



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

NOVEMBER 3, 2015 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 6:10pm 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; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Kohnstamm, Knowles, and Rosen;
Student Representative Davidson; Superintendent Smith

Public Comment:

Angel Rodriguez: there is a lack of Paraeducator supports in and out of the classroom and it was a safety issue.

Stacey Reeves: spoke on the proposed changes to Skyline school.

Mike Verbout: spoke as a member of CPPS, stating they had received no response to their letter about the proposed master planning of Benson and asked if there were other options for housing Alliance.

The following reports were presented to the Board:

- Bond Accountability Committee Quarterly Update
- Capital Improvement Bond quarterly Update

Public Hearings

- Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission Third Grade Reading Grant
Public Comment
None
- Benson Capacity Master Planning
Public Comment
Korynn Underwood: spoke of her family's experience at Alliance at Benson
Kervencia Limage: stated she had graduated from Alliance in 2015 and was currently a student at PCC. If it wasn't for Alliance, she would not be where she is today. It would be tragic to relocate Alliance from the central location of Benson.
Chris Raujol: currently a science teacher at Alliance. His students come from every corner of the District and Benson is a central location.
Geoffrey Garner: Program Director at MESD for Alternative Pathways stated that the central location of Alliance at Benson was paramount.
Rick Sanders: Works as a school psychologist at Alliance at Meek and the majority of his students are racial and ethnic minorities.
- Student Choir Performances at the Grotto during the Festival of Lights
Public Comment:
Cheryl Kolbe, Freedom of Religion Foundation: believes in separation of church and state and added that the District may not advance or endorse any religion.

Brian Harvey, Secular Coalition for Oregon: requested the Board uphold the advice of their District Counsel.

Jennifer O'Leary: asked the Board to please let the students continue to sing at the Grotto.

Mat dos Santos, ACLU: urged the Board to vote against the resolution being proposed.

The Board approved the following items:

- Resolution 5160: Authorizing Benson Campus Full Modernization Building Capacities as part of the 2012 Capital Bond Program Master Planning
- Resolution 5161: Resolution Endorsing Techsmart 3rd Grade Reading Project and Partnership with Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission
- Business/Consent Agenda

Adjourn:

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.

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