

# BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on October 25, 2022, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Student Representative Gilbertson provided a land acknowledgment.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a [district update](#) from Dr. Saltzman including Instructional Reviews (IRs), the October 14 Learning Improvement Day, and the Puget Sound Festival of Bands.

## SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Hirman thanked Director Nicholls for advocating to the legislature on behalf of the school district. She also acknowledged Christopher (Topher) Ferriera and staff for the reunification drill. She loved the RULER training the district had on October 14. Let's Connect, High School and Beyond and ThoughtExchange and other opportunities to engage families is great. Director Mason congratulated the 2 National Merit Scholar finalists from Jackson High School and shared the importance of High School and Beyond days. She appreciated being part of the North Middle School IR and the RULER training. Director Mitchell attended a couple of IRs and really enjoyed seeing the collaboration. She participated in a Let's Connect, as several other directors did, and the RULER training and shared what she is learning. Student Representative Gilbertson shared about the robotics meet in Kent and how great it was, as well as the Everett High homecoming week. The tailgating and football game was wet but fun, and the homecoming dance was really nice. Student Representative Kolly said it has been a great start to the school year. Football season has been nice, and is almost over. Homecoming week was back to normal which was very exciting. Director LeSesne appreciated the RULER day and the view that we all have different perspectives about what injustice might be. She shared gratefulness for the district for providing flu and COVID shots at the CRC. She also intended several IRs and found them very informative.

## HEARD PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two public comments this evening. The first comment was from a parent of an elementary school student who shared her concern about elementary school recess times and her perception that recess time was reduced this year. The second speaker was a parent of a middle school student who shared her concern about incidents against her student that have been reported and how it is affecting him.

## HEARD THE ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTATION

The board of directors was provided a [presentation](#) on 2022 assessment data, including trend, comparison and gap data. In addition, leading indicators were shared including the iReady fall diagnostic results and end of unit common assessments. In the spring of the 2020-21 school year, the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in English Language Arts (ELA) and math and the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) were rescheduled to the fall of the 2021-22 school year. Substantial, temporary changes were made to the state assessments to meet both the federal accountability requirements and provide time to address social emotional needs in the classroom. These assessments were shortened, and extended response items and performance tasks were eliminated. In addition, students took the assessment based on their grade in the 2020-21 school year. It should be noted these assessments came 12-16 weeks following instruction in the standards and that gap was largely the summer break. In the spring of 2022, students took the SBA in ELA and math and the WCAS in their current grade level. This test was shortened but included extended response and performance tasks. The data points shared, therefore, include three versions of the SBA in ELA and math which vary in length and composition. This is important data nonetheless to understand our students' progress and learning needs. When combined with other assessments such as the i-Ready diagnostic and common end of unit assessments, educators develop a clear picture which can guide instruction and intervention where needed.

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

The board meeting video from 10/25/2022 has been uploaded and is available on Vimeo and YouTube.

Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/764185229>

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/-PpD5TzY7kk>

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