



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

JULY 25, 2016 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 6:04pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Koehler; Vice-Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Knowles, and Rosen; Student Representative Bradley; Chief Executive Officer Yousef Awwad

Student Testimony

Lucy Bunch-Benson: stated that the current Student Dress Code Policy was all about gender, and how it was targeted only at girls. She supported the Revised Student Dress Code Policy.

Public Comment

Shedrick Wilkins: predicts that corporate tax for schools will not pass. He does not like the “hard sports” of baseball or football in the schools. In addition, Intel and Nike should hold fundraisers for sports in the public schools. Mr. Wilkins added that he supports Governor Kitzhaber’s High School to Community College Program.

Logan Kleir: spoke on the matter of risk management and suggested that the Board should determine the Top Ten risks for PPS to deliver services and what it would cost to mitigate those risks. He advised the Board to hire a Risk Management Director, as the one the District currently has is an Insurance Management Director.

Rob Johns: as Chair of the Benson Tech Alumni Association and President of the Benson Tech Foundation, stated his support in the renovation of Benson. Benson was the first high school selected for renovation by the first Bond Committee. If needed, a shared compromise from other high schools should be considered to move Benson to the top of the list for the 2017 Bond.

Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar: stated her support of Resolutions 5307, 5308, and 5313, and requested that the Board continue to evaluate and prioritize stability for our students placed in special programs through special education and support and invest in co-located neighborhood English only strands in the neighborhoods side of immersion schools.

Youngtian Zhang: in representing Chinese families, he questioned the additional ethnicity, race and identity required on the new school enrollment forms. He was concerned about the District collecting that level of data and asked where and how it would be used. ODE has no requirement of collecting that level of detail and they follow federal regulations on reporting race as “Asian”. He asked the Board to follow ODE guidelines. Director Buel stated that the Board needs to look at all the data we are collecting on PPS students. An analysis should be performed and the Board should determine where the information is going.

Public Hearings:

- 2016 Bond Referral
Public Comment
Lisa Kensel and Scott Overton of the Oregon Council of PTA supports moving forward with the bond as proposed for May 2017.
Irina Phillips: applauded the Board's decision to move forward with the bond in May 2017, and asked the Board to continue to use equity and excellence in making their decisions.
- Second Reading: Revised Student Dress Code Policy
Public Comment
Jon Benson: supports the revised Dress Code Policy. Title 9 guarantees gender equality in education.
Marisha Childs: the revised policy was a sensible approach. Her child had been reprimanded in kindergarten for what she was wearing. She asked the Board to adopt the more gender-neutral policy.
- Tubman/Roseway Heights Middle Schools
Public Comment
Julie Davis: asked the Board to vote in favor of opening the middle schools in September 2017.
The District is a broken and divided school system; poverty is funneled into some schools and affluence is funneled into the others. The current two-district model was a waste of taxpayer dollars. We need integrated schools, yet have a segregated model. A divided school system is not functional. We need to create one PPS together.

Reports:

- 2015-16 Fiscal Year Bond Performance Audit

The Board approved the following items:

- Resolution 5307: Adopt Revised Board Policy 4.30.012-P, Standards of Conduct – Student Dress and Grooming
- Resolution 5308: Intent to Open Tubman and Roseway Heights Middle Schools for 2017-18 School Year
- Resolution 5313: Confirming the Name of Martin Luther King Jr. School
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

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