



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

FEBRUARY 3, 2016 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 6:02pm 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; Superintendent Smith

**Public Comment:**

Winston Chamberlain: asked the Board to reject DBRAC Scenarios 2a and 2b, and asked whether the Board had performed a root cause analysis of the schools on the west side.

Kim Brechin: spoke in support of DBRAC Scenario 2b as it addresses many of the community's concerns and would allow a more diverse set of students to access the Spanish Immersion program.

Jennifer Hornick: spoke on behalf of Tara Graham who was in favor of Scenario 2b.

John Pierce: supports the recommendation of DBRAC.

Jeff Dey: asked the Board to work with the community and suggested the use of temporary portables to relieve overcrowding in west side schools; walkability was very important.

Nicole Iroz-Elardo: the TAG compliance form needs to be completed and immediate TAG teaching needs to occur.

Scholle McFarland: shared her concerns in a two-page information sheet which she distributed to the Board. A PPS survey of parents showed great dissatisfaction district-wide with TAG services. TAG funding has not been increased since 2001. PPS needs well documented services and needs to make parents are aware them.

**The following reports were presented to the Board:**

- Graduation Rates
- Division 22 Report
- 2016-17 Budget Forecast
- First Reading: Public Contracting Rules

**Public Hearings:**

- 2015-16 Budget Amendment  
Public Comment:  
None received.

**The Board approved the following items:**

- Resolution 5207: Amendment No. 1 to the 2015/16 Budget for School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
- Business Agenda

### **Other Board Actions**

- Director Koehler moved and Director Rosen seconded the motion to provide direction to the Superintendent to spend up to \$100,000 from the current budget for high school AP and IB textbooks. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3 (4-yes, 3-no [Kohnstamm, Knowles, Esparza Brown]) with Student Representative Davidson voting yes, unofficial).

### **Adjourn:**

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 9:54pm.

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