



MARCH 12, 2019, 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 6:21pm 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; Vice-Chair Esparza Brown; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, Anthony, and Rosen. Student Representative Paesler; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Liz Large.

Classified and Non-Represented Employee Appreciation

The Board recognized the work of Classified and Non-Represented employees.

Comments from Portland Federation of School Professionals (PFSP)

Belinda Reagan, President of PFSP, stated that every single classified person in the District deserves thanks and appreciation. Classification Week, unfortunately, seems to fall within hours of classified staff being notified of lay-offs. Classrooms Educational Assistants are our lowest paid employees. Suggested either changing the appreciation week or discontinue the cuts. It seems the District feels that the more degrees you have, the better and higher class one is. Allow classified staff the same respect and dignity as you treat one another. PPS would fail without the classified positions. The District also relies heavily on campus security agents, but they are often over-looked. Their salaries should be raised based upon the demands of their position.

General Public Comment

David Morrison: thanked Director Brim-Edwards for offering to support SB283. The bill would review microwave radiation in schools, and would require schools to develop curriculum so that children are taught about safer wireless device use. An expert witness from Toronto would like to schedule a meeting with the Board and discuss the topic.

Deb Mayer: she is not against computer technology, but is for safe use of that technology. Three bills were introduced in the state legislature on wireless devices and the dangers of Wi-Fi. The proposed bills would require studies in schools. She asked the Board to believe the issue is real and true.

Letha Tawney: the Community appreciates that mandarin immersion has been provided at an underserved school. She asked that as the Board moves forward with the Field Trip Policy to please consult with them. They had provided some language that they would like the Board to consider.

Inger McDowell-Hartye: spoke of the BUILD program, stating that they help parents advocate for issues in their communities. They are in the 5th year of the program and are a partner program of Gear-Up. They primarily work with refugee families and those parents of 10th, 11th and 12th grade students at three high schools. Roosevelt lost a position. They have spoken with the principal at the school and met with Joe LaFontaine to talk about the issues. They were now turning to the Board for help.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: 2019-20 School Year Budget Development, Portland Association of Teachers contract extension, school visits, literacy instruction, Los Violinistas de Oro at Scott, Scott PTA Meeting with a bilingual play by parents on restorative practices, and, a PPS parent that was arrested by ICE as they were dropping their child off at school. Superintendent Guerrero reaffirmed the District's commitment that our schools will serve as beacons of learning and no one will be turned away. We will do everything possible to maintain our schools as sanctuaries. PPS will be remembered for it is humanity; we will not turn our backs on our students and their families.

Action Items

- Proclamation: Developmental Disability Awareness Month
Public Comment:
Noelle Sisk: provided a video, adding that she would like to create campaigns in schools.
Angela Jarvis Holland: thank the Board for the proclamation. The All Born-In Conference is in its 14th year and PPS is our lead sponsor this year. We will be talking about systems change and that requires partnership and optimism.
The Board voted unanimously to proclaim March as Developmental Disability Awareness Month
- Rosa Parks Year Round Calendar
Public Comment
Beyoung Yu: ESL teacher at Rosa Parks, thanked the board for their letters of apology. He stated that he did not see his 5 requests in the resolution. He asked if the District would be able to shut them down next year, how the district would gather enough input and data in nine months, and how will they find a principal that supports the year-round model? He asked that the District help them by stopping the displacement and gentrification of our students of color.
Anne Urban: Media Specialist at Rosa Parks, thanked the Board for taking a step back, and added that she hoped we were on the road to set things right. The year-round calendar serves the community well. Talk to the families and read from the equity lens.
Nichole Watson: 4th Grade teacher at Rosa Parks, stated that learning and healing happens when we build relationships. But those relationships are hanging by a thread right now. She hopes the Board learns from the community about how they love Rosa Parks. Equity should be a principle that we lead by.

Reports to the Board

- Introduction to Balanced Assessment Framework and Follow-up to Second Quarter Outcomes
- Discussion: Benson Space Programming
- Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5844: Resolution to Recognize Classified and Non-Represented Employee Appreciation Week, March 4-8, 2019
- Resolution 5845: Adoption of 2019-20 School Year-Round Calendar for Rosa Parks
- Business Agenda
Sally Maltman, speaking in regards to Resolution 5850, stated the District filed to deliver special education services to students, including her daughter. She also spoke on the PPS Complaint process, as work still needs to be done on it. Substance in District responses was sorely missing. She felt the District did not enter into the complaint process cooperatively, and she hopes the superintendent engages more fully in complaint

processes in the future. There is hypocrisy in the District; core services are not being provided to special education students.

Adjourn

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:08pm.

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