



**JANUARY 23, 2018 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 7:05pm at the call of Student Representative Moses Tran in the Auditorium at Benson High School, 546 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

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

**Benson Welcome**

Student Representative Tran welcomed everyone to Benson High School and provided a brief history of the school. Benson Principal Curtis Wilson Jr. and Benson Student Enrique Tellez welcomed all to Benson.

**Recognition**

The Board recognized Jim Piro of PGE and thanked PGE for the \$100,000 donation in Mr. Piro's name to Benson. Mr. Piro thanked the Board and stated that he and his wife would match the donation.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Guerrero's report included: graduation rates would be released later in the week and there would be some highlights on PPS high schools; PPS was the recipient of a \$3.9 million grant from the Federal Government for Multiple Pathways; many students provided presentations at Martin Luther King Jr. Day events; open dialogues and planning meetings will be occurring regarding Pioneer and a presentation was provided by Mary Pearson and Harry Esteve; and, Director Bailey stated that the Board was in support of the Superintendent's plan for Pioneer.

**Student and Public Comment**

Henry Chase: student at Pioneer, stated he wrote to the Board in December, but only one Board member responded. Pioneer needs to stay where it is. If the kids at Pioneer could be in General Education, they would. At Pioneer, all the students and teachers are on the same floor and in the same space. If one group needs help, another group is there and available for them. Why were Rice and Applegate chosen? The kids will be separated from their friends.

Beth Blumklotz: Special Education Bus Driver, stated that they transport the most fragile students. Previously, she had shared her concerns with the Board; it's been several months and the Board has been silent regarding their contract negotiations, which has had a negative tone. The bus is the safest way to get a child to school.

Laura Moulton: Rigler is not a school with high test scores, but she wouldn't trade their experience there for anything. There have been challenges and setbacks at Rigler for years. In 2014, they were assigned an unqualified Principal that was gone by spring, in September they learned that the District was taking their principal and placing him at Cesar Chavez. Would that have happened with Alameda? They are still waiting on the statue of a permanent principal.

Danielle Pacifico-Cogan: parent of a Pioneer student, informed the Board that they should not start collaborating in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. How is placing special needs students in buildings with no amenities acceptable? What if you offered a school like that to black students? The proposal to move Pioneer students is asinine and you should be ashamed of yourselves. Another bad example was placing a segregated Special Education classroom under a recently renovated library at a High School. She has received no communication from the District on the Pioneer proposal. This was a blatant act of discrimination.

Scholle McFarland: Chair of TAGAC, stated that the Board would hear a Division 22 Report later in the evening. For the second year in a row, the District has reported itself out of compliance for TAG students. The Board needs to budget for TAG curriculum.

Jeannie Curtis: secretary at Pioneer, stated that her heart is broken. The Board was moving Pioneer to place another program in their building (ACCESS). She is embarrassed by the Superintendent who has treated administrative staff poorly and made all plans behind closed doors. The Superintendent was the one who was driving the dismantling of Pioneer. He was served a petition signed by 5,000 supporters to keep the Pioneer Program together. It was obvious that only privileged students were what the Superintendent prefers. He was letting the "wants" of ACCESS to trump the "needs" of Pioneer. It is the Board's responsibility to support the students of Portland.

### **Action Items**

- Rigler Immersion Program  
Public Comment:  
None

### **Reports**

- Division 22 Report to the Community
- Reaffirm Support for DACA Resolution
- Design Advisory Group Assignments: Kellogg-Director Rosen; Benson-Director Anthony; Lincoln-Director Kohnstamm; and, Madison-Director Bailey.
- Overview of Contract Ratification Process with Portland Association of Teachers

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

- Resolution 5566: Change Rigler Elementary School to a Neighborhood-based Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program Only School
- Resolution 5568: Referral of Resolutions 5480 and 5481 to Committee
- Business Agenda

### **Adjourn**

Student Representative Tran adjourned the meeting at 9:43pm.

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