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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:03pm at the call of Co-Chair Greg Belisle in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

There were present:

Pam Knowles, Co-Chair
Ruth Adkins
Bobbie Regan
Tom Koehler
Steve Buel
Matt Morton
Greg Belisle, Co-Chair

Andrew Davidson, Student Representative

Staff

Carole Smith, Superintendent
Jollee Patterson, Board Secretary/General Counsel

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Hirsh reported that contract negotiations should reflect the needs of the students and it needs to reflect the Oregon statute for competence for teachers. Currently, teachers can teach within any area of licensure even if they do not have recent experience, and can bump a teacher with more direct, relevant experience. Negotiators should adopt the state definition with some protection for long-term teachers who need more training. Our students deserve qualified educators.

Jane Greenhalgh mentioned that she would speak about union negotiations from a parent's perspective. She hopes that PPS and PAT can model state government and work together. There is nothing more important than a student being able to have enough instructional hours, so it would not be right to freeze hours at last year's low instructional hours. Also, PPS needs to do away with hiring rounds which puts kids at a disadvantage.

Frank Selker commented that he agrees with Mr. Hirsch's perspectives. Teachers deserve excellent compensation and his family is a union family, but Portland deserves an excellent school system. The District must be responsible for good principals. The District must be able to hire early and move teachers according to principal preferences

Michael Bailey, President of the National Disability Rights Network in Washington DC, stated that they run 57 non-profit law firms. His organization authored a report about restraint and seclusion. Portland was stubborn about the removal of seclusion cells from Pioneer.

Angela Jarvis-Holland, Executive Director of the Northwest Down's Syndrome Organization, commented that no tax payer wants money spent on seclusion rooms or cells. The District's reluctance to remove those rooms was very concerning. In McMinnville, they did a better job of looking at alternatives.

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Sheila Warren, on behalf of Portland Parent's Union and DRN, reported that seclusion rooms hurt children. Staff is often not properly trained. She represents parents who are very concerned about their children. Teachers should have an IEP that shows how to de-escalate a student.

BUDGET UPDATE

Superintendent Smith provided a budget update which would allow more immediate funding in schools. The Board could not officially approve a budget amendment tonight while the audit is underway, but she was asking the Board for support in immediately putting these resources into schools.

Director Koehler questioned reserves. Superintendent Smith confirmed that the reserves will be at 6.6%, which is \$30.7 million. Board Policy requires 3%, and our practice has been 5%. We were down to 3.5% and this would bring us up to 6.6%.

Director Adkins stated that this was very exciting and appreciated the targeting of the investment.

Director Knowles commented that she was thrilled, especially with the addition of 30 more fte in the schools as we have too many overcrowded classes. She was also excited about the Arts TOSA to support the funded Arts Tax efforts.

Director Morton mentioned that it was fair to note that a lot of what was just reported has been items that the Board has been hearing for a long time that is needed. 30 fte is so important and is responsive to student needs.

Director Regan stated that she was very pleased with where we landed. For next year, the additional money will be for more teachers and more instructional time. Her hope was that we could start the school year earlier so that kids have more instructional time before they are taking AP and other exams. Also, she was hopeful that we could bring back the Ombudsman position to help with parent concerns.

Director Buel commented that the District needs to plan for the Steven's Creek Crossing and meeting their needs in the schools – three of our schools will receive an influx of kids and we want to be responsive. Director Buel indicated that when he puts the equity lens on the teachers back in schools, some of those schools need teacher aides. He would like to see those aides placed according to need, not just where there are the most kids. Also, he wants instructions that the principal will put the aides in the classroom and working with kids, not for the principal needs.

All Board members were in support of the proposal. Co-Chair Belisle stated that the Board was directing to support the Superintendent's proposal and move forward with what was outlined and to move forward.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Director Buel moved and Director Regan seconded the motion to hold a separate vote on the Gates contract. Superintendent Smith provided an explanation of personalized learning. Director Adkins commented that she was satisfied with the Gates Grant as it would meet the needs of kids. Director Buel stated that there were too many new initiatives and that we were a destabilizing force for our poor kids.

Director Koehler questioned what we were doing to make sure we are involving teachers and PAT so that we can work together to support kids and not fight.

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Director Morton mentioned that our ability to respond to RFPs and grants is critical, and we need to keep those lines of communication open. His experience with Gates is a little different; it has been both stable and innovative in a way that is supportive of student success.

ADJOURN

Co-Chair Buel adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm.

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Purchases, Bids, Contracts

The Superintendent RECOMMENDED adoption of the following items:

Numbers 4810 through 4812

Director Adkins moved and Director Knowles seconded the motion to adopt Resolutions 4810 and 4811. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (yes-7, no-0, with Student Representative Davidson voting yes, unofficial).

Director Adkins moved and Director Regan seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 4812. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed by a vote of 6-1 (yes-6, no-1 [Buel], with Student Representative Davidson voting yes, unofficial).

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RESOLUTION No. 4810

Revenue Contracts that Exceed \$25,000 Limit for Delegation of Authority

RECITAL

Portland Public Schools ("District") Public Contracting Rules PPS-45-0200 ("Authority to Approve District Contracts; Delegation of Authority to Superintendent") requires the Board of Education ("Board") to enter into and approve all contracts, except as otherwise expressly authorized. Contracts exceeding \$25,000 per contractor are listed below.

RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve these contracts. The Board accepts this recommendation and by this resolution authorizes the Deputy Clerk to enter into agreements in a form approved by General Counsel for the District.

NEW CONTRACTS

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Contract Amount	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Neighborhood House	7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Revenue R 59966	Ramona Pre-K: Early childhood development services for Neighborhood House/Head Start eligible students.	\$50,000	H. Adair Fund 299 Dept. 9999 Grant S0261
Qatar Foundation International	7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Revenue R 60190	Lincoln HS: The Qatar Foundation will fund Arabic language and cultural instruction at Lincoln HS and West Sylvan MS.	\$233,277	T. Goodall Fund 299 Dept. 9999 Grant S0239

NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS / REVENUE ("IGA/Rs")

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Contract Amount	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Oregon Trail School District	7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Intergovernmental Agreement Revenue IGA/R 60156	Oregon Trail SD: Columbia Regional will provide school age classroom services to regionally eligible deaf/hard of hearing students in the Oregon Trail SD.	\$49,575	H. Adair Fund 299 Dept. 9999 Grant S0031
Oregon City School District	7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Intergovernmental Agreement Revenue IGA/R 60174	Oregon City SD: Columbia Regional will provide school age classroom services to regionally eligible deaf/hard of hearing students in the Oregon City SD.	\$85,025	H. Adair Fund 299 Dept. 9999 Grant S0031

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State of Oregon	November 2013 through June 2016	Intergovernmental Agreement Revenue IGA/R 60XXX	District-wide: Dual-Language/Two-Way Bilingual Grant application. If awarded, the grant will fund the expansion of PPS's current dual language immersion program to create a K-5 Vietnamese dual language immersion program at an elementary school to be determined.	\$120,000	M. Goff Fund 205 Dept. 9999 Grant GXXXX
Parkrose School District	9/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Intergovernmental Agreement Revenue IGA/R 60166	Parkrose SD: Portland Public Schools Pioneer program will provide an education program based on the IEP for one Parkrose School District student.	\$40,000	M. Pearson Fund 101 Dept. 5414

AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING CONTRACTS

No Amendments to Existing Contracts

LIMITED SCOPE REAL PROPERTY AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

No Limited Scope Real Property Agreements or Amendments

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RESOLUTION No. 4811

Expenditure Contracts that Exceed \$150,000 for Delegation of Authority

RECITAL

Portland Public Schools (“District”) Public Contracting Rules PPS-45-0200 (“Authority to Approve District Contracts; Delegation of Authority to Superintendent”) requires the Board of Education (“Board”) enter into contracts and approve payment for products, materials, supplies, capital outlay, equipment, and services whenever the total amount exceeds \$150,000 per contract, excepting settlement or real property agreements. Contracts meeting this criterion are listed below.

RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve these contracts. The Board accepts this recommendation and by this resolution authorizes the Deputy Clerk to enter into agreements in a form approved by General Counsel for the District.

NEW CONTRACTS

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Contract Amount	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Oracle America, Inc	10/28/2013 through 12/15/2014	Purchase Order PO 115467	District-wide: Annual renewal of PeopleSoft maintenance service agreement.	\$404,692	J. Klein Fund 101 Dept. 5581
Catapult Learning West, LLC	9/1/2013 through 8/15/2014	Personal Services PS 60187	Various: Provide Title I Tutoring services for eligible students enrolled at private schools for the 2013-2014 School year and 2014 summer program. RFP #2013-1627	\$209,558	W. Campbell Fund 205 Depts. 6937, 6913,6984,6938, 6903, 6917, 6914, 6920, 6953, 6923, 6924, 5407 Grant G1321
Hirsh and Associates	10/14/2013 through 10/16/2017	Personal Services PS 60213	District-wide: Provide performance audit of the first four years of the eight-year bond program.	\$547,120	J. Owens Fund 451 Dept. 5511 Project DF120
Self Enhancement, Inc.	7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Personal Services PS 60193	Jefferson Cluster: Provide culturally specific family engagement services to participating families with primary focus on providing outreach to families.	\$155,000	L. Poe Fund 101 Dept. 5431
Open Meadow	8/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Personal Services PS 60159	Franklin, Madison & Roosevelt: Open Meadow will provide Step Up services designed to help students successfully transition from middle to high school, to target students identified as Academic Priority.	\$850,000	L. Poe Fund 101 Dept. 5431
Open Meadow	10/1/2013 through 9/30/2014	Personal Services PS 60147	Franklin & Roosevelt: Open Meadow will provide Step Up services for the High School Graduation Grant to target students identified as Academic Priority.	\$291,874	K. Wolfe Fund 205 Dept. 5485 Grant G1116

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NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (“IGAs”)

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Contract Amount	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Reynolds School District	7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014	Intergovernmental Agreement IGA 60203	Provide 1.36 FTE Autism specialists for students eligible for low incidence ASD	\$151,800	H. Adair Fund 205 Dept. 5433 Grant G1342

AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING CONTRACTS

No New Amendments to Existing Contracts

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RESOLUTION 4812

A Revenue Contract with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	10/1/2013 through 1/31/2014	Revenue R60189	District-wide: With the Gates Foundation funding, PPS will work with co-applicant Tillamook SD, students, teachers, and the community to build district-wide capacity supporting personalized learning. US Programs Grant #OPP1100559.	\$100,000	M. Goff Fund 205 Dept. 9999 Grant G1380
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