



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

AUGUST 29, 2017 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 7:10pm at the call of Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Brim-Edwards; Directors Anthony, Bailey, Esparza Brown, Moore, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; General Council Jim Harris. Interim Superintendent Awwad absent.

Student and Public Comment

Lane Shaffer: stated that he was a student of ACCESS as his neighborhood school was not able to meet his needs. However, ACCESS does not offer arts, sports or electives, which other robust middle schools have. It has been hard for him to get the electives he needs outside of school. In addition, ACCESS needs to be a larger school where growth is possible.

Sophia Dexter: reported that she just graduated from ACCESS last fall, where there were 13 out of 60 students being girls. ACCESS has the reputation of being a boys school, which may be deterring girls from applying. She believed the ACCESS process was turning down too many kids. Ms. Dexter also read a statement from Berit Holden which indicated that the needs of girls was often overlooked in the ACCESS classrooms.

Seana Lane: stated her concerns around the middle school changes that have been proposed and asked what happened between the DBRAC recommendations and the plan being brought forth. The revised plan does not look at the things that DBRAC was charged to look at through an equity lens. The new recommendations just came out of right field and disregarded the work of DBRAC.

Ginger Huizer: stated her concerns about course electives for middle schools. Strategy and board games was one offering her child had, yet Beverly Clear has so many electives. Who gets an "A" and who gets a "D" in board games? It was time for a change and all PPS schools need equal class offerings. PPS is failing the students, especially those of color.

Megan Robertson: stated that the new process for TAG has failed to reach its three goals. There is gender inequity in this year's admissions to TAG.

Kali Ladd, Michael Alexander, and Tiffany Penson all requested that PPS allow Kairos to remain at Humboldt. Kairos needs stability and has demonstrated a growing solution to a number of issues facing Portland. Moving Kairos would disrupt the school's track record.

Reports

- Opening of Faubion and Franklin
- Recap of Community Care Day
- Middle School Planning Update
- Bond Accountability Committee Quarterly Update
- 2012 Capital Bond Quarterly Update
- Introduction of Draft Public Records Policy
- Report from the Board's Policy and Governance Task Force

The Board Approved the Following Items

- Resolution 5503: Appointment of Community Budget Review Committee Members
- Resolution 5505: Appointment of Custodian Civil Service Board Member
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm.

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