



Tacoma School District

Board Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Thursday November 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM PST

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

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Section 504 Coordinator:

Laura Tuman

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INTERPRETER

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Agenda

I. Opening Items

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors will hold an Executive Session in the 4th Floor Boardroom of the Central Administration Building (CAB). The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency under RCW 42.30.110(1) (i).

Executive Session will adjourn at approximately 5:55pm

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Board President Strozier will call the meeting to order.

C. Flag Salute

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. 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.

E. Roll Call

General Counsel Gbenro will call the roll.

F. 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

NOVEMBER 11: VETERAN'S DAY

[RCW 28A.230.160](#)

NOVEMBER 27: THANKSGIVING DAY

[RCW 28A.150.050](#) and [RCW 1.16.050](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH and

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY (NOVEMBER 29)

[RCW 1.16.050](#)

B. WHOLE EDUCATOR RECOGNITION - SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

III. Superintendent's Report

A. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT TO THE BOARD

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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 THE OCTOBER 9, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

B. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2025 BOARD STUDY SESSION MINUTES

C. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2025 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH SOUTH-END SCHOOLS

D. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

E. 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.

F. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT)

G. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUESTS

H. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

I. 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 November 13, 2025 Board Meeting.

J. 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.

K. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

This is the vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

VII. Policy Matters

A. SECOND 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 adopt the revised draft proposal of Policy 4040.

VIII. Financial Report

A. 2024-25 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

The district's 2024-25 Year-End Financial Report will be shared.

B. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The next monthly financial report will be presented at the December 11, 2025 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 CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-240 BETWEEN EMERALD LEARNING 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 Contract No. TSD-25-240 between Emerald Learning Center and Tacoma School District No. 10 to provide special education and related services for one (1) District student during the 2025-2026 school year per their respective IEP and pursuant to Chapter 392-172A-04080 through 392-172A-04095 WAC. [Funding Source: Student Services]

X. Business Matters

A. APPROVAL OF WASHINGTON OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION (WOA) REQUISITION #35478 FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve Requisition# 35478 with Washington Officials Association in the amount of \$325,000 for the 2025-2026 school year. [Funding Source: Athletics & Activities]

B. APPROVAL OF INCREASE TO WASHINGTON INFORMATION PROCESSING COOPERATIVE PURCHASE ORDER NO. 31711 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 increase to Purchase Order No. 31711 between Washington Information Processing Cooperative (WSIPC) and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the continued usage of Azure under the Microsoft licensing in the amount of \$416,019.00 from October 1, 2025 - September 1, 2026. [Funding Source: Technology Levy Funds]

C. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-22-041 AMENDMENT #6 BETWEEN FORMA CONSTRUCTION AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-22-041 Amendment #6 for the Pools Upgrade Project between FORMA Construction and Tacoma School District No.10 in the amount of \$19,063,432, excluding sales tax, from November 17, 2021- December 31, 2027. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TSD-25-095 BETWEEN NORTHWEST FIRE SYSTEMS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.10: MAY 5 - DECEMBER 31, 2025

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-095 between Northwest Fire System and Tacoma School District in the amount of \$192,928, excluding sales tax for the period of May 5 - December 31, 2025. [Funding Source: Capital Projects Bond as approved by voters on February 11, 2020]

E. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-171 AMENDMENT # 2 BETWEEN BNBUILDERS AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10: NOVEMBER 24, 2024-DECEMBER 31, 2028

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-171 Amendment #2 for the Central Kitchen Project between BNBuilders and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the Central Kitchen Project in the amount of \$352,341, bringing the total consideration to \$5,528,790, excluding sales tax for the period of November 24, 2021-December 31, 2028. [Funding Source: Capital Project Bond as approved by voters on February 13, 2024]

XI. Other Business

A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2172 AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT BETWEEN TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 AND KORSMO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DOWNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPLACEMENT

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning and Construction, recommends that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2172 for the acceptance of project completion and approve the Acceptance of Contract with Korsmo Construction for the Downing Elementary School Replacement Project.

B. BOARD APPROVAL OF UPDATED 10-YEAR TACOMA PARTNER AGENCIES' COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITMENT

The Chief Operating Officer recommends that the Board of Directors recommit to this essential work by approving the updated Tacoma Partner Agencies' Community Investment Commitment.

C. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2173 ENDORSING TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSITIONS 1 AND 2 ON THE FERUARY 10, 2026, BALLOT

The Chief Communications Officer recommends the Board of Directors adopt this resolution endorsing Tacoma Public Schools Propositions 1 and 2 on the February 10, 2026, ballot.

D. ADOPTION OF THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the proposed 2026 Legislative Agenda.

XII. Closing Items

A. BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

Committee Reports:

Community Events:

Updates/Comments:

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

December 11, 2025:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

-- NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC --

Beginning January 2026 until further notice, Board Meetings and Study Sessions will be held at the Professional Development Center (PDC) (6501 N 23rd St Tacoma, WA 98421) as the Central Administration Building undergoes much-needed infrastructure updates. More information here: [Central Administration Building - Tacoma Public Schools](#)

January 8, 2026:

6:00PM - Business Meeting

January 15, 2026:

6:00PM - Study Session

C. Adjourn Meeting

Board President Strozier will adjourn the meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT