

BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on November 10, 2020, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Mason provided a land acknowledgement.

RECOGNITION

The board recognized two outstanding Everett Public Schools seniors who have been named as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Cascade High School's Ethan Kuntz and Everett High School's Reed Fowler join approximately 16,000 other students across the nation who also qualified for this prestigious honor. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of United States' high school seniors who achieved the highest scores on the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT).

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a district update from Dr. Saltzman with a reminder to the community to work together to be safe, wear masks and social distance. He also thanked veterans for their service and congratulated the board for being awarded Board of Distinction. He gave a special thank you to teachers, students, principals and staff for the great work they have been doing for months during this pandemic. He then [shared a video](#) created by Gateway Middle School's 8th grade symphonic choir.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Mitchell thanked veterans including Directors LeSesne and Nicholls and her niece and nephew. She shared information from her WSSDA legislative call. Director Berg shared her experience with the Sequoia Instructional Review (IR) and brainstorming on how to continue to engage students. Student Representative Hussein shared events at Everett High School that helped things feel "normal" for a bit. Director LeSesne shared her visit to North Middle School and how beautiful it looks. She also attended a couple of IRs and appreciated seeing the growth in schools who use their data to improve. She congratulated Special Services staff for the amazing work they are doing. Student Representative Pilch-Bisson shared Jackson High events and a student task force for social-emotional learning she is helping create. Director Nicholls congratulated the national merit scholars. Director Mason also shared about IRs and how valuable it has been for directors to participate.

HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

HEARD THE SPECIAL SERVICES PROGRAM REVIEW

The board of directors was provided [a presentation](#) overviewing the special services program which included enrollment information, program models, academic outcomes, parent engagement strategies and COVID-19-related planning updates.

HEARD THE COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM UPDATE

The board of directors heard [a presentation](#) on the comprehensive sexual health curriculum which included a review of Washington state laws and Washington state learning standards related to sexual health education, review of district instructional materials and an update on district actions toward instruction consistency and communication.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. Watch school board meeting video via [Vimeo](#) or [YouTube](#).

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