



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

MAY 3, 2016 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 6:04pm 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

**Recognitions**

- The Board recognized the Lincoln Constitution Team who won first place in the *National We the People* Competition. This marked the fifth consecutive year that a PPS team had taken the national title, with now having won a total of eight national titles.
- The Board recognized teachers and school administrators, announcing that May 2<sup>nd</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> was Teacher and School Administrator Appreciation Week.
- The Board recognized the nearly 800 employees who were celebrating 5-year incremental service milestones.

**Student Comment**

Students from Roosevelt High School requested that race and social justice classes be added to PPS instruction.

**Public Comment:**

Lori Lyons-Lachman: There is disparity at Beach School; a fourth grade class was facing its fourth month of substitute teachers, and the students are losing trust in the adults that are teaching them. Each student should be guaranteed a hardship transfer.

Jackie Haddon: The Maplewood Community still has some outstanding questions regarding the boundary changes on the west side. Will grandfathering continue to extend to young siblings? When will parents be informed of new bus stops?

Nicole Iroz-Elardo and Scholle McFarland: PPS was not meeting its legal obligation under Division 22 regarding Talented and Gifted (TAG) students. TAG students were not being educated at their rate of learning. The proposed TAG budget was insufficient. Recommendations were presented to the Board.

Anton Bilbaeno: Asked if the current Board meeting format was an effective way to hear from the community. How do ideas live on and stay relevant? How does the Board know what the most important idea was in the community? His goal was to help answer those questions with an on-line platform.

**Action Items:**

- Ethnic Studies  
Public Comment  
Students Karina, Akeke, Gean, Gabrielle, and Llyndn, along with teacher Moe Yonamine, all testified in support of the Ethnic Studies resolutions.

**Board Discussion:**

- 2016-17 Proposed Budget

**The Board approved the following items:**

- Resolution 5261: Resolution to Celebrate Teacher and School Administrator Appreciation Week May 2 through 6, 2016
- Resolution 5262: Resolution to Develop and Implementation Plan for Ethnic Studies Curriculum
- Business Agenda

**Adjourn:**

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 9:56pm.

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