



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**January 21, 2020**

**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 6:25 pm 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 Kohnstamm; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, DePass, Lowery, Moore, Scott; Student Representative Latterell, Superintendent Guerrero, Interim General Council Liz Large

Absent: None

**6040 Resolution to Recognize Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action**

Dr. Luis Valentino shared some ways the Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) is doing to support educators to make sure that they have resources available to them. He shared an example of the material that is being curated, and noted a list will be sent out in the regional newsletter on January 24, 2020. It was also accompanied by professional development. He added that the Office of Teaching and Learning sent out a survey to staff to find out what they are doing as well.

Director DePass read the proclamation.

**Proclamation and Recognition of February as Black History Month**

Director DePass read the proclamation.

**Business Agenda**

Director Brim-Edwards noted that there was a date error on the minutes from January 7, 2020, which would be submitted to the Board Office for correction prior to posting.

**Student Comment**

Elliot Nopp: Climate Justice. Junior at Franklin HS. Student engagement is important in Climate Justice. Was told last fall that that a student group would be created, but currently there is a Climate Justice committee where students are welcome, but he is the only one on it. There needs to be a youth advocacy group.

**Public Comment**

Mike Rosen: Climate Justice. Speaking on behalf of the climate justice committee. Conservation Policy needs update, and renamed to Climate Crisis Policy. Will present a draft to the board Feb 19, 2020. All aspects of PPS operations must be accounted for including transportation

### **Superintendent's Report**

Called attention to the events and activities where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was celebrated, including student group performances, volunteer work, and art projects, noting it's important to not just celebrate the teachings of Dr. King in February, but all year long. District is building a resources page. He shared that it is School Board recognition month, and thanked the board for their work, noting that they are unpaid volunteers who give many hours of their time, and are vital to district success. He introduced the new Chief of Schools, Dr. Shawn Bird, who will lead the regional and area superintendents. Dr. Bird introduced himself, noting he was drawn to the work that is being done in the district on racial equity, and that he is looking forward to getting to know the schools and their leaders.

### **Student Representative's Report**

The district hired a student engagement officer. Dr. Russell Brown attended the District Leadership Council and described the process that the board went through to create goals, with a more in depth explanation of the post-secondary readiness goal. She noted that the state constitution team completion is Saturday, January 25, 2020.

### **Resolution 6041: 2020-23 agreement between Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, OR**

Sharon Reese, Chief Human Resources Officer, introduced the new agreement between the district and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), noting that SEIU represents 509 nutritional services and custodial services in the district, and that no school couldn't run without them. The agreement is proof that when respect is shown, collaborate happens, which benefits students. Dan Rowen represented the district in the negotiations. Mr. Rowen provided highlights of the agreement, noting it was a mutual effort. He stated that one of the primary focuses was on how to maintain employees, legal compliance and insurance and benefits changes were also addressed. He believes that it is a fair contract.

### **Topics Relating to the Board Goals: Climate Change and Social Justice Curriculum**

Sarah Davis, Senior Director STEAM, and Nichole Berg, Programs Manager for Climate Change and Climate Justice shared and update on Resolution 5272. Ms. Davis shared that the current plan was a collaborative effort, which included students, staff and community members. She shared key components to the vision that relate to Climate Change and Social Justice. Ms. Berg gave an overview of the development of curriculum. She defined Climate Justice, and explained what it looks like in practice. Ms. Davis shared that the team applied the Racial Equity and Social Justice Lens to their work and provided a brief overview of their findings. Ms. Davis shared the implementation plan, noting that the high school science curriculum has been implemented for two years, with the Climate Change and Social Justice Curriculum imbedded, noting that it is now being used in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the state, with other states having reached out with interest in using it as well. She shared an overview of the current curriculum work and where they plan to focus next. Ms. Berg shared ways for youth-community engagement ideas for CCSJ curriculum.

### **Resolution Authorizing Modification to Lincoln High School Modernization Master Plan**

Dan Jung shared that there is a lack of availability of providers for a Student Health Centers, so they are requesting that the health center be removed from the Lincoln Educational Specifications. Student Representative Maxine noted that some students have commented that because of the location and demographics of Lincoln many students have private health insurance, and they think that the space could be better used as CTE, but noted that it doesn't account for the future. Erik Gerding, Senior Project Manager, shared that the building will still have an expanded nurses suit and that the counseling center will have mental health and other wrap around behavioral health needs, but that there would not be third party primary health care provider, for general health care.

Director Brim-Edwards proposed an amendment to the Resolution that would change the language in Resolution item 1 to change "remove the planned health clinic" to "replace the space with alternative health delivery". The motion was seconded, but was not passed. It was noted by multiple Board Directors

that while there was need for a Health Center, that creating a highly specialized space that would likely remain empty, as the Grant Clinic is currently, would take away from a space that could be more flexible.

### **Policy Committee**

Director Moore share that currently the final revisions to the meals, beverages and gifts policy were being made. The committee received a very brief timeline update on the anticipated policies that would need revision for upcoming enrollment balancing. The board will have a work session regarding enrollment balancing on February 4, 2020.

### **School Improvement Bond Committee**

Director Scott shared that at the last committee meeting they received updates on the Jefferson, Wilson, and Cleveland community engagement on the modernization master plan. The committee also briefly discussed bond criteria and it was decided that the whole board needed to have a work session on the topic, which is scheduled for February 13. He noted that district staff will sent to the board in advance the information that they have from the previous bond planning, and he asked that the board members come prepared with concrete suggestions for criteria.

### **Charter and Alternative Programs Committee**

Director Lowery shared that the Charter school was attended by many Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Charter School Representatives. There will be a charter extension hearing on Feb 13.

### **Multiple Pathways to Graduation**

Director Brim-Edwards attended and reported on a meeting of the Multiple Pathways to Graduation Design Advisory Group, which is working on the building structure that will be on the Benson Campus. The group toured grant to get an inspiration of what a new modern building might look like, as well as visited the Woodburn Success High School. She shared that the Committee will need clarity regarding the Teen Parent Administrative Offices, as they were the only office that was not included in the resolution to place the Multiple Pathway Programs at Benson and would be the only one left at Alliance at Meek.

### **Public Comment on Action Items**

- Resolution to Recognize Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action

#### **Public Comment**

Elicia Blackford: English Language Development Teacher at Madison. She commented that school staff does not reflect the diversity of the population and that black students need to be seen in classroom and curriculum. Many teachers have been working in isolation and this resolution is important to work together to integrate the black experience into the curriculum. It's important to take personal and institutional action. Black lives matter all year.

Nichole Watson: Works with the PAT to support racial equity. Supports hard and critical dialogue. Believe in black lives matter. Powerful to work with Director DePass, and commends every educator who has stood alone and who put in their time to build culturally relevant curriculum into their class. Invites all educators to wear a black lives matter shirt on Feb 3 and take a selfie. There will be activities all week, go to PDXteachers.org for more information.

**Following Items were Approved by the Board**

- Business Agenda: Resolutions 6031 through 6038 with the exception of 6034 which will be held in abeyance
- Resolution 6039: Proclamation and Recognition of February as Black History Month
- Resolution 6040: Resolution to Recognize Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action
- Resolution 6041: 2020-23 Agreement between SEUI and School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
- Resolution 6042: Resolution Authorizing Modification to Lincoln High School Modernization Master Plan

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

- A motion to amend resolution 6042 was made and seconded, by failed by a voice vote

**Adjourn**

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

The Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled on February 04, 2020.