



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

AUGUST 28, 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 6:14pm at the call of Board Chair Rita Moore in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Moore; Vice-Chair Esparza Brown via phone; Directors Anthony, Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; Student Representative Paesler; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large.

Student and Public Comment

Ronda Royal: in regards to Dyslexia, Oregon Senate Bill 1003 is a good start as the law will gather data about how children read comprehensively and fluidly. But she asked the Board to think about the big picture. Many children have dyslexia; they are not dumb but feel dumb because of how they are treated. We need to focus on appropriate accessible education for children. Small, quite classrooms work best, fostering a growth mindset, empathy, compassion and establishing trust by not blaming the child for their disability.

Joe McFerrin: POIC values the work done by Kairos because of their success and impacting children early in life. He believes in Kairos and urged PPS to support the mission of Kairos and work with them to eliminate the racial achievement gaps. Kairos has a proven track record of success. He asked the Board to lease Humboldt School to Kairos for five years, as by then, Kairos will have a state of the art facility by 2023; the community would make sure.

Bahia Overton: Tubman Middle School had an impact on her; she was supported and believed in. Fisk College also reaffirmed her. We must think of new narratives in engaging the school system. Kairos was doing that, making children thrive and succeed. Ms. Overton submitted a document from Iris Bell.

C. J. Robbins: speaking on behalf of the Black Male Achievement Sub-Committee, he stated that Kairos was not just a charter school; it was the primary school of meeting equity head on. We are having the same discussion we had last year for a space where Kairos can thrive. It's not about black or white, charter schools, or equality. It's about equity. PPS has had an unacceptable achievement gap its entire history. Equity is not optional for Kairos; it was foundational.

Bishop C.T. Wells: asked why we continue to battle over the education of children. Without vision, the people perish. The people are not able to cast off their restraints. The reason the PPS Board was seeing the passion tonight was because they believe in Kairos. Kairos has the vision of how to educate our children. Vision is not something you can buy; it's not for sale. It's designed to create a solution to a problem.

Ronnie Herndon: stated that the District should have administration that looks like the children the District serves. There was a misdirection of Board power regarding children at Kairos. PPS has a shameful history of not caring about educating black children. Stop disrespecting their experts. Act on what they are telling the Board is in the best interest of children. Stop upholding institutional racism and stop derailing the children's path for success.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: the support of black students and appreciation for the work that Kairos has done on this shared goal; commitment to disrupting the racial inequities and assuring

the success of all students; first day of school; PPS may have its highest enrollment in a decade; and, Lincoln High School will celebrate its 150th Anniversary next year.

Action Items

- Amalgamated Transit Union Contract Ratification
Public Comment:
None.
- Lincoln Master Plan
Public Comment:
None.
- Madison Master Plan Budget
Public Comment:
None.

Reports to the Board

- Bond Financial Update

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5706: 2017-2019 Agreement between Amalgamated Transit Union and School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
- Resolution 5709: Resolution Authorizing Lincoln High School Modernization Master Plan as Part of the 2017 Capital Bond Program
- Resolution 5710: Resolution Authorizing Madison High School Project Budget as Part of the 2017 Capital Bond Program
- Resolution j5711: Resolution to Uphold the Superintendent's Decision on a Step 2 Appeal – Complaint No. 2018-03
- Resolution 5714: Additional Provisions for the 2012 and 2017 Bond Programs
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:18pm.

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