



SEPTEMBER 6, 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 6:038pm 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, Knowles, Rosen, and Esparza Brown (via phone for Bond vote only); Student Representative Bradley; Bob McKean, Interim Superintendent
Absent: Director Esparza Brown

Introduction of Interim Superintendent

Chair Koehler introduced the new Interim Superintendent, Bob McKean. Mr. McKean thanked the Board for the opportunity and commented that he was all about service to students and the community, and that he would give it his very best.

Student Comment

Michael Ioffe and Riley Wilson stated that they had submitted a letter of support to the Board in favor of having the proposed bond placed on the November 2016 ballot. The students commented that the issues around health hazards needed to be corrected now. The students indicated that they would sit at the testimony table until they were forced to leave and that they would like the Chair to call a special meeting on September 8th to discuss the bond.

At 6:09pm, Chair Koehler recessed the meeting. At 6:14pm, Chair Koehler reconvened the meeting.

Public Comment

Gabrielle Bolivar: commented on three issues. 1) school buses arrive late or not at all; 2) there is a delay in progress with DBRAC; and, 3) asked the Board to make a motion to place the bond on the November 2016 ballot.

Tim Schulze: thanked the Board for the health and safety communications, stating that it has increased transparency in the District. He also stated his appreciation for mandatory recess.

Eleni Kehagiaras: asked the Board to call an emergency meeting on September 8th at 8:00am to hear public comment on the proposed bond being placed on the November 2016 ballot.

Stuart Emmons: distributed a draft November 2106 bond campaign plan that contained numerous items, adding that It would only need a little review. He has a large community group willing to campaign for a November 2016 bond.

Director Rosen read Director Esparza Brown's statement into the record in which she states she is in favor of a November bond. Director Anthony also stated his support of a November bond. Director Knowles stated that the bond should be on the May 2017 ballot as we do not have a package yet and a bond package could not be put together in two days. In addition, the ballot in November was crowded. Director Buel thanked those who testified, but stated his concern about the younger students and that the way the

bond was currently written, there would not be enough funds to take care of the health and safety issues of the entire District. Director Rosen stated his support of the bond on the November 2016 ballot as the public was telling the Board that we must move forward now. Chair Koehler stated that the District has several environmental issues in the District. It was inconceivable to him to suggest throwing caution to the wind and just hoping a bond dollar number sticks. A May vote will not be easy, but we need a package we can stand together on; bonds are not passed on split votes.

Director Kohnstamm moved and Director Knowles seconded the motion that the Board reaffirm the bond for the May 2017 ballot. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed by a vote of 4-3 (4-yes, 3-no [Esparza Brown, Anthony, Rosen]), with Student Representative Bradley voting no, unofficial.

Comments from Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503, School Employees Union Local 140

Mike Bray, SEIU Organizer, introduced several Nutrition Service workers who offered the following comments: Nutrition Services is short staffed; no incentive for Nutrition workers to stay; for years, staff was assigned to a specific school, usually one close to their home, yet this year they were moved; Nutrition Service staff build relationships at the schools they serve; workers would like to be restored to their original schools; workers were moved without warning or reason; workers would like to stay at a school where they have built a relationship.

Belinda Reagan, President of Portland Federation of School Professionals, stated that she has witnessed the decimation of the nutrition workers and that the District needs to look at SEIU custodial and food service workers as the human beings they are. Kids love their food service people and get to know them, and the workers know every kid in their line.

Chair Koehler asked staff to determine how this evolved and Superintendent McKean stated that the District appreciates all that the workers do as they are the unsung heroes. He, too, would look into the situation.

Reports:

- First Reading: Revised Civic Use of Buildings Policy

The Board approved the following items:

- The nomination of Director Anthony to serve on the Oregon School Boards Association
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

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