



**DECEMBER 11, 2018 MEETING OVERVIEW**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:05pm at the call of Board Vice-Chair Julie Esparza Brown in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

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

**Student Comment**

Maia Lisette: senior at Jefferson, stated that student input had not been adequate for the School Resource Officers Intergovernmental Agreement (SRO IGA). She did not hear about the proposal until last Thursday and many students were unable to attend tonight. She submitted 13 letters from students who wanted to provide their feedback, and she asked the Board to delay the vote.

Jensen Sears: senior at Jefferson, stated that students want their voices heard in the School Resource Officer conversation. Four days' notice was not enough time to digest the IGA properly.

**General Public Comment**

Eliana Machua: teacher at Jefferson, commented that she has been listening to students voicing their concerns regarding School Resource Officers and she supports them in their ask, to delay the vote so that more student voice can be heard. Ms Machua thought that you could get to student safety without armed SROs in the schools.

Nathaniel Edmunds: teacher at Alliance, stated that it appears that the Master Plan for Benson was being designed for 2200 students. The Board votes next week to have 500 students for Alliance at Benson. Alliance has to be accessible from all around the city; they need space to grieve, play, listen, be heard, appropriate bathrooms, and a garden.

Maura Gabriel: PPS parent, has a highly gifted student with a learning disability: dyslexia. Reading and writing are an issue for him. PPS avoids the term and offers no services for dyslexia. Her son had no IEP for six years. His dyslexia was addressed outside of PPS and after sixth grade. She had to pull him out of PPS as his needs were not being met. She asked what the District plans to do once students are identified as dyslexic. What if kids can't afford tutoring? This is an equity issue.

Michael McCord: Alliance at Benson is located near the Rose Quarter and Lloyd Center, which makes it a hub in Portland. If it is relocated, many students who didn't succeed at comprehensive high schools will be lost. Many kids will not succeed.

Susan Bartley: parent, spoke of the inequities between Bridger and other equitable schools. She did not support moving part of the school to Marshall. Children deserve middle and elementary experiences comparable to other schools, and they need counselors, not cops, in their school.

Elizabeth Sullivan: requested the Board delay the vote on the SRO IGA tonight.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: Whitman teacher Janet Do was awarded a \$25,000 Milken Educator Award; the PPS Visioning Process; senior leadership had developed the initial steps for the 2019-20 budget development; Oregon School Activities Association awards; DaVinci Arts show; and Grant's performance show.

## **Action Items**

- Portland Public Schools / Portland Police Bureau Intergovernmental Agreement  
Public Comment:  
Sarah Steel: Student Body President at Jefferson, indicated that she was given only two days to prepare her comments. Student perspectives were ignored and brushed away. Students concerns of armed officers in their school were brushed side. The students were unable to move forward and support the IGA. PPS staff thought that the Board Student Representative spoke for the feeling of all PPS students district-wide. The Board was denying their voices.  
Isabel Maci: asked the Board to delay their vote on the IGA. Moving forward would be irresponsible at this stage. Students were just informed of the IGA last week. The Board has a disregard for the students that this IGA will affect. A significant amount of money from PPS will be funneled into this program. 75% of students polled said they did not hear or know about the IGA. There was also a petition to delay this vote that has 767 signatures.  
Leland Baxter- staff attorney for ACLU Oregon. Urged the Board to delay the vote. Take time to have meaningful student input. Please take the students seriously. The ACLU was concerned about the substance and the process.
- Second Reading: District Performance Auditor Policy 1.60.040-P  
Public Comment:  
None
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Public Comment:  
None

## **Reports to the Board**

- First Readings: Field Trips, Foreign Travel, and Other Off-Campus Activities; Cash Management Policy; Reimbursement of Expenses Policy; and, Student Representative Policy
- Benson Master Plan Draft Resolution and Bond Accountability Input

## **The Board Approved the Following Items:**

- Resolution 5771: Resolution to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Portland, through the Portland Police Bureau, and Portland Public Schools
- Resolution 5772: Amendment of District Performance Auditor Policy 1.60.040-P
- Resolution 5773: Resolution to Rescind Board Policies
- Business Agenda

## **Adjourn**

Vice-Chair Esparza Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm.

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