



Tacoma School District

Board Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday October 23, 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:

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Laura Tuman

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INTERPRETER

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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. RECOGNITION OF THE SHINING STAR PARTNER AWARD TO THE UW TACOMA YMCA

The Community Partnership Office recommends the Board of Directors recognize UW YMCA as being awarded the October Shining Star Community Partner Award.

B. RECOGNITION OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RECEIVING THE 2025 ACHIEVEMENT OF EXCELLENCE IN PROCUREMENT AWARD

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors recognize the Purchasing Department team for its commitment to professionalism and leadership of the procurement function.

C. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' MONTH

III. Superintendent's Report

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

B. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT TO THE BOARD

IV. Staff Report to the Board.

None.

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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Approve minutes for Board of Directors Special Meeting on September 25, 2025

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

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL FOR HENRY FOSS HIGH SCHOOL EUROPEAN TOUR APRIL 4-12, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-country field trip for 3 chaperones and 20 students to travel to London, UK; Paris, France; and Toledo and Madrid, Spain to give students first-hand learning experience learning about European history from April 4-12, 2026. [Funding Source: Fundraising, Students, and Families]

E. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL'S BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, DECEMBER 18 - 24, 2025

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state field trip for 12 Lincoln High School Boys Basketball players and 5 chaperones to participate in the Holiday Tournament in San Luis Obispo, California, from December 18 - 24, 2025. [Funding Source: Lincoln's Boys Hoopsters Booster Club]

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR STADIUM HIGH SCHOOL TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, APRIL 1 - 8, 2026

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the out-of-state travel request for 3 staff and 18 Stadium High School Culinary Club students to travel to New York City, New York, April 1 - 8, 2026. [Funding Source: Fundraising and donations]

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 October 23, 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.

VII. Policy Matters

A. FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY 4040 - PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS

The General Counsel, on behalf of the Public Records Manager, recommends the Board of Directors review the draft of revised Policy 4040 and provide feedback before a second reading.

VIII. Financial Report

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

A. 10-23-25 FINANCIAL UPDATE TO THE BOARD

IX. Curriculum and Instruction

A. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-274 BETWEEN PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM AUGUST 31, 2025 - AUGUST 31, 2028

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-274 between Pierce County Juvenile Court and Tacoma School District No. 10 to provide education for juveniles in detention facilities from August 31, 2025 - August 31, 2028.

B. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-277 BETWEEN CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES I-READY SUPPORTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Programs, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-277 between Curriculum Associates i-Ready Supports and Tacoma School District No. 10 to purchase i-Ready supports outside of Curriculum & Instructions services for the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Title I/LAP and Technology Services]

C. APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF OSSI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FROM THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Student Programs, recommends that the Board of Directors approve acceptance of the OSSI Comprehensive School Improvement grants from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the amount of \$460,000.00 and approve the School Improvement Plans for the identified schools and authorize expenditure of funds in accordance with accepted guidelines. [Funding Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction]

D. APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HILLTOP ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE, TACOMA (HART) AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 2025-AUGUST 2030

The General Counsel, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends the Board of Directors approve the contract agreement between HART and Tacoma Public Schools from September 2025 to August 2030. [Funding Source: Career & Technical Education]

X. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND AWARD DESIGN/BUILD ALTERNATIVE METHOD CONTRACT WITH SELLEN CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REGIONAL ROBOTICS CENTER PROJECT

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve to negotiate and award a contract to Sellen Construction for the Design/Build alternative method for the Regional Robotics Center Project. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond issues(s) as approved by voters on February 13, 2024]

XI. Other Business

A. FIRST READING OF 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Critical District Issues:

- South Sound Robotics Center
- MSOC - Materials, Supplies, Operating Costs
- McKinney-Vento Student Transportation Safety Net Funding

Issues of High Concern:

- Prototypical School Model Funding Update
- Sustainable Energy Assistance for Buildings and School Buses
- Regionalization Funding Reform

- Board Member Compensation
- School Employee Benefits Board
- Community Partners Support
- Simple Majority for Construction Bonds
- School Construction Formula Modifications

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168: AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2168 authorizing ballot proposition No. 1, education programs operations replacement levy.

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADES

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2169, authorizing ballot proposition No. 2, technology improvements and upgrades replacement levy.

D. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2171: INTERFUND LOAN

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2171 and approve the temporary transfer of \$42,000,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund.

XII. Closing Items

A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

November 13, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting,
CAB 4th Floor Auditorium

December 11, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

January 8, 2026:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

PLEASE NOTE

Beginning January 2026, Board Meetings will be moving temporarily to:
Professional Development Center (PDC) Auditorium, Building C
6501 N. 23rd Street Tacoma, WA 98406

C. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier will adjourn the meeting.