



BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

APRIL 19, 2016 MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the actions taken by the School Board and to provide a listing of the reports given. Anyone interested in viewing the full meeting, please visit the website listed below.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:04pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Koehler; Vice-Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Knowles, and Rosen; Student Representative Davidson; Superintendent Smith

Recognitions:

The Board recognized the students of Grant High School who produce *Grant Magazine*. For the third year in a row, they won the Gold Crown Award from the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association. The Board also recognized Jefferson High School Principal Margaret Calvert for winning the Confederation of Oregon Schools Association's Principal of the Year Award.

Public Comment:

Lisa Lowry Pierce: The Superintendent's boundary proposal would leave Gray Middle School overcrowded. The dual assignment proposal would create a high risk for destabilizing the school. Gray would like stability.

Helen Shum: Kids will be fine under any of the boundary scenarios, but the District needs to establish priorities and exhibit leadership. The District was not currently promoting strong neighborhood schools.

Rosie Platt: Not all communities have the will or means to fight for their schools. All voices should be heard. The D-BRAC boundary recommendations have fundamentally been dismissed; they were ignored like they never existed. Splitting Chapman's campus goes against PPS values; there are other options.

Stephen Chen: Asked the Board to explain how the proposed resolution provides good educational outcomes. You need to keep communities intact, and it was unacceptable to ask Hayhurst to lessen their program.

Shelby Morgan: Asked the Board to vote no on sending Chapman kindergartners to Ramona. Ramona only has a few classrooms and no cafeteria, and recess would consist of just a small play structure. You might as well state that Chapman has canceled kindergarten. What is the purpose of D-BRAC? If their recommendation isn't going to be considered, why do they exist?

Tim Sweinhart, Xavier Entinty and Gabby: Supported a resolution on curriculum centered around climate change.

Amy Higgs: Asked the Board to support Eco Schools Network resolution on sustainability.

Action Items:

- Attendance Area Changes for Lincoln and Wilson Cluster Schools
Public Comment
Ashley Mastrorilli: Concerned that District data is not right and asked the Board to get the right data before they make a decision.
Brad Nelson: Reminded the Board that there was a resolution from 2004 that deals with the transfer option.
Amy Armstrong: Supported amending the resolution to include guaranteed transfer or dual assignment for Bridlemile. Economic divide was shown on the current boundary map proposal.
Trista Rodgers: Decisions were being made using incomplete data. Please consider dual assignment or guaranteed transfer option for Bridlemile.
Leslie Warren: A split feeder is proposed only for Bridlemile. Asked for exception for 6th and 7th graders at West Sylvan.
Jon Cohen: The changes in the current plan create more problems than fixes. Split feeder schools are in opposition to District policy.
Tina Oliver: Expand the hard boundaries for Hayhurst further south. Maintain grandfathering for existing families.
- Outdoor School
Public Comment
Jillian Johnson, Mayor Tom Potter, Brina Bolanz, Kati Mayfield, Freda Sherburne, and Jennifer Basham all stated their support of the Outdoor School resolution.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2016-17 Budget

Kevin Bacon, Jeffrey Waters, Mark Jackson and Anderson deBois all spoke in support of the REAP program and asked for continued support of the program and expansion of the program.

Lisa Zunga: Asked PPS to develop a plan for year-round supports for all students who are not at benchmark, including summer school. Additional investment is required.

Darcy Mundorff: Asked that essential materials for classrooms be included in the budget as currently science supplies are not considered standard materials and are not provided to teachers. Director Buel indicated that he would like to receive the consolidated budget from each school.

The Board approved the following items:

- Resolution 5256 as amended: Attendance Area Changes for Lincoln and Wilson Cluster Schools.
- Resolution 5257: In Support of Complete and Sustained State Funding for a Full Week of Outdoor School or Similar Programming for Every Oregon Student during their Fifth- or Sixth- Grade Year.
- Business Agenda

Adjourn:

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 10:00pm.

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