



During its regular meeting on May 23, 2023, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:
The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director Mitchell provided a land acknowledgment.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITIONS

The school board recognized four students who received medals in the 2023 National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, two of whom will be going to Carnegie Hall for a national ceremony in June. The medal winners are Callia Park, Gateway Middle School, Silver Medal for art titled *Is That All?*; Celina Escamilla, Everett High School, Gold Medal for art titled, *Silence*; Jaila Croff, Everett High School, Silver Medal for art titled, *Bound*; Haneen Al-Ankushi, Cascade High School, Gold Medal for art titled, *Old Fashion*.

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard [a presentation](#) about current happenings in the district including the May 31 Let's Connect, student scholarships, community events and more.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Mitchell shared she is excited to attend the Emerson Multicultural event Thursday night. Director Hirman expressed appreciation for the PTA event last week. Director Nicholls shared his appreciation for the artists recognized tonight and encouraged them to continue. Director Mason attended her first Multicultural Night last week and enjoyed seeing the engagement and fun in the school. Student Representative Kolly mentioned there is SBA testing this week and there are fun end-of-year events. Student Representative Gilbertson took the WCAS today and they did the EHS lip-dub last week which was a great school-wide event. Director LeSesne attended Eisenhower's Multicultural Night and really enjoyed the event and the food! At Woodside she participated in a family fitness festival and the students showed great talent! They learned about fitness and healthy eating.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one public comment tonight from a parent from Hawthorne Elementary. He expressed his safety concerns about schools and asked for more security in the schools.

HEARD THE SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT SEMINAR

The board was presented a [brief overview](#) of Advanced Placement (AP) Seminar, a yearlong course offered to students in grades 10-12 and the first of two courses in the AP Capstone program. AP Seminar encourages students to demonstrate critical thinking, collaboration and academic research skills on topics of the student's choosing. In this course, and its partner course, AP Research, students learn to establish perspectives and make connections to real-life issues.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Policy 1140, Student Representation to the School Board provides for two student representatives to be appointed by the board of directors to an advisory only voting position. The purpose of the policy is to foster an environment whereby student views may be voiced, and students may listen to and evaluate the opinions of others. The student representatives are expected to increase directors' awareness of students' views, as well as to communicate the perspectives of the board and understanding of district policy to the students. A committee established by the superintendent to select a student for board appointment has completed its work and nominated Will Kink, a sophomore at Jackson High School for appointment as a student representative to the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors through June 2025, filling the slot vacated by Binta Kolly, a graduating senior from Cascade High School. The nomination of Will Kink was presented to the board for approval and was unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF POLICY 4207, REGULATION OF FIREARMS AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 4207](#), Regulation of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons on School District Property, for a first reading with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions clarify that a person with a concealed weapons permit may carry a weapon on school property, but only outside of school buildings, or when picking up/dropping off students, or when attending a board meeting off-campus. This clarification aligns with [House Bill 1630](#) (2022), which is now incorporated in [RCW 9.41.280\(3\)\(e\)](#).

FIRST READING OF POLICY 5131, HIRING OF RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

The board of directors heard proposed revisions to [Policy 5131](#), Hiring of Retired School Employees, for a first reading with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions correct an error noted by WSSDA. Specifically, in a few places, the policy stated, "one calendar year" when it was supposed to state, "one calendar month".

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

The board meeting video from 5/23/2023 has been uploaded and is available on Vimeo and YouTube.

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