

BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on December 14, 2021, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director LeSesne provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss potential litigation.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Senator June Robinson administered the Administration of Oath of Office for reelected board members Caroline Mason and Tracy Mitchell. The board then nominated, voted and elected officers for the 2022 calendar year. Director LeSesne was elected president of the board. The elected board vice president is Director Mitchell, and the board parliamentarian is Director Mason.



RECOGNITIONS

The school board awarded Dr. Saltzman with a game ball signed by former Seahawk Steve Largent. It was in recognition for his work during the pandemic and the great progress he has made in the district since he got here. He has done exceptional work.



HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a [district update](#) from Dr. Saltzman who talked about current issues regarding Instagram, a recent robotics tournament and food drives and the district receiving the Preparedness Champion Award from the Snohomish Health District.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Mason met some of the Cascade High students collecting for the food drive and shared it was impressive and impactful to see the students put so much effort into it. Director Nicholls congratulated the two board members sworn in tonight and for the newly elected officers. Student representative Kolly said CHS has collected a lot of food and tomorrow is food delivery day. She agreed with Dr. Saltzman's comments about the social media threats and hoped people take it more seriously what they post on social media. Director Mitchell shared how important it is all students have a path – you just need to keep moving forward. Director Berg is happy to see things moving back to normal in the schools. The social media threats are very disconcerting, and she shared with parents the notion of “nice” kids not having issues. All kids need to be heard and listened to. Director LeSesne thanked all the board members and student representatives

for the time they commit to the students. She thanked all the staff for making the system go like clockwork. Take the break to rest and recharge.

HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

HEARD THE FISCAL OUTLOOK 2021-25

The board of directors was provided [an update](#) on the year-to-date use of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding. In addition, the budgeted general fund 4-year projection has been updated based upon an updated beginning fund balance and revised economic outlook.

APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2022

Each year the board of directors prepares a set of legislative priorities primarily for use with legislators. The board reviewed a draft set of 2022 priorities at the November 30 meeting. Adjustments have been made and the [revised 2022 priorities](#) were presented for approval. The 2022 Legislative Priorities were approved as written.

HEARD FIRST READING OF REVISIONS TO POLICY 3221 STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 3221](#), Student Publications. Proposed revisions are to clarify that prohibitions on student speech are limited to acts that “incite” rather than “advocate” the violation of law. This clarification reflects the standard specified in the Washington New Voices Act. Second reading and adoption are recommended at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

The regular board meeting video from 12/14/2021 has been uploaded and is available on Vimeo and YouTube.

- Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/657135112>
- YouTube: <https://youtu.be/KKnw1SMAMIE>

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