



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
April 07, 2020

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 5:32 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>

Attendance

Present: Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, DePass, Lowery, Moore, Scott; Student Representative Latterell, Superintendent Guerrero, Interim General Council Liz Large

Absent: None

Student Comment

None

Appeal to the Board 2019-03

Chair Kohnstamm shared an overview of the complaint and the complaint process. Deputy Superintendent Claire Hertz summarized the actions taken to improve security and safety training at Wilson High School. She noted that in July 2019 a new principal came on at Wilson High School. The emergency management team met with principal to go over the school security plan. The district level security team, school administrators, campus security, teachers and substitutes took a variety of emergency trainings throughout the year. A vulnerability assessment was completed in August and the school's lock down drill in September was attended by Portland Police. She reported that the physical improvements have been completed and testes were completed over spring break. The physical security improvements include electronic video access at front door and at the ADA entrance, public address speakers installed in common areas such as the cafeteria, gym, playground and other open spaces, and new signs were posted.

Complainant Statement

Shellie Hutchinson: She shared that she just heard about the implementations that have been made and that she is glad they have been addressed. Her biggest current concern is the proficiency level in which staff has been trained to respond to emergencies, whether there will be an evaluation of system. She asked if there would be a schedule for ongoing maintenance. She shared that at another school, there is a video monitoring system on the door, but that the school found it too cumbersome to use, and so is not using it. Schools need support to use the tools. She also shared her concern about classrooms not being set up with stop the bleed kits, adding that providing staff the Stop the Bleed training is not useful if they do not have access to the kits. She shared that she is concerned that there are not more video cameras, which would help discourage hate crimes that students of color are still experiencing as well as racist defamation of school property.

Response to Complainant Statement

Ms. Hertz shared that she would need to look into Stop the Bleed kits, but that the district agrees there should be more security cameras in each school, and it is a staff recommendation for a future bond measure. In regards to the maintenance of existing systems, she noted that two employees have been hired to maintain systems and provide timely responses to issues that may come up. Joe LaFontaine, Senior Area Director, noted that the staff at Wilson has engaged in anti-defamation training and implementation, and that staff and students have been working to train on anti-hate and not being a bystander.

The Following Items were Approved by the Board

- Resolution 6086: Resolution to Uphold the Superintendent's Decision on a Step 3 Appeal – Complaint No. 2019-03

Following Items were Not Approved by the Board

- None

Adjourn

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

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