



NOVEMBER 27, 2018 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 6:02pm at the call of Board Chair Rita Moore in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Moore; Vice-Chair Esparza Brown; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, Anthony, and Rosen; Student Representative Paesler; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large.

Student Comment

Charlie Abrams: stated that he was scared for his future. Climate keeps changing. He is the affected generation that will see statistics go up. His generation has no idea of the reality of what's happening. He testified before the Board three years ago, urging you to teach his generation the correct facts on climate change. Where are the climate textbooks? We need the curriculum now.

Amelia Ernst: senior at Grant, stated her opinion on the IGA between PPS and the Portland Police Bureau regarding School Resource Officers (SROs). There has been no adequate student feedback on the agreement. There is always misconduct by the school or police. SROs contribute to discrimination in schools, which could lead to a hostile and unsafe educational environment for some students. Stationing police officers will further fear and mistrust. Nothing in the IGA outlines the need for SROs in schools; they are detrimental to a healthy educational environment.

Gwen Kaliszewski: senior at Cleveland, stated that SROs were initially placed in schools to support zero tolerance. Police presence has increased school arrests which involve minority students. Page 1 of the IGA needs to be revised as it indicates that SROs can participate in disciplinary actions. She also disagreed with Page 3 of the IGA where it states that an SRO can be a temporary instructor.

General Public Comment

Katie Richley: it appears that the District lacks a policy on sexual assault between students, and encourage the Board to discuss the topic with students. The current practice in some districts is that when a student shares with the school about sexual assault, the school keeps the two students in the same school and they are told to each stay in their half of the school. Those actions are isolating and alienating.

David Morrison: asked why students are not provided with information on wi-fi and the dangers surrounding it. Parents should also be informed. He has a letter from the district from 2010 which states the cell tower leases would not be renewed by PPS Policy when they expired. Despite that policy, the leases were renewed. He asked the Board to get rid of wi-fi and stop exposing kids to it.

Tony Jones: President of the Coalition of Black Men, stated they have a partnership with PPS and Harriet Tubman school where they connect youth with role models. He urged the Board to review the master plan for Benson and to keep all alternative schools at Benson as it provides stability and continuity to the students. CTE is the history and the brand of Benson Polytechnic high school.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: the intergovernmental agreement with the Portland Police Bureau; meeting with Alliance students and parents; governor to release budget the following day; and, the food sharing program at Hayhurst.

Reports to the Board

- Comments from Service Employees International 503, PPS Local 140
- Portland Public Schools / Portland Police Bureau Intergovernmental Agreement

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Business Agenda

Board Committee and Conference Reports

Director Brim-Edwards: updated on the Policy and Governance Committee

Director Kohnstamm: report on the Chalkboard Project

Director Bailey: report on meeting with district board members and legislators regarding legislative agenda.

Student Representative Paesler: the Student Summit will occur on December 1st

Other Business

Chair Moore announced that she and Directors Bailey and Kohnstamm will serve on the Board's Legislative and Intergovernmental Committee.

Adjourn

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm.

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