

BoardNotes for staff



Pam LeSesne



Traci Mitchell



Caroline Mason



Jen Hirman



Roman Rewolinski



Alice Gilbertson



William Kink

Student representatives



MEETING OPENING

During its regular meeting on November 28, 2023, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 4:30 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director Hirman provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION - 2023 ART EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS



The Washington Art Education Association (WAEA) announced their 2023 Art Educator of the Year award winners, with two of the six educators from Everett Public Schools (EPS). Andrea Aguilera,

art teacher at Jefferson Elementary School was named Elementary Art Educator of the Year and Tami Coffman, visual and performing arts facilitator P-12, was named Supervision and Administration Art Educator of the Year.

RECOGNITION – OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER



The board of directors honored the contributions of outgoing board member Pam LeSesne and shared their appreciation and gratitude for her service. She has been on the board since 2011.

[Superintendent Saltzman's introduction](#)

[Director Pam LeSesne's farewell comments](#)

[Recognition video and summary of 12 years of service](#)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard the [superintendent's report](#) which included a curriculum adoption, AP honor roll and the end of the milk shortage.



BOARD COMMENTS

Director Mitchell shared some memories and gratefulness for Director LeSesne. She noted the passion Director LeSesne has for the arts and how it has formed much of what we have in the district today. She also shared the WSSDA conference was a very good time to welcome Director-elect Atkins and become more acquainted. Director Hirman said it has been a true honor to work with Director LeSesne. She also enjoyed WSSDA and the theme of focus and keeping the goals at the forefront and appreciated the Everett team's great presentation on cybersecurity. In addition, she attended the Monroe Elementary Instructional Review (IR). Director Mason valued the time at WSSDA and welcoming the two new board members. She shared the word "integrity" to define the 12 years of Director LeSesne's service. Director Rewolinski acknowledged he hasn't known Director LeSesne very long but could see she has been a force for good and encouraged her to continue to be that force for good. He appreciated the collaboration at the WSSDA conference.

Student Representative Gilbertson appreciated being at the WSSDA conference as well. It was a great opportunity, especially hearing Erin Jones. She shared the Everett High food drive was a great success and the Winter Wonderland is Friday December 1. She thanked Director LeSesne for being so supportive. Student Representative Kink said the WSSDA conference gave him the opportunity to network with a lot of people and appreciated the district doing well with including student voices and hope we can continue to do more. At Jackson they are decorating the school to make the last three weeks festive and support their annual food drive. He congratulated Director LeSesne for her retirement and thanked her for her positive energy. Director LeSesne thanked Brian Beckley for his cybersecurity presentation at WSSDA. She also said Erin Jones (motivational speaker) and Dana Miles (Washington teacher of the year) should be speakers at the school district.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two public comments. There was a parent and a student who both spoke about North Middle School lunches being too short.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Hirman shared the legislative update which contained information about the upcoming session which begins January 8. One topic of great interest is the capital gains tax bill which provides new funds the state will be able to keep and will be used for education. Some of these funds are intended for early learning. Other bills we anticipate include one that would advance salaries for paraeducators. There is also a bill that would require a computer class and there will be an effort to remove the special education cap as well. There are many bills of interest we will continue to watch. We cannot plan or predict any additional funds for anything until the session is over.

AGENDA

FINE ARTS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION

The board was presented a [brief overview](#) of how our fine arts programs help students to inspire, achieve and thrive. Starting with our earliest learners in our pre-k programs through our high school AP arts, students have an opportunity to engage in a variety of programming through music, visual arts and drama. These opportunities help to support core learning and connect directly with our priority student outcomes of ensuring students are prepared to succeed in college and career, as well as strengthening student wellness, engagement and safety.

FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

The board of directors was provided a [status report](#) for each fund which included the most current fiscal activity by summary accounts. The presentation included more detailed information on general fund year-to-date expenditure and revenue activity, a projected ending fund balance and more.

REVIEW MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The board was presented monthly [budget status](#) reports for September and October 2023. This included the most current fiscal activity by summary accounts in state form F-198. In addition to the required document, the finance department provided more detailed information on general fund (operating fund) year-to-date expenditure and revenue activity, a projected ending fund balance, a cash at County report, and an investment summary.

MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ON VIMEO & YOUTUBE

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