

Thursday, February 27, 2025

BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - KOHLWES EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM - 6:00 PM

The Renton School District Board of Directors is convened for the purpose of conducting a hearing for the Board to consider taking final action authorizing the exercise of eminent domain authority under RCW 8.16.010 to acquire properties within the project area for the replacement and expansion of Renton High School within the City of Renton.

this meeting is open to the public and is being held in-person.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Subject :	1.01 Call to Order
Meeting :	Feb 27, 2025 - BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - KOHLWES EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM - 6:00 PM
Category :	1. CALL TO ORDER
Type :	Procedural
Subject :	1.02 Pledge of Allegience
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Category :	1. CALL TO ORDER
Type :	Procedural

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"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



Subject :	1.03 Land Acknowledgment
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Category :	1. CALL TO ORDER
Type :	Procedural

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We, the Board and staff of Renton School district, live and work on the ancestral homeland of the Coast Salish Tribes the Muckleshoot, the Duwamish, and the Snoqualmie who utilize the green and Black River region which is currently known as Renton. We honor the partnership and sovereignty of Tribes and acknowledge that the Coast Salish Nations are the original stewards of this land since time immemorial. These lands continue to flourish because of their care.

Subject : 1.04 Welcome and Opening Comments
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Category : 1. CALL TO ORDER
Type : Procedural

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This meeting is held pursuant to Chapters 8.16 and 8.25 RCW. This is a special meeting of the school board, as we will deliberate and take action on the proposed board resolution after the public hearing is closed.

The board will first hear a staff report. If the Board has any questions of staff, they may be asked at this time.

We will then open the public hearing for oral testimony. Notice of this meeting was provided to property owners affected by the potential condemnation of real property for the school replacement project.

If you are here today and wish to be heard on this topic, please sign up on the sign-in sheet at the entrance.

To sign up, speakers must give their full name and contact information.

Comments should be contained to the proposal at hand. The board reserves the right to limit the length of comments if needed to assure a timely proceeding.

Board Directors are not obligated to respond to questions or challenges made during the public comment period, and Directors silence will not be deemed to signal agreement, disagreement, or endorsement of the speakers remarks.

The board will not tolerate uncivil discourse, and the meeting chair may interrupt a speaker to maintain the same level of civility the board imposes upon itself. Examples of uncivil comments include comments that:

- Are libelous or slanderous;
- 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.

After conclusion of the public hearing, the board will ask if there is anything further from staff and then will consider the proposed resolution.

Are there any questions about the procedures to be followed here this evening?

If not, let us proceed with the discussion.

2. STAFF REPORT

Subject :	2.01 Staff Report
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Category :	2. STAFF REPORT
Type :	Information, Report

Public Content

Matt Feldmeyer, Executive Director, Capital Planning & Construction will present the proposal

File Attachments

[RHS Property 2025-02-27 ADA.pdf \(556 KB\)](#)

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Subject :	3.01 Public Hearing for oral testimony
Meeting :	Feb 27, 2025 - BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - KOHLWES EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM - 6:00 PM
Category :	3. PUBLIC HEARING
Type :	Discussion

Public Content

We will now open the floor for public testimony on the proposed action.

As a reminder for those who were here earlier or for direction for those who have joined us later, comments should be contained to the proposal at hand. Notice of this meeting was provided to property owners affected by the potential condemnation of real property for the school replacement project and our focus is to hear from those affected owners and tenants today.

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4. BOARD DELIBERATIONS TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION

Subject :	4.01 Board Deliberations to consider Resolution 09-24/25 Authorizing the eminent domain authority to acquire certain properties within the project area for the Renton High School Replacement and expansion project
Meeting :	Feb 27, 2025 - BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - KOHLWES EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM - 6:00 PM
Category :	4. BOARD DELIBERATIONS TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION
Type :	Action, Discussion
Recommended Action :	Move to adopt the proposed Resolution 09-24/25 authorizing the eminent domain authority to acquire certain properties within the project area for the Renton High School replacement and expansion project.

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The Board will consider the proposed resolution.

DATE: February 25, 2025

TO: Dr. Damien Pattenaude, Superintendent

FROM: Matt Feldmeyer, Executive Director, Capital Planning & Construction

FOR BOARD DATE: February 27, 2025, Board Public Hearing

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution 09-24/25 Condemnation of Real Property

The administration requests and recommends the Board take final action to authorize condemnation of 15 (fifteen) properties and 1 (one) billboard lease (Resolution Exhibit A), which the administration seeks to assemble and acquire as the site for the Renton High School Replacement and Site Expansion. The administration believes that the acquisition of these properties and lease is necessary to effectively and

efficiently design and build a high school that best serves the School District needs for the life of the school, which are public uses of the properties for a public purpose. The administration believes the acquisition of these remaining pieces of the assemblage is necessary for the proposed public use and for the benefit of the public to allow us to build the best high school possible on the site and meet the scheduled opening date.

In order for the school district to take final action to proceed with acquisition by eminent domain (condemnation), the Board is required to hold a public hearing and take comments for and against the proposed condemnation, and should it find the condemnation appropriate, authorize the condemnation. The hearing is scheduled for February 27, 2025. A proposed Resolution No. 09-24/25 is attached, reviewed by our legal counsel for the Renton High School Replacement and Site Expansion.

DISTRICT GOALS:

Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Removing Barriers & Supporting Students

BUDGET IMPLICATION:

Included in current budget, no additional budget capacity required.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the Board take final action to authorize condemnation of the 15 (fifteen) properties and 1 (one) billboard lease, which the administration seeks to assemble and acquire as the site of the new Renton High School.

Attachment: Resolution 09-24/25

File Attachments

[2025.02.27 Board Resolution 09-24_25 Eminent Domain Authority.pdf \(3,168 KB\)](#)

5. ADJOURNMENT

Subject :	5.01 Adjournment
Meeting :	Feb 27, 2025 - BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - KOHLWES EDUCATION CENTER BOARD ROOM - 6:00 PM
Category :	5. ADJOURNMENT
Type :	Action
Recommended Action :	Move to adjournment the Board Public Hearing.