Tacoma School District

Board Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday September 11, 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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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

There are no recognitions.

A. STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

A.1 NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
36 U.S.C. 126

A.2 LABOR DAY
The first Monday in September: RCW 28A.150.050 AND RCW 1.16.050

A.3 CONSTITUTION & CITIZENSHIP DAY
September 17, or on the preceding Friday if it occurs on a non-school day: RCW 28A.230.170.

**NOTE: The State Holidays and Civic Observances were inadvertently left off the September 11th Board Meeting agenda and added after the-fact.*

III. Superintendent's Report

A. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

B. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

IV. Staff Report to the Board

There are no staff reports.

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 THE JULY 10, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

B. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2025 BOARD RETREAT MINUTES

Minutes forthcoming.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 28, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

D. 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.

E. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

F. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-COUNTRY TRAVEL REQUEST FROM HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL TO WUHAN, CHINA, OCTOBER 18 - 28, 2025

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director Athletics & Activities, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Global Education travel for 3 chaperones and 20 students from Hunt Middle School to Wuhan, China, from October 18 - 28, 2025. [Funding Source: Wuhan Education Ministry & Educator Pathways]

G. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP FROM SOTA, SAMi, AND IDEA TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA FROM OCTOBER 14 - 16, 2025

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics & Activities, recommends the Board of Directors approve 2 chaperones and 3 students from SOTA, SAMi, and iDEA to attend the SparkHouse Minnesota conference, allowing students to gather with other schools from around the country to share their experiences from October 14- 16, 2025. [Funding Source: Education Reimagined, Fundraising, and Families]

H. 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 September 11, 2025 Board Meeting.

I. 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.

J. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

This is the vote to approve consent agenda items.

VII. Policy Matters

There are no policy matters.

VIII. Financial Report

The district's next monthly financial report will be presented September 25, 2025.

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

IX. Curriculum and Instruction

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO.TSD-25-206 BETWEEN BROCK'S ACADEMY 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 Contract No. TSD-25-206 between Brock's Academy and Tacoma School District No. 10 to provide special education and related services from September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026. [Funding Source: Student Services]

X. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-225 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TACOMA (TACOMA CREATES) AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Director of Athletics and Activities, recommends that the Board approve Contract No. TSD-25-225 between the City of Tacoma (Tacoma Creates) and Tacoma School District No. 10 for reimbursement of transportation activities of up to $320,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Athletics & Activities]

B. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO CONTRACT TSD-20-219 BETWEEN ASSOCIATED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #1 to Contract TSD-20-219 with Associated Petroleum Products to provide fuel services for all District fleet vehicles and buses in the amount of $3,000,000, increasing the total contract value to $10,500,000 and extending the term through August 31, 2027. [Funding Source: General Fund]

C. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO DISTRICT CONTRACT TSD-22-124 WITH ALEXANDER GOW FIRE EQUIPMENT

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board approve Amendment #1 to Contract TSD-22-124 with Alexander Gow Fire Equipment to extend the contract through the 2025-2026 school year. The service rate remains the same at $56,025, but will bring the total contract value to $224,100. [Funding Source: Nutrition Services budget]

D. APPROVAL OF PUGET SOUND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TSD-25-175

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Puget Sound Education District Interlocal Agreement TSD-25-175, to pay an annual flat rate assessment of $3000 to create and operate the Specialized Transportation program, and to pay those costs that exceed PSESD's annual apportionment for McKinney Vento students. [Funding Source: Transportation Services]

XI. Other Business

A. FIRST READING OF BOARD ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The General Counsel recommends the Board of Directors review the draft of the Board's Annual Goals and Objectives they formulated for the 2025-2026 school year and provide feedback before a second reading.

XII. Closing Items

A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

September 25, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

October 9, 2025:
6:00PM - Business Meeting

October 16, 2025:
6:00PM - Study Session

C. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier will adjourn the meeting.