



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

OCTOBER 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 Vice-Chair Amy Kohnstamm in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Koehler; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Knowles, and Rosen.
Student Representative Davidson and Chief of Staff Amanda Whalen
Absent: Chair Koehler

Student Testimony

None.

Public Comment:

Bob Ernest: the Franklin Quaker mascot has been in place for 100 years, and it was now posed to eliminate the mascot. The Franklin Alumni Association sent out 4,000 emails since October 11th, and 2,000 are in favor of keeping the mascot, with 50 supporting the removal of the mascot. Mr. Ernest read a letter from the Friends Church in which a response was received that they were proud of the Quaker name at Franklin.

Richard Greensted: there is a lack of urgency in the District, and the District needs proactive leadership. Who oversees restorative justice in a building? Who is calling families when they unenroll their child? The public deserves to see the job descriptions of leadership in the District. We need leaders that find solutions to difficult problems and leaders who admit when they are wrong.

Grace Groom: she was tired of asking for educational justice for the Madison cluster again and again. They have been waiting 10 years to have issues of educational justice addressed, and they are now being asked to wait another year. PPS should take a hard look at the priorities still on the table for this year. Don't go to Panasonic and sit in a conference room and make something up from scratch; focus on the boundaries around the Madison cluster.

Scott Bailey: need to start planning now for the 2017 bond, and need to work on community outreach before PPS asks for money. Reach out to the public now and show that passage of the bond in May 2017 is a priority.

Petra Callin: Principal of Madison High School. Community members asked her to speak about the health and welfare of the Madison cluster. The boundaries make it difficult to build a cohesive community. Students need access to compacted math and science.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Bradley provided an update on SuperSAC, and that students were working on social media to relay the information that is talked about in Board meetings. In addition, students were working on their own interpretation of the set of recommendations that Benson and Lincoln put forward, and will develop two sets of recommendations: one for the Board and one for the Bond Committee to include student voice.

Superintendent's Report

Interim Superintendent McKean reported on the following: summer bond work; Enrollment and Transfer Tip Line; recognition of Civil Scholars; Art Educator of the Year Winners; MLC Evacuation; Public Record Requests; and, Employee Hero.

The Board approved the following items:

- Business/Consent Agenda

Adjourn:

Vice-Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.

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