

# BoardNotes for staff



Traci Mitchell



Jen Hirman



Charles Adkins



Caroline Mason



Roman Rewolinski



William Kink



Vanessa Covarrubias

*Student representatives*



## MEETING OPENING

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors did the following:

The meeting opened at 4:30 p.m.

### CALL TO ORDER

Board President Mitchell called the meeting to order as she announced special visitors, the NJROTC's Color Guard.



### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lt. William Mapp, who leads the Color Guard, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Vice President Hirman read the land acknowledgment.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

All in attendance went into the lobby for a special presentation by the NJROTC.

## RECOGNITIONS





# CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS FOR OCTOBER

## RECOGNITION – CORE VALUE CHAMPION

Three schools recognized their Core Value Champions. The board recognized the October Core Value Champions for Learning from Penny Creek Elementary School – Alina Baranova, Hawthorne Elementary School – Fatima Flores, and Heatherwood Middle School – Sofia Sulca Galvez.



## RECOGNITION – NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Six Everett Public Schools seniors have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Sudhir Chebiyyam, Dhruv Deshpande, Shreya Karthik, Nidhi Krishna, Whittaker Perrin, and Advait



Roopesh 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 with the highest scores on the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT).



## RECOGNITION – JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Jackson High School recently completed its accreditation process through the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD), earning its 6-year AESD Accreditation status. The Northwest Educational Service District 189 Superintendent presented the school's leadership team with a plaque.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board received the [superintendent's report](#), highlighting our CTE program, the design renderings for Jackson Elementary, generous community gifts, and the celebration of Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The report concluded by acknowledging our school board's recognition as a "Board of Distinction."



## BOARD COMMENTS

At the November 12 board meeting, the School Board of Directors made the following comments:

**Director Jen Hirman** expressed appreciation for our schools' work in recognizing veterans, mentioning a conversation with a veteran who had personal ties to Jackson Elementary. She also noted her attendance at instructional reviews for Cedar Wood and Jackson Elementary and looked forward to the annual achievement presentations on the agenda.

**Director Charles Adkins** reported attending an instructional review and participating in the WSSDA government task force, where he received updates on the "Since Time Immemorial" curriculum implementation.

**Director Caroline Mason** had no new updates to report.

**Director Roman Rewolinski** was not present at the meeting.

**President Traci Mitchell** attended the Instructional Review for Tambark Creek Elementary and highlighted the school's academic excellence and support for its diverse community, particularly with our multilingual learners. She also mentioned working with Director Hirman on preparations for the WSSDA state conference, where they will present the district's CTE program and its role in preparing students for college and career success. She shared her appreciation for the valuable contributions Dr. Boten and Dr. Anderson will bring to the upcoming presentation.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

**Will Kink** expressed gratitude for Veterans Day and acknowledged the impressive assemblies held across all school levels, highlighting Jackson High School's event with outstanding band, choir, and orchestra performances. He mentioned recent meetings between student leaders and Mr. Beckley to discuss AI integration and teacher involvement, sharing his excitement about AI's potential as an educational tool. He also expressed his appreciation for the upcoming Thanksgiving break.

**Vanessa Covarrubias** reported little had changed since her last update but noted the success of Running Start presentations and the new cell phone policy. She emphasized the value of ParentSquare, sharing that her mother finds it helpful for staying informed about school events.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were two public comments, one regarding the Puget Sound Festival of Bands and the other regarding advocacy for Native American families in our district.

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## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Nothing to report.

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## AGENDA

### STRATEGIC PROGRESS MONITORING

In the spring of 2024, Everett Public Schools administered the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts and Math, along with the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science. The Annual School Stakeholder survey is also completed by students, staff, and families each spring. This [board report](#) provided an in-depth analysis of the 2024 assessment data, featuring trend analysis, comparative studies, student growth metrics, and achievement gap analysis. Additionally, the presentation will highlight relevant insights from stakeholder survey perceptual data. A key focus of this presentation is demonstrating how our district leverages both achievement and perceptual data to drive strategic decision-making. Through "analysis to action" examples, we will showcase how building leaders and educators across the system utilize data to enhance student support systems and guide targeted investments. These examples illustrate the direct impact of data-driven practices on improving educational outcomes and resource allocation throughout the district.

### NEW BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2025

The board was presented with the [proposed 2025 legislative priorities](#) for the state biennial 105-day legislative session beginning January 13, 2025. Each year, the board of directors prepares a set of priorities for use in advocacy with legislators during the upcoming state legislative session. With suggested edits incorporated, the board approved the 2025 legislative priorities.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

### MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ON VIMEO & YOUTUBE

The board meeting video from November 12, 2024, has been uploaded and is available on [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#).

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