



## MEETING OVERVIEW

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*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 School Board website at <https://www.pps.net/domain/219>.*

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:02 pm at the call of Chair Amy Kohnstamm. Due to Covid-19 this meeting was held virtually. Under the provision of ORS 192.670, the audio for this meeting was streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/live>

### **Public Comment**

Public Comment was submitted in writing prior to the meeting and has been posted to the Meeting Materials web page.

- Isabella Villarreal: School Health Clinics

### **Business Agenda**

Resolutions 6087 and 6090 were pulled from the Business Agenda for further discussion.

#### **Resolution 6087**

Director Brim-Edwards asked if with the contract renewal for Campus Connect of Oregon, and all other current contracts with direct service providers, if the contractual expectation is that services would be provided in a digital learning format. Superintendent Guerrero stated for clarification that the district would not issue payments on contracts where work was not performed. Dr. Kregg Cuellar, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities, shared that the Campus Connect of Oregon contract is part of a Gear-Up grant and that they are working to see if work can be done remotely. Dr. Luis Valentino shared that they are working to figure out how or if contactors can modify their services to provide support virtually on a per contact basis, noting that at this point it looks like some can be altered to provide digital services, while others will work and the contract will be modified.

#### **Resolution 6090**

Director Brim-Edwards requested clarification on the agreement with the insurance carrier. Liz Large shared that in settlements with amounts over \$500,000, the amount over is covered by district. She added that it is a contractual relationship with judiciary responsibilities on either side.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Guerrero shared that staff is busy around the district. He highlighted the work that staff is doing across the district, which include: implementing Homebased Distance Learning (PPS-HD), providing digital and printed curriculum aligned by grade and subject, checking in with families, distributing over 4000 devices, and serving more than 91,000 meals to students. He adding that there are a few Roosevelt high school teachers have been making face shields with the school's 3D printer. He shared that he is proud of the collective effort of staff across the district. Superintendent Guerrero added that they are waiting for the final directive from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) regarding revised graduation requirement, especially for seniors.

He thanked Portland Association of Teachers (PAT) for helping draft guidance to educators. Superintendent Guerrero noted that the Fund for PPS has received many donation and partnerships, and the Corona Virus Relief fund is active.

**Resolution 6092: Second Reading of the District Funds for Purchase of Gifts, Meals, and Refreshments Policy 8.30.010-P**

The District Funds for Purchase of Meals, Gifts, and Refreshments Policy 8.30.010-P was introduced by Director Moore. She shared that the policy was substantially revised to respond to the Secretary of State Report (SoS). It has been out for public comment since March 03, 2020 and there has been no comment received. The policy committee has unanimously referred the policy. Director Brim-Edwards asked when the Administrative Directive (AD), which is referred to in the policy, will be completed. Interim General Council Liz Large explained that the AD has been drafted in anticipation of the policy changes, and is awaiting the superintendent's approval. Claire Hertz added that the AD is aligned with the draft policy as well as similar policies at the state level. There was discussion regarding how the draft policy was shared, and it was noted that they following the standard protocol of posting the policy online and informing the labor unions. There was discussion regarding the term reasonable and whether the policy should be tied to the federal per diem allowances.

**Budget Committee**

Board Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:56 PM and reconvened as the Budget Committee:

**Amendment to Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget Resolution 6093**

Claire Hertz, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations, shared that due to the Covid-19 crisis there are unknown expenditures that will be needed, such as providing Wi-Fi support for students, as well as additional grant funding. Funds will need to be moved around to add support services in the enterprise and support services line item, and from budget items that had been allocated but that now will not take place, such as Professional Development. She added that there is a small correction in the debt services fund that has been corrected. Director Scott asked if district staff confirmed whether a virtual meeting meets the requirements for a budget hearing, and Ms. Hertz replied that Cynthia Le, CFO, spoke with the State of Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and they approved the meeting as a public hearing. She added that a legal notice was published in the Oregonian, in addition to the regular mode of noticing public meetings.

Board Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the Budget Committee and returned to the Regular Meeting 7:10 pm:

**Waiving the Cash Management Policy 8.20.010-P for 120 days Resolution 6094**

Superintendent Guerrero shared that the Covid-19 health crisis has begun a financial crises. Claire Hertz, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations, shared that due to the current financial situation, if the district were to invest cash in Bonds right now they would lose money. The district is requesting that the Cash Management Policy 8.20.010-P, Section VII (2), which limits deposits to 10% of the portfolio in any one banking institution, be waived for 120 days so that they can increase the amount of cash deposited into one account to 25%. Director Kohnstamm asked if it was looked at to invest in another financial institution to stay within the spirit of the policy. Ms. Hertz stated that they did consider it, but that wet signatures are needed to open new accounts, which would take a long time in this current time of social distancing, and the sale of the Bonds is closing in the middle of April. There are three main banks that are used, and which are board approved. She noted that the district only banks with banks that are approved by the State of Oregon. Director Brim-Edwards asked if there would be serious financial impact if they waited to approve the changes and Ms. Hertz stated that there would be significant financial impact and that the request is urgent.

**Conference Report**

Director DePass shared that she attended two day conference in Nashville in early March. While there, she visited two Nashville Academy Schools, which are career technical schools. She noted that all students wore navy blazers and were very professional. She noted that a few of their program tracks

were Criminal Justice, Arts, Legal, and STEAM, and that the academies are branded, and are backed by corporations. She added that the corporations support the students with job shadows and financial supports for the school, but that they are not allowed to put logos on provided materials. She witnessed team meetings that are small groups of students, in each learning area. Graduation rates in both high schools visited when from low 50% to high 90%.

**Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Latterell shared that she's has had two virtual classes so far and that most teachers so far are using this week to connect with students. She noted that the District Student Council (DSC) met virtually as well to connect.

**Public Comment on Action Items**

None

**The Following Items were Approved by the Board**

- Business Agenda: Resolutions 6088, 6089 and 6091
- Resolution 6087: Expenditure Contracts that Exceed Delegation of Authority
- Resolution 6090: Settlement Agreement
- Resolution 6092: Resolution to Adopt Revised District Funds for Purchase of Meals, Refreshments, and Gifts Policy 8.30.010-P
- Resolution 6093: Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget
- Resolution 6094: Resolution to Waive the Cash Management Policy 8.20.010-P

**Following Items were Not Approved by the Board**

- None

**Adjourn**

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

The Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 21, 2020.

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