

Board Member Q&A

August 11, 2026

Duncan 8/11/26	What benefits can we expect from the services Blueprint 502 is providing? How will we know they made a difference?	<p>These services are designed to support students requiring Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions and are intended to increase student attendance and educational attainment while reducing behavior concerns, truancy, and suspensions. The program will target up to 75 students annually and provide up to four staff members to work directly with participating students.</p> <p>The impact of Blueprint 502's services can be evaluated by monitoring changes in student attendance, truancy, academic performance, and behavior. Baseline information for participating students can be compared with data collected throughout and following program participation to determine whether students demonstrate improvement in these targeted areas.</p>
Everett 8/3/26	Now that we are through the transfer window, where do we stand on the plan to reduce the cost and headcount of the central office? Specifically where did we stand at the end of last school year compared to where we are today?	The team is in the process of gathering this information.
Duncan 8/10/26	B - Hollie Smith is now a principal with School Choice. What does that mean?	Principal Smith was placed in her current assignment per the operational needs of the District.
Duncan 8/10/26	Shawna Stenton is moving from DEP and DEP Support to Access and Opportunity but still DEP Support. I thought we didn't have a DEP entity. Is DEP now a program instead of a department?	DEP is now the Department of Opportunity and Access

Duncan 8/10/26	R 20 - what is the MOU with JCTA?	<p>This is in regard to the JCTA Contract Extension. All topics are still subject to further consideration thus comment or discussion on such would be inappropriate at this time. Primary issues being discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bargaining Unit Stipends • Choice Zone stipend provisions • Professional Development • Parental leave provisions • Workload protections • Class size caps • General Fund revenue provisions
Duncan 8/10/26	<p>R 1 - Blueprint 502 - is there a cost to the services Blueprint is offering?</p> <p>If there is a cost, do we have their goals and deliverables?</p>	There is no cost associated with the Blueprint502 services under the MOA.
Everett 8/3/26	When will we be looking to finalize the school calendars for years beyond this upcoming school year?	Once we get the school year started, we will collaborate with the Communications division to begin the process and expedite its completion. That will start in about a week.
Everett 8/3/26	The two professional services contracts, who initiated those?	<p>Magnet Schools of America - Submitted by School Choice. Approved as noncompetitive negotiation per Fiscal Management Policy 04.32 AP.11 because MSA is an exclusive educational specialist services vendor for this national program {rationale also provided on page 8 & 9 of the contract packet}.</p> <p>National Career Academy Coalition- Submitted by Academics- Transition Readiness. Approved as noncompetitive negotiation per Fiscal Management Policy 04.32 AP.11 because NCAC is an exclusive educational specialist services vendor for this national program {rationale also provided on page 8 of the contract packet}.</p>

Everett 8/3/26	Can we get a presentation on the new budget dashboard and also just an overall view of where our money ended up last year between revenue, expense and budget?	<p>Finance and ARSI are ready to present on the 2025-26 General Fund Dashboard. Last year's Dashboard reflects budget-to-actuals comparisons, encumbrances that became Carry Forward, and school available funds that will become Carryover.</p> <p>The new year Dashboard will be ready after September 1st after we lock the Working Budget. We recommend presenting these Dashboards (last year's and this year's) at the September 1st Board meeting as this will align well with the Working Budget discussions, provide time to prepare the new year dashboard, and reduce possible frustration if last year's is presented before the new year's dashboard is ready.</p>
Everett 8/3/26	<p>I'm reading the duties document and how it's being amended based on SB1. Am I reading this correctly that the board could no longer vote to give raises to staff? I thought we are challenging all of SB 1? Why are we making any of these changes with the litigation still pending?</p>	<p>The lawsuit challenges some, but not all sections of Senate Bill 1. Thus, the injunction halts implementation to only those sections that are being challenged.</p> <p>The policies on the August 11 Board meeting implement the sections of Senate Bill 1 that are in effect. Other policies relating to the sections being challenged are not on the August 11 Board meeting agenda.</p> <p>There is a statutory requirement for policies implementing legislative action by approved by the Board by August 15, which is why First Reading is being waived.</p> <p>Sections that are being challenged and enjoined from going into effect are:</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(a)1. Requires the Board to delegate day-to-day operations to the Superintendent.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(b)2. Requires the Superintendent to prepare all policies for approval of the Board, approval not to be withheld without a 2/3 vote to deny approval.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(b)5. Requires the Superintendent, "notwithstanding any law... to the contrary, be responsible for any administrative duty not explicitly granted to the Board" by Senate Bill 1.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(c) Requires the Board to authorize the Superintendent to approve purchases not exceeding \$250,000 without Board approval.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(d) Requires the Board to authorize the Superintendent to approve line -tem transfers not exceeding \$250,000 per quarter without Board approval.</p>

		<p>Sections not being challenged and are in effect are:</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(a)2. Requires the Board to approve a rolling five-year strategic plan by December 1.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(a)3. Requires the Board to review and approve a rolling 3-year projection of expenses and revenues.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(a)4. Requires the Board to approve an annual budget.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(a)5. Requires the Board by December 1 of each year to oversee an annual financial audit and an annual review of student performance data.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(a)6. Requires the Board to recruit and hire the Superintendent.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(a)7. Requires the Board evaluate the Superintendent on an annual basis.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(b)1. Requires the Superintendent to provide a quarterly informational report on the administrative actions he has taken.</p> <p>Section 1.(2)(b)3. Requires the Superintendent to supervise the general conduct of schools.</p> <p>Section 1.2.(b)4. Requires the Superintendent to “be responsible for the hiring, employment terms, dismissal, and organizational structure of all personnel in the district in compliance with all laws and in a manner that best serves the students of the District.”</p>
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