

# BoardNotes

During its regular meeting on April 25, 2023, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

President LeSesne provided a land acknowledgment.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard [an update](#) from Dr. Saltzman, which included a congratulations for Jackson High robotics, kindergarten enrollment, Administrative Professionals' Day and more.

## SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Student Representative Kolly started by sharing Cascade just had their 3rd annual multicultural night and Alice in Wonderland runs this weekend. They also opened the Cascade clothes closet. Director Mason attended the Everett Community College breakfast and appreciated the student stories. She mentioned four of the board members attended the WASSA D.A.1. regional meeting earlier this week. Director Nicholls committed to replying to the View Ridge families that have emailed him. Director Hirman shared about Earth Day activities and gave a thorough legislative update. Director Mitchell took a professional development class, required for board members, on belonging and really appreciated the learning. She is pleased so many students are getting college acceptance letters and big life decisions can be challenging but exciting. Director LeSesne attended the annual Everett Police awards and acknowledged the citizen commendation award Dr. Bustamante received. She also loved Jackson High's lip-dub day and supported Cascade High cheer at the Applebee's fundraiser last weekend.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There were four public comments this evening. The comments were from three parents and a student and were all regarding the change of boundary for View Ridge Elementary.

## DISCUSSED BOARD ANNUAL GOALS 2022-23 PROGRESS REPORT

The board was presented a [draft report](#) of progress on board goals for 2022-23 developed during its summer 2022 workshop. Following the presentation, they had a discussion and were in agreement with the document.

## HEARD THE FIRST READING OF THE AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CURRICULUM ADOPTION

The board heard [a presentation](#) of the AP Environmental Science Curriculum adoption. Since August 2022, staff have been working toward a recommendation for adoption of new instructional resources to best support student learning and achievement for AP Environmental Science. In a process following Policy 2311 and Procedure 2311P, an instructional materials review committee was formed to evaluate materials. Staff presented the recommendations for AP Environmental Science materials 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. The recommended AP Environmental Science instructional materials are Bedford, Freeman and Worth's Environmental Science for the AP Course, Fourth Edition, Copyright 2023. If adopted for district use, these materials will be implemented September 2023. The estimated annual cost for the AP Environmental Science instructional resources is \$16,000. The cost is budgeted as part of the Academics Office 2023-24 instructional materials budget.

## **HEARD A SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE SCIENCE CURRICULUM**

The board heard [a presentation](#) on the Environmental & Climate Science Curriculum. Climate science can be defined as the effort by humans to understand the natural forces that control the climate. Environmental and climate science are a part of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and our science curriculum and learning activities provide students with opportunities to authentically engage in learning about these systems in order to interpret evidence and make projections about how Earth systems will evolve in the future. The presentation highlighted where environmental and climate science occurs in our system.

## **HEARD PROPOSAL OF 2023-24 OF BOARD TRAVEL**

The board was requested to approve the proposed 2023-24 board travel schedule. Annually the board of directors and the superintendent develop board meeting and board development plans. Board policies provide for the continuing education, training and development of the board, and authorization for travel reimbursement of board members and the superintendent. The conferences are routine and customary for board and superintendent travel. *Board approval does not necessarily mean that any or all directors or the superintendent will attend the conferences.* From time-to-time board members and/or the superintendent may need to attend other conferences and events requiring travel approval. Director Nicholls asked the board not to add undue costs to the district and be fiscally conservative and lead by example. Director Mason stated some are more important than others, and not all directors attend so asked the proposal to be approved so there is still an option to attend. They discussed the importance of professional development, especially for newer directors. After much discussion, the board travel proposal passed.

## **FIRST READING OF POLICY 3230, STUDENT PRIVACY**

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 3230](#), Student Privacy, for a first reading with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions separate the search language from the student privacy language.

## **FIRST READING OF POLICY 3231, SEARCHES OF STUDENTS AND THEIR PROPERTY**

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 3231](#), Searches of Students and Their Property, for a first reading with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions move all search language to Policy 3231. This includes moving the search language from Policy 3230, Student Privacy, and moving the language from Policy 3232, Searches of Lockers, Desks and Storage Areas to Policy 3231.

## **FIRST READING OF PROPOSED DELETION OF POLICY 3232, SEARCHES OF LOCKERS, DESKS AND STORAGE AREAS**

The board of directors heard proposed deletion of [Policy 3232](#), Searches of Lockers, Desks and Storage Areas for a first reading with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Because a separate policy is not necessary, the language from Policy 3232 would move to Policy 3231, Searches of Students and Their Property.

## **FIRST READING OF POLICY 1140, STUDENT REPRESENTATION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 1140](#), Student Representation to the School Board, for a first reading with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions include the addition of language that allows student representatives to provide the board with advisory votes on agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The board meeting video from 4/25/2023 has been uploaded and is available on Vimeo and YouTube.

Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/821136854>

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/t50HPkLAKbk>

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