

BoardNotes for staff

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING



During its regular meeting on June 13, 2023, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 5 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director Hirman provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITIONS

The school board recognized the retiring student representative to the board, Binta Kolly. Representative Kolly has completed her two years serving the board and is graduating from Cascade High School.

HEARD THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard [a presentation](#) about current happenings in the district including the annual senior grad walks, the retirement celebration, summer learning and more.

SHARED BOARD COMMENTS

Director Hirman started by talking about the retirement celebration and shared they have had several great meetings with local legislators in the last two weeks. She visited the Bezos Academy in Everett yesterday and encouraged other directors to attend. She ended by sharing a big congratulations for all graduates. Director Nicholls thanked Binta for her service and also congratulated the graduates. Director Mason then shared about legislative visits and commented on Hawthorne's great garden. Additionally, she appreciated the Robert Polk memorial walk/heart event, as well as the recent art shows. She also said she participated in more mock interviews, which is one of her favorite things to do. Student Representative Kolly is excited about her

Thank you,
Binta Kolly!



Student Representative
Cascade High School Class of 2023

commencement Saturday and thanked the board for the great opportunity she was given. Student Representative Gilbertson shared about the Everett High Field Day which they haven't had for several years. She also talked about her CTE class "Engineer Your World" and how that has helped form her future path. Director LeSesne attended the athletic awards night and congratulated them for their healthy lifestyle and great academics. She thanked the coaches for the mentorship and added she was there to honor our retirees and appreciates all they have given for students and the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were 9 public comments, two were about [Policy 4207](#), three were about sustainability and four were about staffing reductions, specifically reduction of the assistant principal at Jackson Elementary School.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved, except item 10.13, Adoption of Policy 4207, was pulled from the consent agenda and was moved to new business for further discussion and clarification.

HEARD THE 2023-28 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

The board was given [a presentation](#) on the [2023-28 Everett Public Schools Affirmative Action Plan](#) and progress. This plan fulfills the requirement of [WAC 392-190-0592](#) that all school districts adopt an affirmative action plan or program that includes appropriate provisions designed to eliminate discrimination.

APPROVAL OF EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

The board was provided [an update](#) on the work of the district's Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) and was requested to approve the [Everett Public Schools Commitment to Sustainability](#) developed by the committee. The SAC was formed in October 2022 and asked to recommend to the superintendent a strategic-level resolution or policy statement reflecting our district's aspirations for integrating sustainability in its various forms in our operations, programs and decision-making processes. This was done in response to school board comments during its August 2022 board summer planning workshop which included a request the superintendent develop and bring to the board a belief statement on the district's commitment to sustainability. The committee was also asked to propose high-level priorities for sustainability in our district and how this will improve student learning. The commitment was unanimously approved.

SECOND READING OF POLICY 4207, REGULATION OF FIREARMS AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY – PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

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\(3\)\(e\)](#). After discussion, the board asked to table the discussion upon conversation with legal counsel.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

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