3 Brenda Limric (Teamsters Bargaining)
- 5.4 Kristen Price (North Hill Leadership involuntary Transfers)
- 5.5 Maliha Joof (My experience with Mrs. Jones and O'Leary)
- 5.6 Jannah Joof (North Hill Experience)

- 5.7 Katie Paulson (School leadership changes, board decisions without discussions)
- 5.8 Sarah Crerar (Decision to send Principal Jones to another school)
- 5.9 Adaline Paulson (School leadership changes, board decisions without discussions) – Ms. Paulson ceded her time to Jenny Winston.
- 5.10 Maria Corsini (Teamsters)
- 5.11 Anne Slater (Teamsters)
- 5.12 ~~James Moore (Teamsters)~~ – did not attend
- 5.13 Trina Giese (Teamsters)
- 5.14 Su Docekal (Teamsters)
- 5.15 Patty Boyd (Teamsters)
- 5.16 ~~Jessica Ambriz (Teamsters)~~ – did not attend
- 5.17 ~~Papa Sylla (Teamsters)~~ – did not attend
- 5.18 Sarah Peterson (Teamsters)
- 5.19 Probhjot Kaur (Teamster)
- 5.20 Emily Spoor (Teamsters)

Three speakers did not attend; their slots were filled using the waitlist.

Waitlist

- 5.21 ~~Ann Radford (Teamsters)~~ – did not attend
- 5.22 ~~Katie Gilliam (Teamster)~~ – did not attend
- 5.23 ~~Chrisanna Nelson (Teamsters)~~ – did not attend
- 5.24 Jaimee Shaug-Birge (Teamsters)
- 5.25 Laura Johnson (Leadership change at North Hill Elementary)
- 5.26 Jenny Winston (North Hill staff changes and IEP support funding) – President Van noted that time was ceded to this speaker earlier in the meeting and called the next speaker on the waitlist.
- 5.27 Veronica Simmons (Agenda Item: Teachers and Staff Appreciation Week. Remembering each other by name, strength and need)
- 5.28 Nicholas Smith (Inclusion for MS and HS and SPED)

Director Holien stepped out of the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda

- 6.1 Approval of [April 15, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- 6.2 Approval of [Accounts Payable Vouchers](#) and [Payroll Warrants](#) – Director Espinoza and Director Tidholm
- 6.3 Approval of [Personnel Report \(Revised on 5/6/2026\)](#)
- 6.4 Approval of [February 2026 Financial Reports](#)
- 6.5 [Motion to approve the declaration of identified district vehicles as surplus property and authorize sale via GovDeals](#)
Approval of this motion would approve the declaration of the identified vehicles as surplus property per RCW 28A.335.180 and RCW 43.19.1919, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to proceed with disposal via the GovDeals online auction platform or other lawful means, in accordance with district policy and applicable laws. Net proceeds from any sale shall be deposited into the Transportation Vehicle Fund per RCW 28A.160.130.

Director Alvarez moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Director Tidholm seconded. The motion passed unanimously. President Van, Vice President Alvarez, Directors Alvarez and Tidholm voted in favor. (Director Holien was not in the meeting room during this vote.)

7. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

8. Action Items

8.1 [Motion to approve revision and renaming of Board Policy 4321 – Advertising, Sponsorships, and Contests](#)

Approval of this motion would approve the revisions and renaming of Policy 4321 Advertising, Sponsorships, and Contests.

President Van commented on this item.

Director Holien returned to the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Vice President Alvarez moved to approve this item; Director Tidholm seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

8.2 [Motion to approve revisions to Board Policy 4330 – Use of School Facilities](#)

Approval of this motion would approve the revisions to Board Policy 4330 Use of School Facilities.

Vice President Alvarez commented on this item.

Director Holien moved to approve this item; Vice President Alvarez seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

8.3 [Motion to approve Resolution 04-26 – Washington Interscholastic Activities Association \(WIAA\) for the 2026-27 School Year](#)

Approval of this motion would approve Resolution 04-26, approving the delegation of authority to the WIAA for the 2026-27 school year.

Director Tidholm moved to approve this item; Vice President Alvarez seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

8.4 [Motion to approve Resolution 05-26 - Tyee High School Replacement Project – Acceptance of Building Commissioning Report](#)

Approval of this motion would adopt Resolution 05-26: Tyee High School Replacement Project - Acceptance of Building Commissioning Report.

Director Holien moved to approve this item; Vice President Alvarez seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

8.5 [Motion to approve Resolution 06-26, to issue non-renewal notices pursuant to a reduction in force to achieve a balanced budget and to properly staff District educational programs and departments](#)

Approval of this motion would approve Resolution 06-26 authorizing the Superintendent to direct action to implement the reduced educational program for certificated staff for school year 2026-27 and notify certificated non-supervisory staff adversely affected by the reduction prior to May 15, 2026.

Director Espinoza asked a question on this item, answered by Sara Baker, Executive Director of Human Resources.

Director Holien moved to approve this item; Vice President Alvarez seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

8.6 [Motion to approve Resolution 07-26 - Authorizing the District to sell the Property Located at 18330 4th Ave S, Burien, WA to Millennial Builders LLC](#)

Approval of this motion would approve Resolution No. 07-26 authorizing the sale of the District property and approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Millennial Builders LLC for the sale of the property located at 18330 4th Ave S, Burien, WA, for the purchase price of \$725,000, and authorize the

Superintendent to execute the agreement and take all necessary actions to complete the transaction, including conveyance of the property. I further move to authorize the Superintendent to review and approve reasonable adjustments to the purchase price, if necessary, based on findings during the Buyer's due diligence period (including but not limited to utility easements or related site constraints), provided such adjustments are supported by documentation and determined to be in the best interest of the District.

President Alvarez asked a question on this item, answered by Superintendent Duran.

Director Tidholm moved to approve this item; Director Holien seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

8.7 [Motion to approve Highline Public Schools Student Proficiency & Growth Assessment System](#) *(Revised since introduction)*

Approval of this motion would approve the contract with Curriculum Associates i-Ready for a one-year contract in the amount of \$532,763.08 (tax exempt; Professional Learning is subject to WA sales tax under ESSB 5814).

Directors asked questions on this item, answered by Superintendent Duran and Sarah Chandler, Director of Research and Assessment.

Vice President Alvarez moved to approve this item; Director Tidholm seconded. This motion passed by a vote of 3-1-1. President Van, Vice President Alvarez, Director Tidholm voted yes; Director Holien voted no; Director Espinoza abstained.

8.8 [Motion to approve Contract with Garland for Replacement of Roofs at Original Beverly Park and Puget Sound Skills Center](#)

Approval of this motion would approve the contract with Garland/DBS, Inc. for roof restoration at Original Beverly Park and Puget Sound Skills Center in the amount of approximately \$1,805,220, plus applicable taxes and a 15% contingency allowance (approximately \$270,783), for a total authorization of approximately \$2,076,003. I further move to authorize the Superintendent or designee, the Executive Director of Capital Planning & Construction, to execute the contract and approve change orders within the approved budget.

Director Holien moved to approve this item; Vice President Alvarez seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

9. Introduction and Action Item

10. Introduction Items

10.1 [Motion to approve Board Resolution 08-26, Requesting that the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction approve three \(3\) waiver days for the purpose of student-led and family-teacher conferences](#)

Approval of this motion would approve Resolution 08-26 for a three-year waiver request from the 180-day school year requirements for three (3) days for 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 school years for the purpose of student-led and family-teacher conferences.

10.2 [Motion to approve the first Amendment to ILA 01-26 - Interlocal Agreement for Partnership and Cooperation between Highline Public Schools and Port of Seattle](#)

Approval of this motion would approve the First Amendment to ILA 01-26 for partnership and cooperation between Highline Public Schools and the Port of Seattle.

10.3 [Motion to approve Purchase Order Increase for First Student, Inc., Contract Addendum for the 2025-26 School Year](#)

Approval of this motion would approve the purchase order increase of \$263,259.79 with First Student Inc., for the non-renewable contract addendum which supported prior urgent staffing needs.

Directors Alvarez and Espinoza asked questions on this item, answered by Clare Gloede, Executive Director of Foundational Support.

10.4 [Motion to approve a Multi-Year Contract with Copiers Northwest](#)

Approval of this motion would approve a 5-year contract with Copiers Northwest

10.5 [Motion to approve Revised Tyee High School Replacement Project – Grant of Easement to Highline Water District](#)

Approval of this motion would approve granting the revised easement with Highline Water District for the Tyee High School Replacement Project.

10.6 [Motion to approve Closeout of Sylvester MS Emergency Floor Repair CP260067](#)

Approval of this motion would approve the final acceptance and closeout of the Sylvester MS Emergency Floor Repair, CP260067.

Director Alvarez asked a question about this item answered by President Van.

11. Call for Additions to the Upcoming Consent Agenda

Director Holien asked to move items 10.5 and 10.6 to the consent agenda.

Vice President Alvarez stated that she wanted to add item 10.4 to the consent agenda.

After clarification from staff, Director Alvarez and Director Holien removed their motions.

Director Holien made a motion to move items 10.4, 10.5, and 10.6 to the consent agenda; Vice President Alvarez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn

Director Tidholm moved to adjourn the meeting; Vice President Alvarez seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The May 6, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously at the Regular Board meeting on May 20, 2026.

Joe Van

Joe Van (May 21, 2026 11:28:48 PDT)

President, Board of Directors

Ivan Duran

Ivan Duran (May 21, 2026 11:55:00 PDT)

Secretary of the Board