

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 14, 2023, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 4:30 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Director Mitchell provided a land acknowledgment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION – CORE VALUE CHAMPION

Every month, three schools will recognize their Core Value Champion at a school board meeting. Tonight, the board recognized the October Core Value Champions for Learning from Jackson High School – Alice Fu, Cedar Wood Elementary School – Samanvi Kurra, and Jackson Elementary School – Jordyn Reese.



RECOGNITION – NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Six outstanding Everett Public Schools seniors have been named as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Rahul Bonthu, Alice Fu, Stephanie Lee, Jaelen Oh, Kovindh Singh, and Tiger Sun of Jackson High School join about 16,000 other students nationwide who qualified for this prestigious honor. Semifinalists represent less than one percent of United States' high school seniors who achieved the highest scores on the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT).



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard the [district update](#) about conferences, recognition of a Silver Lake teacher, the upcoming holiday and more.



BOARD AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Director Mitchell congratulated the new board members and thanked the CTE students for the great appetizers before the meeting. Director Hirman thanked the voters for electing her to the board. Director Mason appreciated the Veterans Day assembly she attended and also the collaboration the board has had with board of directors from other districts. Student Representative Kink congratulated the new board members. He talked about the Veteran's Day assembly. Student Representative Gilbertson is looking forward to the WSSDA conference this weekend. Everett High is conducting their food drive right now and it is a great bonding event. Director LeSesne talked about the impact of RULER and how it is making an impact. She was at the Veteran's Day Assembly led by second graders, and it was amazing. She congratulated the national merit scholar semifinalists and the October Core Value Champions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were six public comments related to the SEIU bargaining.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Hirman shared school construction funding will be an ongoing conversation in the state. Later this month State Representative Mary Fosse will be touring two of our schools.

AGENDA

TECHNOLOGY PLAN UPDATE

The board was presented [an update](#) in the six goal areas of the district's technology plan and next steps including implementation. As part of the work coinciding with the passage of the six-year 2022 levy, the learning and information technology services team in partnership with the Technology Advisory Council and stakeholders updated the strategies in each goal area of the integrated technology plan including the alignment to the strategic plan. The implementation of a comprehensive technology plan will lead students to acquire the knowledge, attitude and skills to adapt to the emerging needs of a changing world.

CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION

The board was presented a [brief overview](#) of how Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares students for post-secondary training and successful careers, by ensuring that all students explore and develop professional skills that will open pathways to opportunities. Students explore potential careers through Career Connected Learning, which weaves together school-based learning, extended learning and work-based learning.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

The board of directors was provided [an overview](#) of the educational specifications for the Jackson Elementary School replacement project along with a review of the schematic design plans developed for this project. The board was asked to approve the educational specifications as prepared by Dykeman Architects and district staff. A committee of Jackson Elementary School and other district staff was formed to assist in the creation of this document, which will be used by NAC Architecture in designing the Jackson Elementary School replacement project. Approval of the education specifications is part of the process to establish eligibility for state match funding through the OSPI School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP). The board approved unanimously.

REVIEW DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2024

The board was presented draft 2024 [legislative priorities](#) for the 60-day regular session beginning January 8, 2024. Directors had an opportunity to discuss and propose revisions to the draft legislative priorities in preparation for approval of these at their November 28, 2023, regular board meeting. Each year the board of directors prepares a set of priorities for its use in advocacy with legislators during the upcoming state legislative session. The legislative priorities were approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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