



## MEETING OVERVIEW

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*The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the reports to and actions taken by the School Board. In accordance with ORS 192.650, the District's official School Board Meeting Minutes are maintained via video recording and may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8CC942A46270A16E>*

A Board of Education Budget Town Hall came to order at 6:01 pm at the call of Board Chair Kohnstamm. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppskomms/videos>

### **Attendance**

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

Absent: None

### **Pre-meeting**

The virtual meeting opened for attendees to arrive at 5:45pm. No deliberation or decisions were made prior to the start of the meeting.

### **Land Acknowledgement and Say their Name**

Dani Ledezma provided a land acknowledgement. Deputy Superintendent Claire Hertz said the names of black people who have lost their lives to police violence.

### **Budget Overview**

Superintendent Guerrero introduced the budget process. Jonathan Garcia highlighted the Board goals, core values, graduate portrait, educator essentials, and educational system shifts, that were focused on when creating the budget. Dani Ledezma provided an overview of how the Racial Equity and Social Justice framework was used to inform the budget. Stephanie Soden shared an overview of the steps that the district is taking to realize PPS Reimagined. Claire Hertz provided an overview of the budget changes between the current fiscal year, the pre-pandemic forecasted budget and the post-pandemic figures. Staff highlighted areas of focus. Each Board Director provided feedback.

### **Student and Public Comment**

The following people provided comment on the proposed budget:

- Janea Green (student): Hire black teachers
- Melinda Gale: Prioritize direct student supports
- Ellie McIvor-Baker: Hire more teachers of color
- Natalie Thayer: Maintain funding for additional school psychologist
- Lily Cook: Maintain Special Education Funding
- Jenny Withycombe: Do not cut elementary PE
- Mindy Pesicek: Provide teacher supports
- Julia Stevens: Do not cut elementary PE
- Tanesha Dawson: Fund Step-up
- Ben Hildner: Fund School Counselors
- Rosario Arelliano

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- Rosario Areliano: Equitable funding, fund more school counselors and bring back courageous conversations
- Terry Johnston: Fund Step-up
- Anthony Castaneda: Hire staff of color and fund services that support black, brown and indigenous students.
- Belinda Regan: Thank you for not significantly cutting PFSP staff.

### **Closing**

Board Directors provided feedback on the presentation and public comment.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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