



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 Special Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 5:06 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

Complaint 2020-03

In addition to the responses provided during the complaint process Superintendent Guerrero offered comments about the complaint, including sharing that the school is now on a School Improvement Plan. He stated that district staff would be looking at the after school programs and their equity of access, and making sure that if schools are participating in reading initiatives that the books are culturally responsive. He noted that staff will be working to better quantify other observations, such as if African American students experience higher rate of discipline or truant from classroom instruction. He stated that the district would look into the affinity group at the school and work on ways to increase attendance. He suggested that the actions being taken at the school and data should be publicly posted.

At the call of Chair Kohnstamm the meeting went into executive session at 5:35 pm, under the provisions of ORS 192.660(2)(b), to hear a complaint against a public officer or employee. The meeting returned to the special meeting at 5:39 pm.

There was discussion on whether or not to vote today to uphold with the caveat that the superintendent would add his response to the district's response. Director Lowery asked the complainants if they would be willing to hold in abeyance for 30 days so that the superintendent can add a more thorough written response. Mr. Macon asked if they could highlight the points that are important to them in the complaint. There was mutual agreement from complainant and the board to hold the complaint in abeyance.

Public Comment

Barbara Macon: She stated that the step 2 response, that it did not specifically address the issues stated in their complaint and that it was used to bring up a character statement regarding her husband. She noted only a small number of parents attend the affinity groups, and that the school refused to send a text to the parents about a meeting and that the dates of the black parent group are no longer on the website. She commented that the complaint response noted that the racial equity policy was being followed, but that it is civil rights policies that should be followed. She noted that the scores for black students being proficient in math is only 15% and that it should be better.

Adjourn

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.