

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon  
Board Work Session of October 9, 2018**

**INFORMAL MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 6:30 pm at the call of Chair Rita Moore in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board

Rita Moore-Chair  
Paul Anthony  
Scott Baily  
Julie Brim-Edwards  
Amy Kohnstamm  
Mike Rosen

Staff

Liz Large-Interim General Counsel  
Stephanie Soden-Chief of Staff  
Yvonne Curtis-Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School Communities  
Claire Hertz-Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations  
Guadalupe Guerrero-Superintendent  
Rosanne Powell-Senior Board Manager  
Brian Martinek-Interim Director of Security Services  
Sara King-Director, Planning and Asset Management  
Dan Jung-Senior Director, Office of School Modernization  
Stephen Effros-Project Manager, Office of School Modernization  
Sharon Reese-Interim, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Harry Esteve- Director, Strategic Communications & Outreach  
Dani Ledezma- Interim Special Advisor to the Superintendent on Equity  
Sarah Davis- Senior Director of STEAM Education  
Mary Kane-Senior Legal Counsel  
Brian Oylear-Senior Project Manager, Office of School Modernization  
Kirsten Cowden- Senior Real Estate Manager

Future of the Blanchard Education Service Center

Matt Johnson from Cushman Wakefield gave an overview of the purpose and need statement along with the BESC site characteristics, and an overview of the Criteria Development. There was discussion on the rezoning of the area the BESC is located, and the change market value. They will be sharing some similar case studies at a “lunch and learn” with BESC staff on October 18<sup>th</sup>. They also shared there needs to be a work style/needs analysis done on the BESC. The Superintendent said it is important that the BESC remain in operation during an emergency. Director Kohnstamm wants to look at both short and long term benefits of selling. Director Bailey would like to see the opportunity for student internships at whatever type of organization would move on to the BESC site. Chair Moore stated the Board is currently working on revising the current policy on property disposition. Sara King said they are moving ahead quickly to get appraisals and identify any potential issues. Director Bailey would like to have a discussion on how to secure funding. Director Brim-Moore would like to know what the details are for the sale of the post office as a comparison and to make sure that the intention the community criteria reflects the Board's intention.

### Update on Kellogg Middle School

Deb France, from Oh Planning & Design, provided an overview of the design for Kellogg Middle School. Chair Moore had questions about the combination theater and gym. Deb France said the spaces could be completely separate and there has been an additional music room added. The plan is to open in fall 2021. Director Brim-Edwards noted there is quite a bit of space allocated for art and music, but wanted to know if there is space for electives like shop, as kids have a variety of interests. There is a flexible makerspace that can be used for building and production courses. The Superintendent said we need to figure out the curriculum and staffing for the use of these makerspaces in order to offer a good elective wheel to middle school students. There is a commitment to make the building LEED Gold Certified with a potential for LEED Platinum. The Intensive Center for SPED is on the first floor with its own bathroom attached. Stephen Effros shared the engagement process. He also shared a timeline for the construction process with the updated project budget. Director Brim-Edwards pointed out there are two different estimates which show a difference of three million dollars. Stephen Effros said they were using the latest estimate.

### Grant Softball Field Option Recommendation

Dan Jung updated the Board with staff's recommendation that the softball and baseball fields for Grant High School be placed in the Grant Bowl. This recommendation was made in conjunction with Grant and Athletics. The issue of lighting still needs to be resolved. The next step is to move forward with the master planning phase for the fields which will include concessions, restrooms and a press box.

### Memorandum of Understanding with the Portland Police Bureau

Stephanie Soden and Brian Martinek provided an overview of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) that was proposed to go to the Board for a vote on the October 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Director Brim-Edwards wanted to know if other districts were paying a similar amount for services. Brian Martinek said at this time they are not paying. Director Brim-Edwards wanted to know what the PPB is providing over the summer. Brian Martinek stated there are School Resource Officers (SROs) dedicated to summer programs, and they also use that time for training and gaining certification. This agreement is strongly recommended as it gives PPS control over how we use SROs. This would provide us with nine SROs and two sergeants that support our schools, as opposed to the twelve we currently share with six other districts. Director Brim-Edwards asked if student focus groups have been formed to get feedback about SROs in schools. Stephanie Soden said that had not happened, but it could. Director Bailey wants to see the metrics used for evaluating the program during the length of the MOU, and would like it to include focus groups. He would also like the ability for there to be feedback if a particular SRO is not a good fit. The Superintendent agreed this should be part of standard operating protocol. There was discussion on the rules on SRO's questioning students on campus prior to families providing consent or being notified. The MOU will be taken off the agenda for October 16<sup>th</sup> in order to provide time for student input.

### Portland Public Schools 2018-19 Work Plan

Superintendent Guerrero introduced the topic and shared this is an initial draft. The Board and the Executive Leadership Team broke into groups to review and provide input to the plan. Staff agreed to synthesize the input received by the Board and circulate a next draft. Chair Moore stated she would like to see goals tied to this work plan. Director Brim-Edwards would like to see the work plan to include some sort of measure of completion. Director Kohnstamm would like to see revision to the Equity Policy and a new five year Equity plan included in it. She also did not want to see policies separately listed, but instead put under the appropriate priority, and be able to indicate what work had greater priority. For instance, her priority would be on middle schools over the future of the BESC. The Superintendent agreed that work needs to be prioritized.

Public Comment

David Crandall shared that it is critical to manage expectations.

Chair Moore adjourned the Work Session at 10:00 pm

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