



OCTOBER 3, 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 6:03pm 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, Kohnstamm, Moore, and Rosen (*via phone*); Student Representative Tran; Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero; General Counsel Jim Harris.

Student Performance: BRAVO

Students of the BRAVO program performed for the Board. Seth Truby, BRAVO Executive Director, provided information on the program.

Welcome: Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero

The Board welcomed Superintendent Guerrero and presented him with student artwork. Superintendent Guerrero addressed the Board, highlighting his core beliefs as an educational leader and how he intends to approach the job.

Student Recognition: Search and Rescue Teams

The Board recognized students of the Multnomah County Search and Rescue Teams who assisted in the Eagle Creek fire that ravaged the Columbia Gorge. The students received a standing ovation.

Student and Public Comment

George Hocker Jr: speaking on behalf of Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith, stated her support of Kairos PDX remaining in the Humboldt building. The Board had an obligation to be leaders in equity and take advantage of this opportunity; show the black community fair and just treatment.

Vanessa Rentschler: her autistic child is in a general education setting, but PPS Special Education had issued a statement that Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) would no longer be allowed in the classroom and that they could only work with data, which put an abrupt restriction on ABA supports for her child. By blocking ABA, you are blocking student access to their educational plan.

Sarah Dumont: the proposed boundary changes have a lack of adherence to PPS policy and is pitting communities against each other. The proposal would make distance to her child's middle school six times what it is now and it does not to increase low capture rates to some schools.

Joshua DeCristo: the Middle School boundary change process has not been fair or transparent. The process has ignored every Board policy. Staff did not follow Board policies. Tubman is the worst idea for opening a middle school in Northeast Portland as it has environmental and health hazards.

Samantha Lannom: the current proposed boundary changes now were very different than what she saw in June. The proposed boundary changes do not seem to accomplish what they are set out to do; it was arbitrary and not well thought out.

Dan Kearsley: public schools are best when they are neighborhood schools, and the current boundary change proposal does not reflect a neighborhood school focus. The proposal is a band-aid fix when a permanent fix is needed. Board policy lists six factors for boundary changes; show the public that the Board has considered all six factors.

Comments from Portland Association of Teachers (PAT)

Suzanne Cohen, President of PAT, stated that they would like to see a full continuum of services. They believe in the power of the IEP and every child deserves a well-rounded curriculum. PAT is fighting for class sizes that are smaller and asked that the District ensure that every educator has the supports they need. PAT wants quality Professional Development and adequate time to collaborate with colleagues. PAT and the District has been working on a contract for almost as long as we have waited for a permanent Superintendent.

Action Items

- Resolution: Budget Amendment No. 1 to 2017-18 Budget
Public Comment:
None

Reports

- Roosevelt Grand Opening
- Update: Middle School Planning
- Student Representative's Report
- Board's Legislative and Policy Committee Update from Director Kohnstamm

The Board Approved the Following Items

- Resolution 5521: Amendment No. 1 to the 2017/18 Budget for School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
- Resolution 5522: Memorandum of Agreement with Portland Association of Teachers
- Resolution 5523: Approving Board Member Conference Attendance as Representatives of the Board
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.

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