



MARCH 19, 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 6:00pm 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; Senior Counsel Mary Kane.

Celebrating the Benson Girls Basketball Team, the Jefferson Boys Basketball Team, and the Grant Boys Basketball Team

The Board recognized and congratulated the Benson Girls Basketball Team State Champions, the Jefferson Boys Basketball Team State Champion runner-up, and the Grants Boys Basketball Team earning 4th place in the State Championship.

General Public Comment

Chris Riser: the Board was not doing what was required of them. PPS has been found to create barriers to students of color. PPS is actively deepening the debt owed to the students. What is the status of ethnic studies that was mandated to be in every high school in 2016? We don't need instructional leadership; we need transformational leadership to make our schools research laboratories.

Beth Blumklotz: Special Education bus driver, stated that the union would like to settle a fair contract as quickly as possible. They felt the attorney the District hired last year extremely disrespectful. The union negotiated with integrity last year and they would like a fair and equitable contract.

Jimmy Appelhanz: thanked the Board for letting him participate in the Guiding Coalition for the Visioning process. The bus drivers were excited about starting our negotiations earlier this year and added they never received PPS' proposal on Day 1 of last year's negotiations. Please do not bring your former negotiator back to the table.

Dee White: there are high levels of lead in Portland's drinking water which is all over the City; it is a neurotoxin.

Kavi: spoke on Peace in Schools (mindfulness). He was rejected from his family and was faced with racism. Then he found Peace in Schools which changed his life. He found clarity through meditation. He heard there would not be funding for Peace in Schools next year, but struggling students need that program.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Paesler reported on the following: District Student Council attended the Board's Policy and Governance Committee to make final tweaks on the Student Representative Policy, and after Spring Break, the Student Council will begin work on selecting next year's Student Representative to the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: PWA Expo, Council of Great City Schools Legislative/Policy Conference, Student Summit, and the Visioning process.

Action Items

- I-5 Rose Quarter Improvement Project
Public Comment:
Aaron Brown: there is no freeway expansion that has ever solved congestion. It never makes traffic better; the more lanes you build, the more traffic. The proposed expansion will move into the backyard of Tubman Middle School. Stand up for the next generation of Oregonians.
- Second Reading: Field Trips, Foreign Travel, and Other Off-Campus Activities
Public Comment
Eric Holder and Luna: currently in Japanese Immersion Program and will go to Japan with 82 other students. There is only so much you and co in a classroom. It was important that students get to experience difference cultures and they need to be immersed in different languages.
Ann Purnick: recommended a yes vote on the policy, but has remaining concerns. She was in favor of an 8th grade capstone across the District and would like to work with PPS on that.
Letha Tawney: asked for some shifts around the hazards paragraph in the proposed policy. Would like to see staff mitigate the factors; financial hardships will be present. The paragraph lists potential hazards, but ignores race. She asked that staff develop approached to those potential hazards, not just strictly avoid them. She would like to assist in writing the Administrative Directive.

Reports to the Board

- 2019-20 Budget

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5856: PPS Comment on the Environmental Assessment of the I-5 Broadway-Weidler Facility Plan
- Resolution 5857: Amendment of Board of Education Policy 6.50.010-P Off-Campus Activities
- Resolution 5859: Resolution Authorizing Benson Campus Master Plan Revisions and Updates
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:28pm.

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