

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 May 28, 2024, 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 - APRIL CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS

The board recognized three Core Value Champions for the month of April, and the theme was Learning. The following students were recognized: Forest View Elementary, Ava Del Castillo, Monroe Elementary, Bethel Dawit, and Gateway Middle School, Camilla Santana.



RECOGNITION - WASHINGTON STATE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR AWARD WINNER



The board recognized Dhiya Kumaraguru, a fourth-grade student at Tambark Creek Elementary School, who earned the first-place trophy in Biomedical and Health Sciences (BMED) category and the Best of Category Award for each grade for her research project titled "Evaluating the Efficacy of Diverse Stress Alleviation Techniques: A Comprehensive Study in Children and Adults" at the 67th Annual Washington State Science and Engineering Fair

(WSSEF). In addition, she was awarded WSSEF 2024 special awards (grades 1-8): Origami Math and Science Award; and the Navy League of the U.S. Bremerton/Olympic Peninsula Council STEM Award -Medicine and Health Award.

RECOGNITION - NATIONAL PTA JAN HARP DOMENE DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AWARD RECIPIENT

The board recognized the Mill Creek Elementary School PTA as a recipient of the 2024 Jan Harp Domene Diversity and Inclusion Award, which honors PTAs for outstanding efforts in ensuring the perspectives and needs of all communities are heard and represented, as well as efforts to end discriminatory practices. Mill Creek Elementary School PTA has dedicated its efforts to fostering an inclusive school community. Despite socio-economic shifts and challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, they have prioritized accessibility, offered free events and programs, and provided language support for diverse families. The PTA's support for LGBTQ+ families, increased social media presence, and multilingual volunteer efforts have further enhanced inclusivity in their school community. Mill Creek Elementary School PTA has set a high standard for and remains steadfast in its commitment to diversity, inclusion, and outreach.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board heard the [superintendent's report](#), which included state athletic events, athletic director award, graduations and more.



BOARD AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Director Hirman shared that Senator June Robinson visited the dual language program at Emerson Elementary. The Snohomish County Economic Alliance update was today and they talked about the importance of school districts connecting with industry and recognized our partnership.

Director Adkins attended Everett High multicultural night and really enjoyed it. Director Rewolinski enjoyed the Economic Alliance panel and how our CTE programs are accessible to everyone. He shared he was very impressed with the financial audit that occurred last week and how we have a culture of excellence. Student Representative Gilbertson shared about the multicultural night. She also attended the WASA awards and was awarded the Student Leadership Award. Student Representative Kink shared Jackson High is getting a new principal and appreciated the group interviews being done, but expressed a hope that in the future student leaders could be involved. Director Mitchell spoke about the WASA awards last week and shared that Alice Gilbertson, Betty Cobbs and Mimi Brown all received awards. She congratulated spring athletes and superintendent scholars.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Hirman reiterated we did advocate for dual language programs, so it was nice to have Senator Robinson see ours at Emerson. Also, WASDA update meetings continue monthly. Last month they discussed MSOC and those meetings are available for the board online.

AGENDA

APRIL 24 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 finance department provides 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. This information is summarized in an April 2024 financial presentation, based upon the companion consent agenda item, Acceptance of the Financial Reports as of April 30, 2024.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Policy 1140, Student Representation to the School Board provides for two student representatives to be appointed by the board of directors to an advisory-only, non-voting position. The purpose of the policy is to foster an environment whereby student views may be voiced, and students may listen to and evaluate the opinions of others. The student representatives are expected to increase directors' awareness of students' views, as well as to communicate the perspectives of the board and understanding of district policy to the students. A committee established by the superintendent to select a student for board appointment has completed its work and nominated **Vanessa Covarrubias**, a sophomore at Sequoia High School for appointment as a student representative to the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors through June 2026, filling the slot

vacated by Alice Gilbertson, a graduating senior from Everett High School. The board of directors is presented with the nomination for approval.

POLICY 2124, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND MEDIA LITERACY

The board of directors heard a proposed revision to [Policy 2124](#), Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy, with a second reading and adoption at a future meeting. Proposed revisions are from WSSDA in consultation with the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Advisory Group and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The widespread use of AI is rapidly changing the classroom experience for students and teachers across Washington state. As educators find themselves at the forefront of this technological revolution, guidance and resources released by OSPI are designed to support the responsible and ethical adoption of AI in classrooms.

POLICY 3245, TECHNOLOGY

The board of directors heard a proposed revision to [Policy 3245](#), Technology, with a second reading and adoption at a future meeting. Proposed revisions are from WSSDA in consultation with the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Advisory Group and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The widespread use of AI is rapidly changing the classroom experience for students and teachers across Washington state. As educators find themselves at the forefront of this technological revolution, guidance and resources released by OSPI are designed to support the responsible and ethical adoption of AI in classrooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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