

BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on February 8, 2022, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

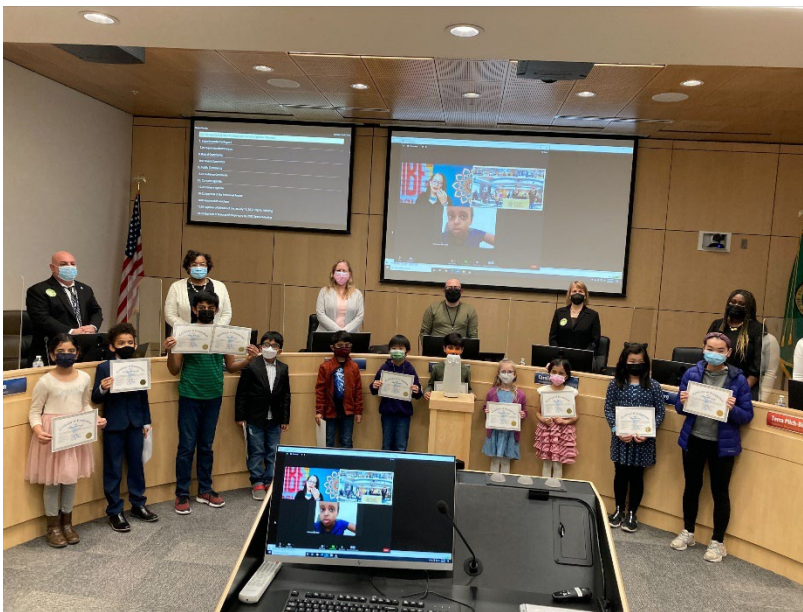
The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director Nicholls provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITIONS



This year, the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee held a community celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and NAACP Black History Month on January 16. As part of the celebration, students are invited to submit essays and art for the 21st annual Prodigies for Peace competition. Student work is judged by members of the community. Students earning first, second, third, and honorable mention awards in each grade band and each

creative category are honored for their inspirational works at the community celebration. This year, [Everett Public Schools had seven winners for their essays and 14 winners for their artwork.](#)

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a [district update](#) from Dr. Saltzman which included Counselor Week, Black History Month, CTE month and robotics at Eisenhower.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Berg was excited to see the amazing students at the meeting tonight. She acknowledged Black History month and challenged people to dig deeper than famous quotes but look at some of the real things that might make you a little more uncomfortable. Director Mitchell shared how nice it is to feel like things are getting a little back to normal. She also acknowledged women's heart month. Director Nicholls read a quote about America from a favorite author. Director Mason congratulated Prodigies for Peace winners. She participated in the booster clinic a few weeks ago and shared huge kudos to Nurse Johnson. She also acknowledged it is election night and is looking forward to hearing positive results after 8 p.m. Student representative Pilch-Bisson

reflected how much easier it has been in the remote environment to investigate and explore new ideas. She wants to not let getting back to normal stop that progress. Student representative Bolly shared the adjustment to second semester. Director LeSesne reminded everyone they had 2 more hours to drop off their ballot. She attended the WSSDA and WASBO conference virtually. One topic was about seeking to listen and understand individuals, which is highly important.

HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments this evening.

HEARD THE BUDGET DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The board was provided a [presentation](#) of the timeline for, and progress towards, the development of the 2022-23 operating budget. The next budget update will be on March 22.

APPOINTED A BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The board discussed the selection of a board representative to be on the panel that interviews and appoints the student representative to the board. Student Representative Terra Pilch-Bisson, a senior at Jackson High School, was selected for a two-year term and will graduate this June. Cascade High School junior Binta Kolly will serve one more year. Student Representative Pilch-Bisson's replacement will be a student at Everett High School. Interviews are scheduled to be conducted in April. After a brief discussion the board chose Director Mason to be on the selection committee.

HEARD FIRST READING OF PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 2325, PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

The board of directors heard proposed deletion of [Policy 2325](#), Public Performances. The proposed deletion is at the recommendation of legal counsel. Policy 2325 and Policy 4322, Public Performances, have the same title and nearly identical language and more than one version of this policy is not needed.

HEARD FIRST READING OF REVISIONS TO POLICY 5320.8, LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 5320.8](#), Leaves of Absence without Pay, with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions are from WSSDA and include language related to the Governor's Proclamation 21.14 requiring K-12 staff to be vaccinated against COVID or obtain a medical or religious exemption. Revisions would address the possibility of staff returning from leave that would still need to comply with the Governor's vaccine mandate.

HEARD FIRST READING OF REVISIONS TO POLICY 6220, REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 6220](#), Requirements for Bids and Contract, with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions are the result of findings from the district's 2021-22 Local Agency Procurement Review and are recommended by OSPI based on federal regulations that are not currently referenced in our policies and procedures.

HEARD FIRST READING OF REVISIONS TO POLICY 6230, RELATIONS WITH VENDORS

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 6230](#), Relations with Vendors, with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting.

Proposed revisions are the result of findings from the district's 2021-22 Local Agency Procurement Review and are recommended by OSPI based on federal regulations that are not currently referenced in our policies and procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The regular board meeting video from 2/8/2022 has been uploaded and is available on Vimeo and YouTube.

- Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/675510963>
- YouTube: <https://youtu.be/NespomeRtco>

Nondiscrimination statement

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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Section 504 Coordinator – Dave Peters, 425-385-4063, DPeters@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213

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