

BoardNotes for staff



Traci Mitchell



Jen Hirman



Charles Adkins



Caroline Mason



Roman Rewolinski



Alice Gilbertson



Will Kink

Student representatives



MEETING OPENING

During its regular meeting on December 12, 2023, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 4:30 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director Mason provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE – DIRECTOR JEN HIRMAN



The first regular meeting in December is the board of directors' annual organization meeting. Jen Hirman has been reelected to the board. Senator John Lovick administered the oath of office to Director-elect Hirman.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE – DIRECTOR CHARLES ADKINS



Snohomish County Treasurer Brian Sullivan administered the oath of office to Director-elect Adkins.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND PARLIAMENTARIAN

The first regular meeting in December the board of directors nominates and elects by roll call vote a president, vice president and parliamentarian to serve during the ensuing year. The president is Director Traci Mitchell, vice president is Director Hirman, parliamentarian is Director Adkins. Director Hirman will continue in her role as legislative representative, which is a two-year term.

RECOGNITION – NOVEMBER CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS



Every month, three schools will recognize their Core Value Champion at a school board meeting. Tonight, the board recognized the November Core Value Champions for Equity from Emerson Elementary– Zaedyn Tuuamalemallo, Jefferson Elementary – Sophina Davenport, and Evergreen Middle– Khloe Ivey.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard the [superintendent report](#) which included robotics, music award, story time with Saltzman and more.



BOARD AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Student Representative Kink welcomed the new board members and shared he was pleased to see students being included on more advisory councils. Student Representative Gilbertson shared she and Will are on the sustainability advisory council and looking forward to it and also welcomed the new board member. Director Rewolinski congratulated the new board member. Director Mason welcomed Director Adkins. She attended the community leader luncheon and shared the format was very engaging and people learned about the work of the district. She acknowledged the employees in the room make the district run and thanked them for the work they do. Director Adkins thanked those who elected him and shared a bit about his background and the work that

needs to be done to serve our indigenous students. He passionately shared the plight of native children and himself, and that Cocoon House helped get him off the street and to Everett High School. Director Hirman welcomed Director Adkins and shared she attended three Instructional Reviews last week. Director Mitchell thanked Director Adkins for his message.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were four public comments from Everett Public Schools staff who appeared in person and spoke about SEIU negotiations and there was one online comment from a parent who spoke about antisemitism and Islamophobia in the schools.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Hirman shared the legislative update. The legislative session starts January 8. She spoke about School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) enhancement, the possibility of requiring computer science classes, staff to student ratios and more. The legislative work sessions recordings are available on their web pages. Our [2024 legislative priorities are posted on our website](#) so community and staff can see what our priorities are with the legislators.

AGENDA

CLASS OF 2024 PROGRESS TO GRADUATION

The board was provided [an update](#) on the class of 2024 progress to graduation including strategies and interventions taking place to help students meet graduation requirements. It included the announcement our graduation rates increased by two points to 94.8 percent.

FISCAL OUTLOOK 2023-27

The board was provided [an update](#) on the budgeted general fund four-year projections; updates have been made based upon a final beginning fund balance and revised enrollment outlook.

POLICY 6220, REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS

The board of directors heard a proposed revision to [Policy 6220](#), Requirements for Bids and with second reading and adoption to be recommended at a future board meeting. Proposed revisions reflect input from the State Auditor's Office (SAO) and the Washington Association of School Business Officials (WASBO). The revisions specify that school boards must have entered into agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation Act before making any purchase utilizing those special terms. The revisions also clarify information about procurement using federal funds. The updates also incorporate provisions from [HB 1086](#) Local Government Contracting-Community Service Organizations regarding the community service organization exception to competitive bidding laws for public works.

POLICY 6605, STUDENT SAFETY RIDING SCHOOL BUSES

The board of directors heard a proposed revision to [Policy 6605](#), Student Safety Riding School Buses, with second reading and adoption at a future meeting. Proposed revisions are to comply with [WAC 392-151-025](#) regarding suggested safe route plans to school. In addition, language has been added to the procedure clarifying student conduct expectations on buses and the disciplinary procedures that may occur.

POLICY 6700, FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

The board of directors heard a proposed revision to [Policy 6700](#), Food and Nutrition Program, with second reading and adoption at a future meeting. Proposed revisions are to comply with [HB 1238](#) School Meals-Variou Provisions, which makes school meals free for all students regardless of their socioeconomic background. Districts must provide the meals at no charge to the student and without consideration of the student's eligibility for a federally reimbursed free or reduced-price meal. Meals provided under this section must be nutritiously adequate and qualify for federal reimbursement under the school lunch program or the school breakfast program, and students are not eligible for more than one meal in a meal service period.

POLICY 6959, ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED PROJECT

The board of directors heard a proposed new [Policy 6959](#), Acceptance of Completed Project first reading with second reading and adoption at a future meeting. This new policy aligns with state statute pertaining to public works contracts that receive state funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ON VIMEO & YOUTUBE

The board meeting video from 12.12.2023 has been uploaded and is available on [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#).

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