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Other Matters Requiring Board Approval

The Interim Superintendent RECOMMENDED adoption of the following items:

Numbers 5389 through 5391

During the Committee of the Whole, Director Knowles moved and Director Kohnstamm seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 5389. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (7-yes, 0-no), with Student Representative Bradley abstaining.

Director Anthony moved and Director Kohnstamm seconded the motion to adopt Resolutions 5390 and 5391. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (7-yes, 0-no), with Student Representative Bradley voting yes, unofficial.

## RESOLUTION No. 5389

### Boundary Change between Chief Joseph and Peninsula Elementary Schools

#### RECITALS

1. On April 5, 2016 the Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools voted to approve Resolution 5246, initiating the opening of Ockley Green Middle School for the 2016-17 school year. The resolution acknowledged that “Whereas other middle school conversions will have at least one planning year to prepare for the transition, Ockley Green will open more rapidly”, and directed the following:
  - a. For the 2016-17 school year, 5<sup>th</sup> grade from the current Chief Joseph/Ockley Green boundary will also be located at the Ockley Green Middle School.
  - b. The Superintendent to recommend a plan to realign Ockley Green’s feeder schools by December 2016.
2. The Districtwide Boundary Review Advisory Committee (DBRAC) was charged in October 2016 with developing recommendations to address boundaries and program locations for Ockley Green MS and feeder schools: Beach, Chief Joseph, Peninsula and Woodlawn.
3. DBRAC considered several plans to ensure Chief Joseph 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were not located at Ockley Green MS in 2017-18, and to balance enrollment between the feeder schools. They held eight meetings at the schools to hear community feedback on the options, and received input through e-mail and from community partners.
4. On January 13, 2017 the committee offered two options to Interim Superintendent McKean that directly impact Chief Joseph and Peninsula elementary schools, but decided to defer some issues to the next cycle when they will be considering initiation of other middle schools on the eastside of the district.
5. After considering DBRAC’s suggestions and additional feedback from school principals, department directors and community members, Interim Superintendent McKean recommends a boundary change between Chief Joseph and Peninsula elementary schools. With this change,
  - a. Chief Joseph Elementary School will have enough space to hold 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year, returning the school to a K-5 configuration
  - b. Peninsula Elementary School will begin to grow and be able to sustain programming for its students with less reliance on non-formula district funding.
  - c. Ockley Green Middle School will not house 5<sup>th</sup> grade next year, making more space for students in grades 6-8.
6. The area subject to boundary change is the Kenton neighborhood, bordered on the east by Interstate 5, on the south by the centerline of Lombard Avenue, on the west by the centerlines of Brandon and Delaware streets and on the north by the Columbia Slough.
7. The boundary change as recommended would follow standard district practice as described in policy 4.10.045-P:
  - a. Beginning at the start of the 2017-18 school year, incoming kindergartners and other new students who live in the boundary change area will be assigned to Peninsula Elementary School.
  - b. Other children who live in the boundary change area have the right to remain in their current school through the highest grade, and have the choice to enroll in Peninsula as well.
  - c. Younger siblings of children who live in the boundary change area and have an older brother or sister enrolled at Chief Joseph Elementary School have a guarantee to attend Chief Joseph.

8. Ockley Green remains the middle school for the boundary change area. High School students who reside in the area have the right to choose between enrollment at Roosevelt High School and Jefferson Middle College for Advanced Studies.
9. Interim Superintendent McKean presented this recommendation to the PPS Board of Directors on February 6, 2017. Parents were notified of the recommendation through postcards, fliers, e-mails and phone calls in multiple languages.

#### **RESOLUTION**

- A. The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools accepts the Interim Superintendent's recommendation for boundary change between Chief Joseph and Peninsula elementary schools, and grade level change for Ockley Green Middle School.
- B. The Board directs the Superintendent to initiate staffing and facility changes, transportation routing and other operational adjustments to support effective implementation of these changes.
- C. The Board acknowledges and appreciates the participation of DBRAC, parents, students, teachers, principals and community members throughout the Ockley Green transition process.

*C. Wilton*

## **RESOLUTION No. 5390**

### Open Enrollment Transfers for 2017-18 School Year

#### **RECITALS**

- A. In June 2011, the Oregon Legislature approved House Bill 3681, which offered a new option for enrolling students from other districts, commonly referred to as “Open Enrollment”. The new option allows a district to accept non-resident students without consent of their resident district. It requires:
- A spring timeframe for announcing space, accepting applicants, running a lottery (if more applicants than space) and providing results,
  - Approval through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, without the need for annual renewal, that cannot be revoked by the non-resident or resident district,
  - Resident applicants must be accepted before non-resident applicants,
  - No weighting, preference or denial can be given based on student demographics, including race, gender and family income level, or special program status, including disability, English language proficiency or athletic ability.
- B. By March 1, 2017, the School Board must determine whether PPS will participate in the “Open Enrollment” option for the 2017-18 school year. If the district chooses to participate, PPS must also announce the spaces available by school on that date.
- C. Approximately 500 PPS resident students have transferred to other districts through open enrollment in the five years since the program was initiated. While participating in “Open Enrollment” has the potential to offset enrollment loss of students approved to other districts, typically PPS has opted-out of “Open Enrollment” to avoid undermining our existing resident transfer system.
- D. Interim Superintendent McKean recommends that PPS continue to opt out of the “Open Enrollment” program for the 2017-18 school year. Non-resident students interested in enrolling in PPS schools will have the opportunity to apply for transfer through the standard interdistrict process held in Spring 2017.

#### **RESOLUTION**

1. The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to continue to offer a standard interdistrict transfer process and to opt out of “Open Enrollment” for the 2017-18 School Year.

**RESOLUTION No. 5391**

Minutes

The following minutes are offered for adoption:

February 6, 2017