



Tacoma School District

Board Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday October 9, 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:

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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. STATE HOLIDAYS AND CIVIC OBSERVANCES

A.1 DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH

[RCW 28A.230.158](#)

A.2 FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

[RCW 43.117.120](#)

A.3 OCTOBER 7: CHILD HEALTH DAY

First Monday in October: [36 U.S.C. 105](#)

A.4 OCTOBER 13: WASHINGTON STATE CHILDREN'S DAY

Second Sunday in October (October 12): [RCW 1.16.050\(7\)\(f\)](#)

A.5 OCTOBER 13: NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

Begins second Sunday in October: [RCW 1.16.050\(f\)](#)

III. Superintendent's Report

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

B. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT TO THE BOARD

IV. Staff Report to the Board

There is no staff report this meeting.

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 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Approve minutes for Board Business 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 SERVICE AND STUDY TOUR REQUEST FROM SAMI, SOTA, AND IDEA TO CAMBODIA AND LAOS, JANUARY 3-28, 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 Cambodia and Laos, from January 3-28, 2026. [Funding Source: Students, families, fundraising, and scholarships for qualifying students]

E. 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 September 25, 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. Policy Matters

There are no policy matters.

VIII. Financial Report

The district's next monthly financial report will be presented at the October 23, 2025 Board Meeting.

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

IX. Curriculum and Instruction

A. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #4 TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-20-017 BETWEEN GRADUATION ALLIANCE AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #4 to Contract TSD-20-017 with Graduation Alliance at an estimated total value of \$321,084.00 for the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Internet Academy]

B. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-232 BETWEEN BELLEVUE COLLEGE 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-25-232 between Bellevue College and Tacoma School District No. 10 for College in the High Schools Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. APPROVAL TO INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER 27461 WITH GRADUATION ALLIANCE TO CLOSE OUT THE 2024- 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Chief of Schools, recommends that the Board of Directors approve the increase of purchase order 27461 to \$296,228.82 to pay Graduation Alliance and effectively close the 2024-2025 school year. [Funding Source: Internet Academy]

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-085, AMENDMENT #5, BETWEEN LILAC CITY BEHAVIORAL SERVICES AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - JULY 31, 2028

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Co-Directors of Student Services, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-23-085, Amendment #5, between Lilac City Behavioral Services and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of \$600,000.00 to support district students receiving support services from September 1, 2025 - July 31, 2028. [Funding Source: Student Services]

E. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-24-074 BETWEEN PROCARE THERAPY AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10. FROM JANUARY 1 - AUGUST 31, 2025

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Co-Directors of Student Services, recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-24-074 between Procure Therapy and Tacoma School District No. 10 for District students receiving therapy services as prescribed in their respective Individualized Education Plans in the amount of \$8,748.48 for a total of \$203,748.48 from January 1 - August 31, 2025. [Funding source: Student Services]

F. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-252 BETWEEN UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT 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 Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-252 between University Place School District and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of \$260,000.00 to enable the District to provide certain special education and related services for University Place School District student through the 2025-2026 school year [Funding Source: University Place School District].

G. APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT NO. TSD-25-265 BETWEEN PUGET SOUND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT (PSESD) AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Deputy Superintendent, on behalf of the Co-Directors of Student Services, recommend that the Board of Directors approve Interlocal Agreement No. TSD-25-265 between Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of \$131,436.00 to enable PSESD's ReLife to provide special education services for one (1) District student during the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Student Services]

X. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-25-245 BETWEEN URBAN GRACE CHURCH AND TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM AUGUST 26, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

The Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract TSD-25-245 between Urban Grace Church and Tacoma Public Schools in the amount of \$22,725.00 from August 26, 2025 through June 30, 2026. [Funding Source: Tacoma School of the Arts]

B. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TRAINING EQUIPMENT FROM DAKTIC AND NORTHPARK FOR TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FOR THE MARITIME SKILLS CENTER

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of training equipment from Daktic and NorthPark for Tacoma School District No. 10 for the Maritime Skills Center Project in the amount of \$825,941. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond]

C. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-24-036 BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND NORTHWEST FIRE SYSTEMS: MARCH 1, 2024 - AUGUST 8, 2026

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve the amendment to Contract TSD-24-036 between Northwest Fire Systems and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the amount of \$600,000. [Funding Source: Maintenance and Operations]

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-005 GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE (GMP) AMENDMENT #2 BETWEEN TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND BNBUILDERS INC. FROM JANUARY 14, 2025 - DECEMBER 27, 2027

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-005 GMP Amendment #2 for the Maritime Skills Center Project between BNBuilders and Tacoma School District No. 10 in the amount of \$38,948,616, excluding sales tax. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

E. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-24-147 BETWEEN FIRST STUDENT AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #2 to Contract No. TSD-24-147 with First Student for alternative vehicle transportation services for the 2025-2026 school year, in the amount of \$600,000, increasing the total contract value to \$1,628,885.85. [Funding Source: Transportation]

F. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #2 TO CONTRACT NO. TSD-23-102 BETWEEN MEDOSWEET FARMS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Amendment #2 to Contract No. TSD-23-102 with Medosweet Farms for the providing of dairy and juice products for District students for the 2025- 2026 school year, in the amount of \$901,212.92, increasing the total contract value to \$5,447,574.16. [Funding Source: Nutrition Services]

G. APPROVAL OF UNCOLLECTIBLE DEBT WRITE-OFF

The Chief Financial Officer recommends that the Board of Directors write off \$18,149.28 in outstanding uncollectible debt after all attempts to collect these resources have been exhausted.

XI. Other Business

A. FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2168, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 1, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

As this is a first reading, there will be no action taken.

- B.** FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 2169, AUTHORIZING THE BALLOT PROPOSITION NO. 2, REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT AND UPGRADES

As this is a first reading, there will be no action taken.

- C.** ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2170, AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF WAREHOUSE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4401 AND 4409 SOUTH ORCHARD STREET

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2170 and approve the acquisition of warehouse property located at 4401 and 4409 South Orchard Street.

XII. Closing Items

- A.** BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

- B.** ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

October 16, 2025:

6:00PM - Study Session

October 23, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

November 13, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

- C.** Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier will adjourn the meeting.