



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

MARCH 29, 2016 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 6:11pm 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; Vice-Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Knowles, and Rosen; Student Representative Davidson; Superintendent Smith

Student Performance and Student Recognition

Cleveland High School student, Mohamed Matan, performed an original poem. daVinci student Greta Streich was recognized for her artwork that would appear on the Board's 2016-17 Budget Book.

Student Testimony

Jaden Schiffhauer: 7th grade student from West Sylvan asked the Board to find a way to let students attend Lincoln if they want to. They were originally told that if they attended West Sylvan, they would get into Lincoln.

Sasha Beebe: 6th grade student at Bridlemile stated that current Bridlemile 6th graders should be allowed to attend Lincoln High School.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Davidson thanked the students who attended the meeting and reported that SuperSAC had met with the Superintendent in March.

Public Comment:

Brooke Cowan: provided annotations to a Board Informational Report regarding enrollment and transfer policy revisions in terms of focus programs and lottery positions.

Mouna Khabbaz: all West Sylvan students should remain with their cohort and move into Lincoln; there should be no split feeders.

Amy Armstrong: major imbalance in facility usage on the west side with the current boundary proposals.

Jennifer Fortmann: critical questions and concerns have not been addressed in the boundary process.

40% of students at Irvington are students of color, and if the proposal is approved, that diversity would be eliminated.

Karn Saretang: reported on the APANO Ethnic Studies Campaign.

Susan Stone: reported on the steps that have been taken in rebuilding the library system in the schools.

Comments by Portland Federation of School Professionals (PFSP)

Belinda Reagan, President of PFSP, stated her dismay at the treatment of library assistants, adding that there was educational elitism in the District. She received notice that six library assistants have been unassigned and the fte given to Media Specialists. Last year, she was assured that the library assistant jobs were safe and would not be replaced by Media Specialists and she took the Director of Labor Relations word. The library assistants have spent the last year training the Media Specialists, but now they are being cut. Superintendent Smith stated that the District did make the assurances regarding library assistants the previous year.

The following reports were presented to the Board:

- Superintendent's Budget Message
- Superintendent's Recommendations on Boundaries

The Board approved the following items:

- Resolution 5239: Memorandum of Agreement between Portland Public Schools and the Portland Association of Teachers regarding Interim Bargaining related to Article 6: Student Discipline/Safety
- Business Agenda

Adjourn:

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm.

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