



MEETING OPENING

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Student Representative Kink read the land acknowledgment.

RECOGNITIONS



CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS FOR DECEMBER

RECOGNITION – CORE VALUE CHAMPIONS

Three schools recognized their Core Value Champions. The board recognized the December Core Value Champions for Collaboration from Tambark Creek Elementary School – Ariana Savovic, Port Gardner K-12 – Oliver Knuth, and Gateway Middle School – Grace Duarte.



RECOGNITION – SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Representatives of the Everett Education Association, Everett Public Schools Foundation, Everett PTSA Council, Everett Association of Educational Office Personnel, Everett Association of School Administrators, Everett Health & Security Association, Everett Association of Paraeducators, Everett Association of Professional-Technical Employees, and Everett Coaches & Extracurricular Association thanked the directors for their work and dedication on behalf of students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The school board received the [superintendent's report](#), highlighting the Let's Connect event on AI, electric school buses, and gifts and donations.



BOARD COMMENTS

At the January 28 board meeting, the School Board of Directors made the following comments:

Director Jen Hirman expressed appreciation for the recognition from the associations, EPSF, and PTSA Council as part of School Board Recognition Month. She also shared how much she enjoyed participating in senior mock interviews, noting how fun it was to review resumes and hear students' future plans.

Director Roman Rewolinski expressed gratitude for the recognition from the associations, describing his work on the board as a "labor of love."

Director Caroline Mason highlighted the theme of collaboration showcased during the recognition event, commending the strong partnerships between the board, associations, PTSA Council, EPSF, and staff that work together to support students.

Director Charles Adkins also thanked those who spoke and recognized the school board. He also expressed gratitude to Dr. Saltzman and staff for their efforts to keep all students safe.

President Traci Mitchell thanked the Business and Finance office for their work with the Washington State Auditor's Office and the FCC. She noted the FCC determined the district followed Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program rules and would not have to repay grant money. She also enjoyed participating in high school mock interviews and appreciated the evening's recognitions.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Will Kink thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as a student representative. He highlighted the impact of the College and Career Readiness Seminar (CCRS) in helping students stay on track for graduation and expressed appreciation for the superintendent's leadership.

Vanessa Covarrubias shared her gratitude for the way staff are integrating AI tools into education thoughtfully and effectively. She also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the board as a student representative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Rewolinski shared an update on the Legislative Session. His update included information on legislation addressing Special Education: Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs; and Transportation.

AGENDA

STRATEGIC PROGRESS MONITORING – CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The board received an [update on capital projects](#) funded from the 2022 Capital Levy and School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP). Additionally, an overview of the Capital Bond Planning Committee was provided.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION – FOOD & NUTRITION SPOTLIGHT

The board was provided a [spotlight presentation](#), which included an overview and program details about the district's 2023-25 Farm to School purchasing grant, awarded by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA), the At-Risk Supper Program, and internships partnership with Special Services' Gaining Ownership of Adult Life (G.O.A.L) programs. Content included information on meal service, parent and community partnerships, student achievement support, school kitchen improvements, and fresh/local food procurement made possible by the grant.

POLICY 1400S, MEETINGS SCHEDULE, PROPOSED NEW CALENDAR

In accordance with board Policy 1400, Meetings, a [proposed school board meeting schedule](#) for the 2025-26 school year is presented to the board of directors for first reading with second reading and adoption to be recommended at the February 11, 2025 regular board meeting. As much as possible, the meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month unless there is a holiday, winter break, spring break, summer vacation, or a conference that presents a conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ON VIMEO & YOUTUBE

The board meeting video from January 14, 2025, has been uploaded and is available on:

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<https://vimeo.com/1051568148>

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