Tacoma School District

Board Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday July 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM PDT

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will meet for a Business Meeting on the date and time above in the 4th Floor Auditorium at the Central Administration Building. All regular Board Business Meetings, Committee of the Whole, and Study Session meetings are open public meetings and everyone is encouraged to attend. Executive sessions are closed to the public. Public parking and the main entrance are located on the west side of the building at South G Street.

ACCOMMODATION

Persons requiring accommodations for a disability in order to attend a Board meeting (including the services of a sign language interpreter or those who want to speak at a board meeting but are advised not to attend in-person due to health risks) should contact the Board Office at 253.571.1443 before 4:30 p.m. at least three working days before the meeting to ensure that the District has time to implement appropriate accommodations.

NONDISCRIMINATION

Tacoma Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

- **Civil Rights Coordinator:** Tiffany Davis-Brantley, 253-571-1252, civilrights@tacoma.k12.wa.us
- **Title IX Coordinator:** Tiffany Davis-Brantley, 253-571-1252, civilrights@tacoma.k12.wa.us
- **504 Coordinator:** Elise Friedrich-Nielsen, 253-571-1085, efriedr@tacoma.k12.wa.us

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1357, Tacoma, WA 98401-1357.

INTERPRETER
Individuals requiring a language interpreter for a Board meeting for any language, other than a sign language interpreter, should contact the Board Office at 253-571-1443 before 4:30 p.m., at least three working days before the meeting to ensure that the District has sufficient time to identify an interpreter.

Agenda

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Strozier will call the meeting to order.

B. Flag Salute

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Land Acknowledgment

Tacoma Public Schools acknowledges that we are on the traditional ancestral and historical lands of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Puyallup Tribe. This acknowledgment serves as a first step in honoring our nearest tribal neighbors and partners who have inhabited this region since time immemorial, and to whom we give thanks for allowing us passage to their lands. We shall intentionally create inclusive and respectful partnerships that honor indigenous cultures, histories, identities, and sociopolitical realities.

D. Roll Call

General Counsel Gbenro will call the roll.

E. Adoption of the Agenda

President Strozier will call for a motion to amend the agenda or approve as presented.

II. Public Hearing

A. FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance.

B. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District will hold a public hearing regarding the 2025-2026 Budget. Anyone may appear and be heard for or against any part of the proposed 2025-2026 Budget. Approval of the resolution to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget will be voted upon during the "Other Business" section of tonight's Board meeting.

A.1 VERBAL COMMENT

A.2 WRITTEN COMMENT

A.3 CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

III. Recognition of Staff, Students, and Community

A. STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

A.1 JULY 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY
RCW 28A.150.050 and RCW 1.16.050

IV. Superintendent's Report

There is no Superintendent's report.

V. Staff Report to the Board

There is no staff report.

VI. Members of the Public Wishing to Address the Board

School Board members encourage public participation. Your civil input is appreciated. Board members will not respond to your comments during the meeting. The Superintendent or a designee will follow-up with you after the meeting if action is needed.

Instead of speaking at a meeting, you may also send an email to the board at board@tacoma.k12.wa.us. Please contact the Board Office in advance of the meeting for disability accommodations.

A. Public Comment Guidelines

Under **Board Policy 1430 - Public Comment**, the Board President may terminate an individual's comments when the allotted time has passed and may interrupt a speaker to require the same standard of civility that the Board imposes on itself. Examples of uncivil comments include comments that:

- Are libelous or slanderous under a legal standard;
- Are an unwarranted invasion of privacy;
- Are obscene or indecent pursuant to the Federal Communications Act or any rule or regulation of the Federal Communications Commission;
- Violate school district policy or procedure related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, or discrimination;
- Incite an unlawful act on school premises or violate a lawful school regulation;
- or Create a material and substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the Board meeting.

The Board as a whole has the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings and can maintain order by removing those who are disruptive. However, the Board recognizes the distinction between uncivil discourse, which it will not tolerate, and comments about the Board, district, and/or staff that are negative yet still civil in nature. The Board will exercise its authority to maintain order in a content neutral manner.

B. OPTION 1: VERBAL COMMENT

The General Counsel will call your name when it is your turn to address the school board. Please speak into the microphone. You may have up to three (3) minutes to share your comments or, if there are a large number of speakers, time may be limited at the President's discretion.

C. OPTION 2: WRITTEN COMMENT

The following members of the public have submitted written public comment:

VII. Consent Agenda

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting minutes for both the June 26, 2025 Business Meeting and the August 14, 2025 Board Retreat will be provided on the September 11, 2025 Business Meeting agenda.

B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the submission of one general certificate for authorization, and, if authorized, approve expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

D. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

There are no international travel requests.

E. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP FROM SILAS HIGH SCHOOL TO SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 26-29, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools for High School, recommends that the Board of Directors approve 54 students and 6 chaperones from Silas High School to participate in the San Diego Heritage Festival in San Diego, California from March 26-29, 2026. [Funding Source: ASB, fundraising, and families]

F. APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources recommends that the Board of Directors approve the personnel recommendations to the Superintendent for the July 10, 2025 Board Meeting.

G. OTHER

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARDS, GIFTS, OR DONATIONS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the included grants, gifts, or donations, and approve the expenditure of funds within accepted guidelines.

H. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

This is the vote to approve consent agenda items.

VIII. Policy Matters

There are no policy matters.

IX. Financial Report

The district's next regular monthly financial report will be presented on August 28,2025.

Monthly financial statements can be found on the district website at https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/businessandfinance.

X. Curriculum and Instruction

There are no curriculum and instruction items.

XI. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL OF WASHINGTON INFORMATION PROCESSING COOPERATIVE PURCHASE ORDER FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief Technology Officer, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Purchase Order agreement between Washington Information Processing Cooperative (WSIPC) and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the purchase of Microsoft licensing from October 1, 2025 - September 1, 2026 for an estimated cost of $367,366.46. [Funding Source: Technology Levy Fund]

B. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #4 TO THE DISTRICT'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TSD-21-092 WITH PARKS TACOMA AND THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, AND AMENDMENT #1 TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TSD-23-175 WITH PARKS TACOMA

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 4 to the MOU TSD-21-092 and its subsequent Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement TSD-23-175 which contributes an additional 200,000, for a total of $450,000, to the Larchmont Green Schoolyard project.

XII. Other Business

A. APPROVAL OF WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION (WIAA) MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the renewal of the WIAA Membership for the 2025-26 school year. [Funding Source: Athletics & Activities]

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2161: ADOPTING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2161 providing for the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget.

XIII. Closing Items

A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

August 14, 2025
5:30-9:00PM - Board Retreat

August 28, 2025
6:00PM - Business Meeting

September 11, 2025
6:00PM - Business Meeting

C. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier will adjourn the meeting.