



APRIL 24, 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 6:03pm 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 Beaumont Jazz Ambassadors opened the meeting with two numbers. The Board recognized Curtis Wilson, Oregon's Principal of the Year. Student Representative Tran announced the first PPS Student Council Annual PPS Leadership Summit on Saturday, April 28th from 10-2 pm at Benson High School.

Board Policies

The Board held a First Reading on the Conflict of Interest-Nepotism Policy and Chair Brim-Edwards announced minor amendments that will be considered with the Second Reading of the Complaint Policy on May 8th.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero's report included: the proposed 2018-19 Budget; discussion about the 2017 school modernization program; Roosevelt High School's Unity Fest; All Born In Conference with over 600 parents attending; the Pioneer community's frustration with the District and the need to restore a relationship with them; Martin Luther King Jr School's 50th Anniversary of their naming; and, thanked everyone for the successful Portland HeART Festival.

Student and Public Comment

Kira Swinth, Seal Gosnell, and Risa Saulino all reported on their CrossFit Class at Cleveland High School.

Their instructor had been cut and they asked the Board to reinstate her.

Gray Davies: stated that he had been the ACCESS Academy since second grade and that it was one of the best schools he had ever attended; it was like a home. Everyone gets along and there was no bullying. He urged the Board to keep ACCESS and the TAG program running.

Io Dennerlein Manson: attends 5th grade at Martin Luther King Jr Elementary and asked the Board to provide more staff next year to avoid projected larger classes. She would be overwhelmed in a large classroom, and bigger classes mean less teacher support.

Holly Groom: parent from Rigler, stated she was concerned about the Middle School proposal where children participating in a language immersion program may not be able to take electives. Removing electives would be a huge hit to the students.

- Susan Carson: asked that additional staffing be provided to Scott so that it has two strands per grade. Scott students need and deserve two strands in each grade for both neighborhood and DLI. The Board has contributed to the failure that exists as they have not performed a full boundary analysis. Promises had been made that there would not be one strand schools.
- Elizabeth Nelson: stated that she was glad the Board saw the light about Pioneer, but unacceptable about how the District does not understand its students. Learning Center teachers have to put the number of Minutes on an IEP that they can handle, not what the students need. She asked the Board to show the Pioneer community that they understand the program.
- Danielle Pacifico-Cogan: parent of a Pioneer student, commented that the contempt the District has shown the Pioneer students and staff was difficult to understand. The Board, meeting after meeting, tried to conceal how much they did not care about Pioneer. That legacy of discrimination will follow the Board, and you will never understand the depth of damage you caused. A real public apology is necessary; the comments during the Superintendent's Report were the driest she has ever heard.

Action Items

- Portland Federation of School Professions Contract Ratification
Public Comment:
None

- Interdistrict Transfers
Public Comment:
DeAnna Pickett: asked the Board to postpone their decision, as the Board's decision last year impacted 700 families. The change will impact her family directly along with those of other families. At a bare minimum, allow students to stay where they are at.
Chris Biegel: requested that the Board release an out of District students so that she may continue to attend her school. He does not understand how this topic cannot be considered a priority.
Sarah Biegel: more students are being accepted into PPS each year, but out of district transfers are less and less. 92 students were allowed in with no priority last year and 125 this year. PPS is benefitting from other districts and a more liberal transfer policy.

- Lincoln High School Modernization Project: Exemption from Competitive Bidding
Public Comment:
None

- Appeal: English as a Second Language
- Public Comment:
Barb Macon: .5 FTE was assigned for Roosevelt High school this coming year to offer sheltered math and science. Ms. Macon requested three things: 1) direct the ESL Department to meet with students and teachers to revise a draft plan; develop a pathway for the ESL students; and, 3) more bilingual teachers and teachers of color.
Henise Telles-Ferreira: educators must provide students with support. The students deserve a clear path to be successful in collect and career. She requested that newcomer students not be placed in sheltered core classes; algebra 1-2 be offered as a double-block and a paraeducator be present to support the students in class and outside; ESL Department include high school ESL teachers and students to be part of the redesigning of a high school pathway to graduation for ESL students; and, provide professional development training to mainstream teachers who will be teaching sheltered classes and teachers who will teach students that are transitioning out of sheltered classes.

Reports to the Board

- Superintendent's Proposed 2018-19 Budget
- 2017 Bond Discussion

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5639: 2017-19 Portland Federation of School Professionals Contract
- Resolution 5640: 2018-19 Standard Inter-District Student Transfers
- Resolution 5641: Lincoln High School Modernization Project: Exemption from Competitive Bidding and Authorization for Use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Alternative Contract Method
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 10:46pm.

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