



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

MAY 30, 2018 MEETING OVERVIEW

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 5:23pm at the call of Board Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Mazama Conference Room 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 (via phone), and Rosen; Student Representative Tran; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large.

**Public Comment: Resolution on ACCESS Relocation**

Kirin Cowell-Shah: 4<sup>th</sup> grader at ACCESS, asked if he and his friend will have TAG math next year if ACCESS is co-located in a school, and would the District hire a teacher for just the two of them. He stated that the District plans would not work; ACCESS is a community and does things as a whole school. He asked that ACCESS remain at Rose City Park.

Megan Robertson: the ACCESS Association filed suit against the District as they are seeking a one building solution and true TAG services. Placing ACCESS in two buildings will require additional funds, and she asked how the District can afford duplicating positions in one building. The District does not have a long-term plan. She asked why the Board was rushing into a last minute decision. She asked that ACCESS remain at Rose City Park for one more year.

Tess Jordan: read a statement of the ACCESS science teacher, stating that ACCESS had the potential to be a model for the nation. Considerable resources will be needed for all schools that will be affected by co-location. Ms. Jordan stated, as for herself, that no one in the room believes that the Board resolution is one that supports ACCESS. Lane School did not have a community representative in the room. ACCESS could have been a District success story, but won't be if the resolution today is passed.

Jared Goodman: Vice-President of the Woodlawn PTA, stated how upset he was by the lack of communication in the decision-making the Board is doing. An email was sent out about the meeting 24 hours ago, and he only had three hours to put together a statement. It was extremely disappointing that the Board was placing ACCESS in schools that already need extra supports. How will bringing predominantly white children impact the students of Lane and Vestal? It was disgraceful that the vote was being made at the very last minute.

**The Board Approved the Following Item:**

- Resolution 5658: Resolution to Relocate the ACCESS Program.

**Adjourn**

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 5:57pm.

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