

BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on May 24, 2022, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

Director LeSesne led a moment of silence in honor of the families suffering in Uvalde, Texas.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director LeSesne provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITIONS

The Jackson High School Chamber Orchestra performed for the board.

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard an [update](#) from Dr. Saltzman including statements on the tragic school shooting in Texas and the grocery store shooting in Buffalo. He then thanked the Jackson High Orchestra for their performance, congratulated the Everett PTSA Council for receiving Council of the Year, commented on the success of last week's Community Resource Fair, and sent good luck wishes to all the athletes going to state.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Mitchell shared she attended the district's closing audit and it went very well. She also corrected an article from The Herald last week with regards to school board salaries and shared what she learned attending a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion workshop at a local hospital. Director Nicholls thanked the JHS orchestra and said he is looking forward to graduations and welcoming the new student representative to the board. Director Mason shared all the things happening this time of year to celebrate and she thanked everyone for the hard work. She feels fortunate to be able to celebrate alongside everyone. Director Berg shared her experience as a guest speaker at Jackson High School in the AP government and AP Human Geography classes talking about her role in government. Student representative Pilch-Bisson apologized for not being at the last board meeting because she had COVID. She reminded the group the virus is still going around and the importance of taking precautions. She also reported Jackson students are working hard on AP exams and the SBA and congratulated students for almost being done with exams. She also shared this was her last board meeting as a student representative and it has been a special time to learn about how a district operates under crisis and it has been a big honor. Director LeSesne congratulated the PTSA Council on their award and mentioned she also attended the audit. She thanked the many people involved and also thanked the JHS chamber orchestra for their performance.

HEARD PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three public comments tonight. One was a student member commenting on the importance of having an athletic trainer and needing one at Everett High School. Another was a staff member commenting on contract negotiations the district is in with the EAEOP union. And, lastly, a community member commented on recognizing high school student achievement.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSED THE LENGTH OF DIRECTOR ELECTION TERMS

Originally, school districts located in a first-class county and which contained a first class city within their school district boundaries were authorized to have six-year terms for members of their board. When the legislature removed the classification of counties by class, the statute was

changed to allow school districts in a county with a population of more than 210,000 and which contained within their boundaries a first class city to have six-year terms for members of their board (former RCW 29.13.060). After several amendments over the years, in 2009, Everett School District board of directors supported passage of SB 5327 making technical corrections to re-affirm six-year school director terms in Everett, Tacoma, and Spokane School Districts.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The board of directors approved the selection committee's nominee, Alice Gilbertson of Everett High School, for the appointment as student representative to the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors beginning with the September 13, 2022 regular board meeting, to serve in accordance with Policy 1140 until June 2024.

HEARD FIRST READING OF K-12 VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS ADOPTION

The board of directors was provided a [presentation](#) and [recommendations](#) on the K-12 visual and performing arts adoption. Since October of 2021, Academics Office staff have been working toward a recommendation of new instructional resources to best support student learning and achievement in K-12 Visual Arts. In a process following [Policy](#) and [Procedure 2311](#), an instructional materials review committee was formed to evaluate materials according to the required criteria outlined in [Procedure 2311P](#). Staff presented the recommendations for K-12 Visual Arts to the Instructional Materials Committee, which then recommended these materials to the superintendent for his review and referral for consideration by the board of directors for adoption. If adopted for district use, these materials will be implemented in September 2022. The estimated cost for the K-12 instructional resources is \$270,000. The cost is budgeted as part of the Academics Office 2021-22 Instructional Materials budget.

HEARD FIRST READING OF REVISIONS TO POLICY 3111 ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 3111](#), Entrance Qualifications. Proposed revisions are to comply with changes to the total instructional hour requirements for kindergarten in [WAC 180-16-200](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

The regular board meeting video from 5/24/2022 has been uploaded and is available on Vimeo and YouTube.

Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/713749307>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/T9y-VEIxxk>

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