

BoardNotes

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

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President LeSesne led a moment of silence for the Ingraham High School community who lost a student to gun violence today.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President LeSesne provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION

Principal Lance Balla helped the board recognize two outstanding Everett Public Schools seniors named as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Abhinandan Basak and Jasmine Jumpawong of Henry M. Jackson High School join about 16,000 other students nationwide who qualified for this prestigious honor. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of United States' high school seniors who achieved the highest scores on the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT).

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard a [district update](#) from Dr. Saltzman including the Guaranteed Admission Program, School Board of Distinction award and a reminder to vote.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Nicholls reminded people to vote and hoped people have their power back on. Director Mason shared she attended the EHS High School and Beyond event and enjoyed the great interactions that took place. She attended the instructional review at Madison and loved seeing the growth there over the years. Director Hirman attended the Play and Learn at Sequoia last week and thanked Anne Arnold and her team for the work being done with the our youngest learners. Student Representative Kolly shared about the FunFest and the sports seasons changing. She shared how the GAP program is helping many students. Student Representative Gilbertson shared the disappointment the school had no power yesterday, and appreciated the High School and Beyond event. Director LeSesne again recognized the National Merit Scholars. She talked about the importance of fine arts and music in recognition of National Pianist Day.

HEARD THE TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT

The board of directors was provided a [technology spotlight](#). As part of the work of the 2022 Capital Technology Levy, an update to the comprehensive integrated [technology plan](#) was completed. The Learning and Information Technology Services team, in partnership with the Technology Advisory Council and stakeholders, updated the strategies in each goal area including the alignment to the Strategic Plan and to coincide with the six-year 2022 levy. The implementation of a comprehensive technology plan will lead students and staff to acquire the knowledge, attitude, and skills to adapt to the emerging needs of a changing world. This presentation provided the board an overview of the six goal areas and next steps with implementation.

APPROVED THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Each year the board of directors prepares a set of legislative priorities primarily for use with legislators. The board was provided a presentation on the [2023 draft legislative priorities](#) for the 105-day regular session beginning on January 9, 2023. Directors had an opportunity to discuss and revise legislative priorities. Director Nicholls noted these are also federal issues, not just state legislature and these priorities will gain the most traction when they are used to address certain bills. The board discussed possible edits for 20 minutes and asked the cabinet make a new draft of the document.

At 6:13 p.m. the public board meeting adjourned and the board moved to a closed executive session.

The board meeting video from 11/08/2022 has been uploaded and is available on Vimeo and YouTube.

Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/769042701>

YouTube:

https://youtu.be/0H_5n6qOH5k

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