Tacoma School District

Board Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday August 28, 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 STATEMENT

Tacoma Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, creed, religion, color, national origin, immigration or citizenship status, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, homelessness, disability, neurodivergence, 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, Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator, and Title IX Coordinator:
Tiffany Davis-Brantley

253-571-1252, civilrights@tacoma.k12.wa.us

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Laura Tuman
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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. Recognition of Staff, Students, and Community

A. STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

There are none this month.

B. RECOGNITION OF FIRST CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT EVANZ SULA

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Health Services, recommends that the Board of Directors recognize First Creek Middle School student Evanz Sula for his quick thinking and actions in support of his peer in a potentially life-threatening event.

III. Superintendent's Report

IV. Staff Report to the Board

There is no staff report.

V. 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:

VI. Consent Agenda

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
[Forthcoming]

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)

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors accept the June and July 2025 Unaudited Financial Reports as prepared by the Finance Department.

D. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-COUNTRY SERVICE AND STUDY TOUR REQUEST FROM SAMI, SOTA, AND IDEA TO KATHMANDU, NEPAL, JANUARY 5 - 28, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-country trip for 3 staff and 15 students from SAMI, SOTA, and iDEA to travel to Kathmandu, Nepal, from January 5 - 28, 2026. [Funding Source: Students, families, fundraising, and scholarships for qualifying students]

E. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

There are no field trip requests.

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 August 28, 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.

VII. Financial Report

The district's monthly financial report will be presented.

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

A. Financial Presentation

VIII. Policy Matters

There are no policy matters.

IX. Curriculum and Instruction

A. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-161 BETWEEN CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-161 between Central Washington University and Tacoma School District No. 10 for College in the High Schools Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

B. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-172 BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR UW IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-172 between University of Washington and Tacoma School District No. 10 for UW in the High School Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENT TSD-25-208 BETWEEN FRANKLIN PIERCE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Interdistrict Agreement TSD-25-208 between Franklin Pierce School District and Tacoma School District No. 10 to enable a cooperative swim program for the 2025-2026 school year.

D. APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT AGREEMENTS NO. TSD-25-179 THROUGH TSD-25-203 BETWEEN 25 PARTNERING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Co-Directors of Student Services, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Interdistrict Agreements No. TSD-25-179 through TSD-25-203 between 25 partnering school districts and Tacoma School District No. 10 from September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026.

X. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT TSD-24-167 BETWEEN NORTHWEST SPORTS OFFICIALS LLC AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #2 to Contract TSD-24-167 with Northwest Sports Officials LLC for stadium event support services in the amount of $122,000.00, increasing the total contract

value to $241,000.00 and extending the term through August 31, 2026. [Funding Source: Athletics & Activities budget]

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-143 BETWEEN OVERLAKE MEDICAL CENTER AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Co-Directors of Student Services, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Contract No. TSD-25-038 between Overlake Medical Center and Tacoma School District No. 10 for Special Education services for the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Student Services]

C. APPROVAL OF GROUND LEASE AMENDMENT FOR THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER SITE IMPROVEMENTS

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning & Construction, recommends that the Board of Directors approves the Ground Lease Amendment for the Eastside Community Center site improvements. [Funding Source: Tacoma School District No. 10 and Parks Tacoma]

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-062 BETWEEN CORNERSTONE GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10 FROM APRIL 15, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2028

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning and Construction, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-062 between Cornerstone General Contractors and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the Whittier Elementary School Replacement Project in the amount of $3,151,159, excluding sales tax. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

E. APPROVAL OF THE GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #1 BETWEEN KORSMO CONSTRUCTION AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10, AUGUST 5, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2029

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning and Construction, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Amendment #1 between Korsmo Construction and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the Synthetic Fields, Track, and Tennis Court Upgrades Bundle 2 project in the amount of $4,358,052, excluding sales tax. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond issue(s) as approved by voters on February 13, 2024]

XI. Other Business

A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2162: BUDGET EXTENSION

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2162 providing for the adoption of the 2024-25 General Fund Budget Extension.

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2163: OUTSTANDING WARRANTS FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2163 cancelling outstanding warrants that have remained unclaimed for over one year. Unclaimed or abandoned property will be remitted to the state and may be claimed at the Department of Revenue website at: www.ClaimYourCash.org.

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2164 AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN J.A. MORRIS CONSTRUCTION AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning and Construction, recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2164 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with J.A. Morris Construction for the Lincoln High School SeaMar MultiCare Clinic Upgrades Project. [Funding Source: the Capital Projects Bond Issue(s) as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

D. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2165 AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN MACDONALD-MILLER FACILITY SOLUTIONS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning and Construction, recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2165 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions for the Central Administration Building Boiler Replacement Project [the Capital Projects Bond Issue(s) as approved by voters on February 11, 2020].

E. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2166 TO REMOVE THE 1115 EAST DIVISION LANE PROPERTY FROM SURPLUS

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning and Construction, recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2166 to effectively remove the subject property from the District's surplus listing to rebuild the former Gault Middle School property for IDEA High School.

F. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2167: CAPITAL PROJECTS TRANSFER INCREASE

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2167 providing for the adoption of the 2024-25 Capital Projects Interfund Transfer increase.

XII. Closing Items

A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

September 11, 2025
6:00PM - Business Meeting

September 18, 2025
6:00PM - Study Session

September 25, 2025
6:00PM - Business Meeting

C. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier will adjourn the meeting.

D. Financial Report

The district's monthly financial report will be presented.

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