



**JANUARY 8, 2019, MEETING OVERVIEW**

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*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 6:01pm at the call of Board Chair Rita Moore in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

Present: Chair Moore; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, Anthony, Esparza Brown, and Rosen; Student Representative Paesler; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large. .

**Student Comment**

Ellie Thomas: spoke of the Jefferson Dancers trip to France which is under consideration by the Board.

This was her third year as a dancer, and terrorism is already dying down in the north of France.

The riots they had were similar to Portland's in 2016. The trip is not planned until April, and there have been no protests in the small city that will have the dance workshop; it is safe to travel there.

The dancers have worked hard to prepare for the trip and to raise money.

Zoe Ridgell: she understands it is administrations job to protect students during international travel.

However, she has a 1 in 115 chance of being shot in the United States, and a 1 in a million chance of being killed by violence in France. She could not express how important the trip to France is.

The Jefferson Dancers have earned this opportunity, and the experience outweighs any threats in France.

**General Public Comment**

James Posey: Board Chair of Black Parent Initiative (BPI), stated that he was told their contract has been pulled from the Board's agenda tonight, and that the Board would reconsider it in a couple weeks.

Mr. Posey commented that the Board knew the trauma they have been going through the last several months, and he's frustrated that he has to be here to talk to the Board. BPI has only had a new Board for a month and a half and haven't had governance training yet. Please give them a break.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: content, course and sequence have not been available to PPS educators and this was our first year effort in reiterating units of study for teachers; we need effective instructional strategies to meet the needs of students who require extra supports; district-wide benchmark assessments; School Resources Officers and student safety; a clean Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; a State Audit on PPS public education dollars will be released the following day; and, the Holiday Classic girls basketball.

## **Action Items**

- Second Reading: Cash Management Policy, Reimbursement of Expenses, and Student Representative Policy

### **Public Comment:**

Steve Buel: it would be nice to have a children-driven district instead of a data-driven district. The Board was going backwards on some important initiatives from the previous Board. The amended Student Representative Policy changes the status of the student representative who has always been seen as an equal member of the Board. You are taking power away from the student representative and taking away student voice. The new policy makes it seem like they will just shadow the school board. It was a destructive thing for student voice.

## **Reports to the Board**

- Division 22 Report to the Community
- Performance Auditing and Audit Committee Work Plan
- First Reading: Policy Rescissions

## **The Board Approved the Following Items:**

- Resolution 5786: Amendment of Cash Management Policy 8.20.010-P
- Resolution 5787: Amendment of Reimbursement of Expenses – Board of Directors Policy 1.40.080-P
- Resolution 5789: Election of Board Chairperson: Rita Moore
- Resolution 5790: Election of Board Vice-Chair: Julie Esparza Brown
- Business Agenda

## **Adjourn**

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

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