

# BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on April 20, 2021, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The meeting began with a moment of silence for our beloved Athletics and Activities Director Robert Polk, who passed away a week ago.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Director Nicholls provided a land acknowledgment.

## **RECOGNITION**

There were no recognitions this evening.

## **HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The school board heard a district update from Dr. Saltzman. He shared he was happy to be back in person for the board meeting. He shared his thoughts about Robert Polk and what a great man he was. This week is Volunteer Appreciation Week and we really appreciate our volunteers. Tomorrow is Administrative Professionals' Day, and they really make the system work.

## **SHARED BOARD COMMENTS**

Student representative Pilch-Bisson shared her first day back at school yesterday and how things feel like they are starting to get back to normal. She, too, appreciated Mr. Polk. Student representative Hussein talked about Mr. Polk and that she will miss him and his support. Director Berg is appreciative of being in person to see people, and talked about the secondary students back in person this week. She expressed amazement with the work of the teachers. The news of the Derek Chauvin verdict today was hard, but she is proud the board stood for what is right and has from the beginning. There is no doubt where the district stands. Director Nicholls also expressed condolences to the Polk family and commented on the mixed emotions of the verdict today. He stated that is ok, and that is expected. This is a victory for social justice but there is still work to do. Director Mason shared the joy of bringing back secondary students and the pain of losing Robert Polk. She appreciated the planning that went into bringing back students.

## **HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments this evening.

## **HEARD THE COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE READINESS UPDATE**

The board of directors was provided [an update](#) on the college, career, and life readiness indicators, which also highlighted the intersections of college, career, and life readiness indicators with social-emotional learning, post-secondary planning, and graduation pathways. College, career, and life readiness (CCLR) have been a key priority area for Everett Public Schools for several years. Coordinating and aligning CCLR practices across the district has helped to provide greater equity to our students, regardless of their socioeconomic status, program, race or ethnicity. Continuously monitored, the indicators serve as a metric for readiness in each of these areas and guideposts to stimulate improvement.

## **HEARD THE SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE**

The board of directors heard [a presentation](#) on the second quarter financials including detailed information on the general fund year-to-date expenditure and revenue activity, a projected ending fund balance, a cast report, and an investment summary. The second quarter fiscal activity was not typical for this time of year due to the ongoing effects of COVID and remote learning.

## **REVIEWED PROGRESS ON BOARD GOALS**

The board reviewed and discussed a draft report of [progress on board goals](#) for 2020-21 developed during its summer 2020 workshop.

## HEARD FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY 0010

The board of directors heard the first reading of newly-proposed [Policy 0010](#), Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. A second reading and adoption will be recommended at a future board meeting. This is not a required policy, but was requested through work with district staff, the community, and the Equity and Access Advisory Council (EAAC). The EAAC played a key role in the development and content of this work. The board asked for more specific inclusion of disability in the policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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<https://vimeo.com/539689514>

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/GUw79lg25GU>

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