

BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on May 25, 2021, 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

There were no recognitions this evening.

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a district update from Dr. Saltzman. He acknowledged the upcoming Memorial Day in honor of fallen service men and women. He shared there will be a COVID vaccination clinic for all students age 12 and up at Evergreen Middle School on June 9.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Student Representative Pilch-Bisson mentioned she is looking forward to welcoming the new student representative this evening. Director Mitchell is pleased with upcoming commencement ceremonies. Director Nicholls is proud we are able to provide the COVID vaccination clinic for our community. He also mentioned Memorial Day and to spend time with your family to recognize our time is limited and we need to make the most of it. Director LeSesne participated in the exit conference for our audit last week and is grateful for the staff that do such a great job with our finances. The audit was clean with no findings. She thanked Student Representative Amina Hussein for her service to the school board, but is excited for the new student representative. Director Mason attended the audit exit conference as well and was pleased with the great outcome. She also participated in the presentation of the superintendent scholar awards and shared what an amazing group of students they are.

HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two public comments today. The first comment was related to middle school PE classroom size and the request to address the issue during current negotiations. The second comment was related to legislative issues which included decreasing board member length, not putting school measures in the Spring Special Elections and avoiding conflict of interest like participating in other organization's leadership.

PROGRESS TO GRADUATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

The board of directors was provided a [presentation](#) on the progress to graduation for the class of 2021. Each high school has engaged students in preparation for graduation and is working to ensure each senior is making necessary progress toward on-time graduation and College and Career Readiness in June or August. The board will hear a status report on the class of 2021 with specific information about the strategies and interventions taking place to help students meet graduation requirements and how school staff are implementing emergency waivers of graduation requirements for students in this class who have demonstrated post-secondary readiness.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The board of directors was asked to approve the selection committee's nominee, Binta Kolly of Cascade High School, for appointment as student representative to the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors beginning with the September 7, 2021 regular board meeting, to serve in accordance with Policy 1140 until June 2023.



APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1254, ACADEMIC AND STUDENT WELL-BEING PLAN

The board of directors heard a [presentation](#) on the Academic and Student Well-being Recovery Plan and were asked to approve [Resolution 1254](#). The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has developed a standardized format for all school districts to follow in order to create an academic and student well-being recovery plan for summer and fall 2021. This report must be accepted by board resolution prior to being submitted to OSPI by June 1, 2021. This presentation provided the board with information about the aspects of [the plan](#) and an opportunity for discussion prior to approval of Resolution 1254, Academic and Student Well-Being Plan. The board unanimously approved the resolution.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 2123, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The board of directors heard revisions to [Policy 2123](#) Health and Physical Education Program as a first reading. Second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future meeting. Senate Bill (SB) 5395, passed by the legislature in 2020, requires all K-12 public schools to provide comprehensive sexual health education to all students by the 2022-23 school year. As defined in the bill, comprehensive sexual health education is recurring instruction in human development and reproduction that is medically accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive of all students. The bill also defines instruction for grades K-3 as social and emotional learning (SEL) that is consistent with Washington's SEL Standards and Benchmarks. Instruction for grades 4-12 will continue to include HIV/AIDS prevention, as the AIDS Omnibus Act is also still in place. Parents continue to have the ability to opt their children out of comprehensive sexual health education instruction

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Watch it online at Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/555264610> or YouTube: <https://youtu.be/XJaNagyoZk4>.

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