

# BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on November 24, 2020, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director Berg provided a land acknowledgement.

## RECOGNITION

There was no recognition this evening.

## HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a district update from Dr. Saltzman with a thank you to our teacher's union and how he enjoyed a recent 'trivial pursuit' event with union members. He also acknowledged Thanksgiving will be much different than previous years. He personally thanked the entire community of educators and community leaders for their support during this time with a reminder that together we are united during the most challenging time in our nation, not only in public health, but in public education. He then shared a message to our students; "we love you; we care about you and we want you to be safe out there with your families."

## SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Mitchell thanked those who are staying safe and close to home during the Thanksgiving holiday. Student Representative Hussein shared events at Everett High School, including the annual food drive which raised \$1,000 and 3,000 pounds of food to donate to families in need. She also shared the ASB's concern with student wellness and will update at a future meeting. Director LeSesne shared attending the Instructional Review (IR) at Monroe Elementary and thanked Principal Heather Paddock for the work she is doing there. She then shared she attended the Parent Leadership Training Institute to provide a perspective on how a school board works. Director Berg shared her experience with the Heatherwood IR. Student Representative Pilch-Bisson shared Jackson High events including takeaways from the first social-emotional student meeting which was well attended. She then thanked the board for the opportunity of being a student representative. Director Mason thanked teacher Meg Adams for being the force behind the Everett HS food drive. All the directors shared highlights from the WSSDA virtual conference they attended, as well as both *Let's Connect* virtual events. Director Mason added she loves these events and is grateful for the feedback. She thanked Dr. Saltzman for giving our district these opportunities for community engagement.

## HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

## HEARD THE NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS UPDATE

The board of directors was provided [a presentation](#) overviewing the district's implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) during remote learning.

## HEARD THE FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

The board of directors heard [a presentation](#) on the fourth quarter financials. The finance department also provided details on the general operating fund, year-to-date expenditure and revenue activity, a projected ending fund balance, a cash report, and an investment summary. The fourth quarter fiscal activity was not typical for this time of year because of COVID-19. While in 100 percent remote learning, several general fund operational costs were significantly reduced, in addition, multiple cost saving measures were put in place to prepare for the significant economic downturn. The increase in the ending general fund balance will help offset the significant state funding cuts anticipated in 2020-21.

## HEARD THE FISCAL OUTLOOK FOR 2020-2024

The board of directors was provided [a presentation](#) overviewing the district's multi-year fiscal outlook for the district's general fund. One year ago, the Fiscal Outlook 2019-24 presentation emphasized the result of

reduced state funding for salaries and inequities of the state levy formula and the district would need to utilize reserves and make budget cuts for the next two fiscal years. The onset of COVID-19 has had a devastating economic impact on all levels of government, including an estimated state budget shortfall of \$4.3 billion.

#### **APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2021**

The board of directors was **presented** with and asked to approve the **[draft 2021 legislative priorities](#)** to use with legislators beginning with the legislative session January 11, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

#### **Nondiscrimination statement**

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