



July 16, 2019 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 Chair Amy Kohnstamm in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Amy Kohnstamm; Vice-Chair Brim-Edwards; Directors DePass, Lowery, Moore, and Scott; Student Representative Maxine Latterell; Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero; General Council Liz Large; Director Bailey via phone.

Student Comment

None

Public Comment

Norene Hough: RE: Student Conduct and discipline. She is a SPED parent involved in SPED advocacy. She supports the overall shifts in the policy and applauds the restorative justice approaches represented. She still sees a lack in stakeholder engagement and lack of transparency. High School Students were involved in the policy discussion, but data shows only 3% of discipline involves high school students. Middle School Students, students involved in CBOs (Community Based Organizations), alternative programs, and at Pioneer have significantly higher rates of discipline and those stakeholders were not engaged in the process at all. Survey was not sent to all stakeholders. IEP's are frequently violated. Policy will result in more equitable discipline, but need to include federal language in the law to ensure that SPED treatment should be different.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero presented a brief report with slideshow. Reiterating from the previous meeting that most students are out for summer break, and that the district is working on adult learning. District is planning professional development for staff including a now annual leadership institute, and that there will be training for new teachers and admin staff in their own training to be better for our employees. He extended an invitation to join Project Community Care.

Discussion of Perspective Renewal of Local Option Levy

Deputy Superintendent Claire Hertz recommended to keep levy rate at \$1.99 per \$1,000 of value. She explained that it is hard to get a good estimate because it's impossible to predict what the housing market will do. She explained that lowering rates to \$1.91 per \$1,000 of value would create the same revenue as the previous levy, which would result in hiring less teacher, due to the increase in cost of staffing. She continued that it also didn't make sense to increase the rate, because if we were to go over we would actually lose money from the government which would not be beneficial to the taxpayers. Based on projections, with a 1.99% levy rate, the revenue would not be too much revenue to prompt a reduction in state funds.

Director Brim-Edwards mentioned the multiple ways that homeowners in Portland are taxed and ask what conversations the Board could have with our metro partners to be coordinated in our requests for public funds. She also stated that PPS does not want to don't compete with other public organizations nor for the levy to compete with the bond.

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Director Kohnstamm went over the expected timeline for next steps, which are to have a town hall style conversation on July 23rd and on August 6th, then bring the proposal back to the board to decide about proposal on Aug 13.

Policy First Readings

- Student Conduct and Discipline- Board Policy 4.30.010-P
- Rescission of Program for Disruptive Students- Board Policy 4.30.030-P
- Professional Conduct between Staff and Students- X.XX.XXX-P

Action Items

- Resolution to Approve of the Proposed 2019-20 Internal Performance Audit Plan
Public Comment
None

The Board Approved the Following Items

- Resolution 5935: Resolution to Approve of the Proposed 2019-20 Internal Performance Audit Plan
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.