

**Portland Public School District 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon**  
**Board of Education's**  
**Finance, Audit and Operations Committee**

**May 15, 2018**  
**Informal Minutes**

A Meeting of the Board's Finance, Audit and Operations Committee convened on the above date at 3:02pm at the call of Chair Rita Moore, in Room 153 at the Martin Luther King Jr. School, 4906 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97211.

There were present:

Board Committee Members

Rita Moore, Chair  
Paul Anthony  
Amy Kohnstamm  
Mike Rosen

Board Members also in Attendance

Julia Brim-Edwards  
Scott Bailey  
Julie Esparza Brown

Staff

Stephanie Soden, Chief of Staff  
Jim Scherzinger, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Ryan Dutcher, Interim Budget Director  
Molly Bradley, Finance Consultant  
Ashleigh Gunter, Finance Consultant  
Teri Brady, Transportation Services Assistant Director  
Luis Valentino, Chief Academic Officer  
Liz Large, Interim General Counsel  
Dan Jung, Senior Director School Modernization  
Stephanie Cameron, Senior Director of Communications  
Harry Esteve, Director Strategic Communications  
Whitney Ellersick, Nutrition Services Senior Director  
Rosanne Powell, Board Manager

Ms. Ellersick presented her report on increasing school lunch prices for the 2018-19 school year, and provided a breakdown by school of what is owed for school lunches, which currently was around \$240,000. Director Anthony stated that we have to think about whether we should approach the legislature. Ms. Ellersick responded that she hoped the next legislative session will bring clarity to the bill. The District's free or reduced lunch percentage was currently 33%. Ms. Ellersick added that we need to be mindful of what is happening with the farm bill at the federal level as it impacts our families who could be eligible for our services.

Vice-Chair Moore asked when the last price increase for school meals occurred. Ms. Ellersick responded last year. Vice-Chair Moore requested that Ms. Ellersick keep the Board apprised of legislative topics, along with state and federal.

The Committee unanimously voted to move the meal increase resolution to the full Board.

The Committee took a break at 3:23pm.

At 3:45pm, Chair Moore reconvened the Meeting.

Mr. Jung provided a PowerPoint about Madison High School, and the architect presented the design details.

Director Anthony questioned the cost of the 2,000 seat grandstand. Mr. Jung responded that the cost would be about \$3 million.

### **Public Comment**

Steve Buel: would like to see seating in the auxiliary gym as there are only two rows of bleachers indicated. The building will be constructed for 1700 students, but potentially 2100 students could be allowed.

Director Brim-Edwards questioned when the Board would have the final budget numbers and what will it consist of. Mr. Jung responded that an estimate was currently being put together, and will be about 10% higher than originally projected. Right now, we are at \$185-\$200 million, but we would like to complete our schematic design, have another estimate prepared, and then our cost estimator will provide a number. Director Kohnstamm asked if some efficiencies had been incorporated in to the design. Mr. Jung responded yes, almost all classrooms and labs have been shrunk somewhat, and they have incorporated flexibility into the design. Director Brim-Edwards indicated that she would like to see language around the budget in the Board Staff Report and resolution which will go before the full Board on May 22, 2018.

Mr. Dutcher provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2018-19 budget and also provided a handout of responses to Board Member questions on the budget.

Superintendent priorities in the proposed 2018-19 budget include: System Performance, Equity 2.0, professional learning and development, and ABA Provider. In regards to the Superintendent's Reserve in the proposed budget, the following \$1.2 million in reserves would cover: a range of system level initiatives currently under development, required flexibility to quickly provide support and allocate to correct owner, and year-round contract management. Director Brim-Edwards stated that the vetting process for contracts should be transparent, we should know the deliverables, and not voting on 5 or 6 year contracts.

Chair Moore commented that she would like a statement of principle on the flexible combination of contract and employees, depending on need, and prefers that we do things in-house as there is more control over the quality. Chair Moore mentioned that there were additional possible investments: learning gardens, strategic plan development, boundary review and adjustments, focus option review, policy development capacity, and resources and capacity for future bond planning. Director Brim-Edwards added four additional possibilities: enhancement to Pioneer school program, transitional supports for ACCESS depending on where they are placed, support for schools that were designated in the middle school resolution, and identified resources for implementation of the Whitehurst Report. Director Esparza Brown added ethnic studies support, ELL realignment, and multi-tiered support system. Director Kohnstamm felt the proposed budget should include TAG review and legal compliance.

Chair Moore stated that she felt strongly about boundary review and adjustments and that we should outsource it. For her, it is a huge priority.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

Submitted by: