



# **BoardNotes for staff**

Summary of December 12 school board meeting

## **MEETING OPENING**

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 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 and announced special visitors, the Gateway Middle School choir.

### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Director Adkins read the land acknowledgment.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**



## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

All in attendance heard a special presentation by the Gateway Middle School choir.

## ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND PARLIAMENTARIAN

At the first regular meeting in December, the board of directors nominates and elects by roll call vote a president, vice president, and parliamentarian to serve during the ensuing year. The president is Director Traci Mitchell, the vice president is Director Jen Hirman, Director Roman Rewolinski is Legislative Representative. The board will no longer have a parliamentarian.

## RECOGNITIONS



## CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS FOR NOVEMBER

### RECOGNITION – CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS

Three schools recognized their Core Value Champions. The board recognized the November Core Value Champions for Collaboration from Jackson Elementary School – Kellen Therres, Silver Lake Elementary School – Ronny Lofgren, and Eisenhower Middle School – Chloe Wu.

Go to [www.everettsd.org/Celebrations](http://www.everettsd.org/Celebrations) and look at all the students recognized for their dedication to equity!





## RECOGNITION – BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Jackson High School basketball coach Steve Johnson has been selected for induction into the Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association (WIBCA) Washington State Coaches Hall of Fame. This honor recognizes his commitment to the sport and his impact on student-athletes.

[Read news release.](#)

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board received the [superintendent's report](#), highlighting the district's commitment to the RULER framework and how the framework is being implemented and seen in action in our schools to support emotional intelligence and social-emotional learning.



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## BOARD COMMENTS

At the December 10 board meeting, the School Board of Directors made the following comments:

**Director Roman Rewolinski** appreciated the learning opportunities at the WSSDA conference last month and thanked staff for the comprehensive financial reports presented at this meeting.

**Director Caroline Mason** noted that this was her eleventh year attending the WSSDA conference. She particularly enjoyed the keynote speaker's insights on Artificial Intelligence in education. Additionally, she shared her positive impressions of the Instructional Review at Silver Firs Elementary, commending the school community.

**Director Charles Adkins** reflected on his time at the WSSDA conference and expressed appreciation for the breakout sessions.

**Director Jen Hirman** spoke about attending the WSSDA conference and highlighted the learning opportunities it provided. She also discussed her meeting with State Senator Robinson, where they shared the district's 2025 Legislative Priorities and learned about the upcoming legislative session.

**President Traci Mitchell** remarked on her time at the WSSDA conference, emphasizing the value of learning for the board and expressing gratitude for the knowledge gained.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

**Will Kink** highlighted the benefits of the upcoming winter break for students' mental health and praised the district-wide food and toy drives, with Cascade High School making a significant contribution. He also shared details from his recent meeting with State Senator Robinson, where they discussed educational funding and the potential deficit. Despite the challenges, he emphasized the importance of continued advocacy for improved funding.

**Vanessa Covarrubias** expressed appreciation for the high level of student involvement and participation this school year and shared her excitement for the winter break.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Director Roman Rewolinski acknowledged the board for voting him as the next legislative representative and stated that he looks forward to serving in this new role.

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## **AGENDA**

### **STRATEGIC PROGRESS MONITORING**

Seniors in the class of 2025 are approaching graduation. Each high school has engaged students in preparation for graduation and is working to ensure each senior is making necessary progress toward on-time graduation and college- and career-readiness in June or August. The board heard a [status report](#) on the class of 2025 with specific information about the strategies and interventions taking place to help students meet graduation requirements, how school staff are monitoring

progress of graduation pathways, and supporting students in achieving goals described in students' high school and beyond plans.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION – FOURTH QUARTER and SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Monthly budget status reports for each fund were provided to the board to include 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 this [final fourth quarter and September and October 2024 financial presentation](#), based upon the companion consent agenda items: Acceptance of the Financial Reports as of August 31, 2024, Acceptance of the Financial Reports as of September 30, 2024 and Acceptance of the Financial Reports as of October 31, 2024.

## **NEW BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 1317**

The board heard [a proposal](#) to develop a Capital Bond Planning Committee. The superintendent recommended that the board adopt [Resolution 1317](#), which provides instructions regarding the formation, instructions, and guiding principles of such a committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF POLICY 3300**

The board heard proposed revisions to [Policy 3300](#), Student Discipline, which are provided for first reading and adoption. The proposed revisions coordinate with OSPI's new emergency rules clarifying and updating [Chapter 392-400 WAC](#) (Student Discipline). The emergency rules are effective immediately, and the permanent rules are anticipated to be in effect by the 2025-26 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

## **MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ON VIMEO & YOUTUBE**

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