



**MARCH 21, 2017 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 6:03pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

Present: Chair Koehler; Vice-Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Anthony, Buel, Rosen, Knowles; Superintendent Bob McKean; Student Representative Bradley  
Absent: Director Esparza Brown

**Student Recognition**

Zion Fadel of Jefferson High School was recognized for his original artwork which will be the cover of the 2017-18 PPS Budget document. Mr. Fadel thanked his family and Jefferson High School for his artistic talents. Also recognized was the Jefferson Boys Basketball Team which claimed its first OSAA 6A State Title.

**Recognition: Cleveland High School Custodians**

Custodians were recognized for their quick action in quenching a fire at Cleveland High School.

**Student Testimony**

None.

**Public Comment**

Kayla Gulbranson: concerned about the large cuts in fte proposed in the 2017-18 budget. They cannot afford to lose a key counselor at their school and she asked the Board to all principal flexibility in hiring for 2017-18.

Meeka Kullberg: an Advocacy Group has been formed at Duniway to go to the legislature and ask for more school funding. She requested that the board allow principals to decide on which support and classified staff they would like to keep.

Ginger Huizar: advocated for K-8 schools and their needs. K-8s serve the highest need students in Portland and PPS has an inequitable structure system. PPS needs to think about middle school planning.

Eszter Vegh and Yelena Bondarenko: spoke in support of the Russian Dual Language Immersion program.

Amanda Reed: stated that she had a change.org petition with 350 signatures regarding Vestal K-8. They have lost 17 staff members and 30 students in the last year. ODE had assisted her with their growing list of concerns. She believes she has a neglect of duty claim against Vestal and ODE advised her to share their research with TSPC. Superintendent McKean stated that he was concerned about the school as well and that there is a plan at this point in time that he feels will make a difference in the school.

Susan Stone: as TOSA for Library Services, she knows that librarians take their teaching very seriously. The proposed budget calls for reducing library staff and only operating part-time. She promised to do what she could to help maintain the strides that have been made, even though she knows the cuts were coming.

### **Student Representative's Report**

Student Representative Bradley thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the Council of Great City Schools Legislative Policy Conference and provided an overview of the conference. Director Knowles added additional information on the conference.

### **Superintendent Report**

Interim Superintendent McKean provided a report on the following items: Grant Magazine won Golden Crown Award; Lincoln student Kate LeBlanc won a national scholastic award; Roosevelt Students Gear-Up and got hands dirty for habitat for Humanity Homes in north Portland; and, filling of key positions. Vice-Chair Kohnstamm and Director Rosen provided a report on their visit to Atlanta, Georgia to speak with their senior leadership team, teachers and principals regarding our finalist for Superintendent.

### **Action Items**

- Budget Amendment No. 2 to 2016-17 Budget  
Public Comment:  
None

### **The following Reports were presented to the Board:**

- All Hands Raised Chapter 3
- Facilities Capital Budget

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

- Resolution 5433: Amendment No. 2 to the 2016/17 Budget for School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
- Business Agenda

### **Adjourn**

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.

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