

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 April 23, 2024, 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 – MARCH CORE VALUES

Every month, three or more schools recognize their Core Value Champion at a school board meeting. The theme for March was Diversity, and tonight the following were recognized: Port Gardner K-12 Parent Cooperative honored Nolan Wallace, View Ridge Elementary School honored Jane Panasik, and Heatherwood Middle School honored Adalyn Johnson.



RECOGNITION – MAYOR'S ART AWARD

Tonight, the board recognized Sara Coiley, theatre teacher at Everett High School, as the recipient of the 2023 Mayor's Arts Award from the City of Everett. Ms. Coiley was selected by both the mayor of the City of Everett and the Everett Cultural Arts Commission. The Mayor's Arts Awards

recognize the many ways a vibrant arts community is created and sustained. Each year, the Cultural Arts Commission gives out several Mayor's Arts Awards to people or organizations that have made Everett a better place through their creative efforts, vision, or patronage. The Everett Cultural Arts Commission is composed of volunteer commissioners who are appointed by the mayor.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard the [superintendent's report](#) which included April recognitions and upcoming family events.



BOARD AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Student Representative Kink reported Jackson High's robotics making it to Nationals. He spoke to students in elementary schools, and they want to make sure to still have full recesses. Student Representative Gilbertson said today was the spring pep assembly at Everett High and the spirit was amazing. It is a very busy month for seniors. A reminder to seniors, if you are going to Everett Community College (EvCC), the FAFSA is due soon. Director Rewolinski shared he has learned a lot this month. He enjoyed the multicultural nights. Director Mason enjoyed seeing the Everett High students vs. staff as well as the Everett High auction, which raised a lot of money for the school. Director Atkins attended the WA State annual Indian education conference which was a great experience. He toured a school-based health center and saw an ECEAP classroom. Director Hirman also visited the ECEAP classroom at Lowell and was impressed with all they were learning. Director Mitchell went to the EvCC Foundation breakfast and shared the message that life doesn't happen in a straight line, which is an important life lesson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were two public comments. The first one was a parent who asked there be no religious songs allowed to be sung in the school choir curriculum. The second speaker was from the PTA, sharing the PTA legislative priorities.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no legislative update this evening.

AGENDA

MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

The board was provided a [monthly budget status report](#) for each fund including the most current fiscal activity by summary accounts in state form F-198. In addition to this required document, the report provided more detailed information on general fund (operating fund) year-to-date expenditures and revenue activity, a projected ending fund balance, a cash at County report, and an investment summary. This information was summarized in a March 2024 financial presentation, based upon the companion consent agenda item, Acceptance of the Financial Reports as of March 31, 2024.

DRAFT BOARD 2023-24 ANNUAL GOALS PROGRESS REPORT

The board was provided an opportunity to review and discuss a [draft report of progress](#) on board goals for 2023-24 developed during its summer 2023 workshop. This draft progress report was presented for board consideration and possible adjustments prior to additional review and approval by the board in August.

REVIEW DRAFT CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN 2024-29

The board of directors heard information on key topics related to the district's [Capital Facilities Plan](#) (CFP) update process currently underway between district and Snohomish County staff. These key topics include information about CFPs and the update process itself as well as current and future school impact fee amounts and future facility needs. Adoption of the district's CFP 2024-29 is anticipated to be on the June 25, 2024 regular board meeting agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The board was provided an overview of [communications activities](#) for 2023-24, community engagement activities, and a look at upcoming projects. Everett Public Schools' communications department methods have evolved to meet changing audience expectations and the changing educational and social environment. Although many of the same tools are used, how they are used is constantly being modified. The presentation focused on ways communications has met the communication needs of the 2023-24 school year.



RE-NAMING OF EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The board of directors heard a request to approve a proposal brought forward by the Everett High School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to name the library at Everett High School after [Larry E. O'Donnell](#). The Everett High School PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of education at Everett High School. Larry is an esteemed alumnus of the class of 1955 and is a well-known and beloved local historian and author of several books including *Everett School District – The First 100 Years*.

APPROVAL OF EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REVISION

The superintendent requested board consideration and approval of a [revised version](#) of the district's Land Acknowledgement as follows: *We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this area, the sduhubš* people, and their successors, the Tulalip Tribes. Since time immemorial, they have hunted, fished, gathered on, and taken care of these lands and waters. We respect their sovereignty, their right to self-determination, and honor their sacred spiritual connection with the land and water. In Everett Public Schools, we strive to create equitable outcomes and build a culture of inclusive belonging for all students, teachers, staff, and community.*

*(Lushootseed pronunciation of *sduhubš*: *sdoh-HOHBSH*). The motion passed with a four-to-one vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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