



APRIL 10, 2018 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 6:10pm at the call of Board Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Brim-Edwards; Vice-Chair Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair Moore; Directors Anthony, Bailey, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; Student Representative Tran; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large.

Recognition

The Board recognized Courtney Westling, Director of Government Relations, for putting together the PPS Legislative Policy and creating a House Bill that was signed by the Governor. The Board also recognized the Jefferson Students who attended the 2018 State Mock Trial Championship.

Board Policies

The Board held a Second Reading on each of the following Board Policies: Anti-Harassment, Teen Dating Violence, and School Naming Policy. The Board held a First Reading on the Complaint Policy.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero's report included: the Governor signed a net neutrality bill at Mt. Tabor, he attended the Carnegie Summit for Learning; staff was deep in processing the central office budgets; reorganization was taking place in the central office; Lincoln will be hosting a statewide high school conference; and, Martin Luther King Jr. School celebrated the 50th anniversary of its renaming.

Student and Public Comment

Sara Mohammed, Alia Najem, Saja Abu Hamdeh, and Mohammed Ali all testified on the importance of having an Arabic immersion program in PPS.

Christopher Marquardt: a teacher at Pioneer, stated that the Pioneer Program was exposed to discrimination. It took 4 months to be heard by the Board and the Superintendent, and the Superintendent never apologized for how he approached Pioneer. Parents have filed a Civil Rights violation.

Grace Groom: has two students attending ACCESS and had concerns about under enrollment at schools that have many underserved students. MLKJr will have just one classroom per grade next year. Isolation leads to less supports, and separate is not equal. MLKJr should have two sessions per grade.

Robin Harris: parent of a 5th grader in the Scott Spanish immersion program. Thanked the Board for opening Roseway Heights and Tubman in the fall, and urged the Board to dust off the equity lens when considering middle school scheduling.

Jonathan Hunt: Vice-President of ATU, spoke on behalf of over 100 school bus drivers for special education students. Drivers have been without a contract since June 30, 2017. Mr. Hunt asked the Board to direct the bargaining team to come to the table with an offer of a fair living wage.

Action Items

- Second Reading: Naming School District Property Policy
Public Comment:
None
- Second Reading: Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence Policy
Public Comment:
None
- Second Reading: Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy
Public Comment:
None
- Appeal: ABA
Public Comment:
Paul Terdal: two children with autism at PPS. Please vote to accept our appeal. Many parents and Autism Advocacy Associations had signed a letter to the Board. ABA is a necessary service for autism students. He had to obtain a court order for ABA services in his children's classrooms. Please allow the therapists back in the classrooms.
Vanessa Rentschler: PPS' arbitrary policy change to ABA therapy defies IED guidelines and logic. Please reinstate the service. Families should not have to go through hoops to obtain effective education for their children.
Dr. Melissa Gard: described an effective ABA program. Direct observation is required. Please consider reinstating the previous policy regarding ABA.
- Appeal: Pioneer School
Public Comment:
None

Work Session

At 9:00pm, the Board recessed from the Regular Meeting and convened into a Bond Work Session. The Board discussed Middle School Implementation funding. At 10:53pm, the Board adjourned out of the Work Session and Reconvened into the Regular Meeting.

Reports to the Board

- 2018-19 Budget Update

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5624: Resolution to Adopt the Revised 1.80.020-P Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policy
- Resolution 5625: Resolution to Adopt the Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence Policy
- Resolution 5626: Resolution to Adopt the Revised 2.20.010-P Naming School District Property Policy
- Resolution 5627: Appointment of Custodian Civil Service Board Member
- Resolution 5632: Resolution to Fund Capital Improvement Costs for Middle School Implementation
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 11:18pm.

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