



OCTOBER 5, 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 6:02pm 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 and Superintendent Smith

Student Testimony

Kam Saetang testified that people are not engaged when the curriculum is not relevant. Need for Ethnic Studies in schools.

Amy Lee, a Sophomore at Franklin, testified that US History is euro centric and there is a strong need for ethnic studies in our schools.

Cheryl Luong testified that she could have been more invested in education and interested if there was a cultural studies class she could have taken.

Ronnell Manguino is a Senior who invited the Board to attend their "Missing Pages of History" campaign launch on October 15th.

Tyreesha Garrett is a parent that testified that focusing on a euro-centric curriculum is harmful to the African American community and change needs to happen.

Emmanual Gibson is a student who asked the question, "Why don't we learn about our history?"

Public Comment:

Ismail Peki testified that Woodstock kindergartens were overcrowded; smaller classes were needed for students to learn.

Danielle Simonelli is concerned about the process for boundary change. She says there is no data that supports boundary change as improving graduation rates. Supports keeping neighborhoods together as much as possible.

Tim Schultze is a 5th grade teacher who is concerned that he is being asked to follow the district adopted curriculum of Scott Foresman so his students are up to benchmark in reading. He is also concerned that ESL students are receiving services during the times that specials are taught and that testing takes quite a long time and cuts into other activities.

Dominic Lefave is a SPED teacher at Wilson who is concerned with overcrowding at SPED and says that he has too many students in his classroom and is requesting para educator support.

Public Comment on Enrollment Balancing Values Framework

Tony Droege is a parent of two children who questions the transparency of DBRAC.

Brian Owendoff would like transportation and travel time to be considered when deciding boundaries and is worried crossing a river in the event of a natural disaster. He asks for DBRAC to consider all 20 KPIs.

Brooke Cowan and Matt Marjanovic provided overviews of the Soft Neighborhood Model as a solution to the boundary review process.

Aris Xie shared her concerns regarding enrollment balancing and the concern that extra traveling will have a big impact on a student's life.

Lori Lombardi shared concerns about redistricting of Portland schools. She feels there needs to be more time. She would like to see a focus on strengthening schools and increasing capacities of schools. School systems are draw for businesses.

Michael Jevack commended that he was worried that an increase in travel time will have a negative impact on families.

The following reports were presented to the Board:

- Smarter Balanced Assessment Results

The Board approved the following items:

- Resolution Encouraging Oregon's PPS Administration, State Legislature, and Governor to Enact Measures to Deter and Reduce Gun Violence
- Enrollment Balancing Values Framework
- Tax Exempt Bond Issuance Compliance
- Business/Consent Agenda

Adjourn:

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

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