



**INFORMAL MINUTES**

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A meeting of the Board's Charter and Alternative Programs Committee Meeting came to order at 4:00 pm at the call of Chair Eilidh Lowery in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**There were present**

**Committee Members**

Eilidh Lowery  
Amy Kohnstamm  
Scott Bailey (by phone)

**Staff and Other Attendees**

Kara Bradshaw - Executive Assistant, Board of Education  
Joe LaFountaine – Regional Superintendent  
Mary Catherine Moore – Auditor  
Jared Kelly – KairosPDX  
Beth Hutchins – Opal Charter School  
Ian Terrell – Portland Village School  
Phyllis Kasparlan – Portland Village School  
Maureen Markey – Portland Village School  
Jenni Stackhouse – Portland Village School  
Tara O'Neil – Director, Charter Schools  
Korrina Wolfe – Area Senior Director, Multiple Pathways to Graduation  
Rosanne Powell – Senior Board Manager

**Opal School Extension Request**

Tara O'Neil shared an overview of Opal School's extension request. There was brief discussion regarding Opal School being intentional about creating a more diverse student body. Ms. O'Neil shared that part of Opal School's Student Investment Account (SIA) funds charter exhibit is focused on creating a weighted lottery. The Committee recommended the approval of the Opal School extension request to the full board.

**Arthur Academy**

Tara O'Neil shared an overview of the Arthur Academy extension request. There were no concerns about the school. The committee recommended the Arthur Academy extension request to the full board.

**Kairos School**

Director Lowery noted that there were multiple decisions that need to be made in addition to the renewal request, which are whether to grant a ten year renewal instead of a five year, whether or not to increase their pass through funds to 95%, and to increase their enrollment. Korrina Wolff shared an overview of the staff report provided which estimated the cost to the district to sponsor charter schools. She noted that there are other local districts that pass-through more than 80%, with a range of 80%-100%, including Scappoose, Reynolds, and Salem-Kaiser, with the national average being 97%. She added that Special Education funding is a separate funding stream and is not included in the analysis. There was a question about the ethics around keeping any of the money that is provided by the state for students who attend charter schools. Director Kohnstamm shared that the district is providing the opportunity at any time for those students at any time. It was noted that by increasing the percentage, equity funds are not affected.

Director Kohnstamm moved to bring a resolution to the full board to increase the pass-through funds to Charter Schools. There was discussion regarding percentage options. Director Scott shared that he still had unanswered questions, and Directors Lowery and Kohnstamm voted to move the topic to the full board for discussion.

There was discussion regarding the request for a ten year renewal. Director Kohnstamm put forth a recommendation for a ten year renewal. Director Bailey stated he is in favor of a five year, because the limited long term academic data. Ms. Wolff noted that even if the renewal is renewed for ten years, that either party can request a full renewal at anytime. Ms. O'Neal noted that there is annual academic review and two years of poor performance, a school is put on a support plan. The committee moved to recommend to the full board a renewal for ten years.

The committee recommended to the full board the request to increase their enrollment to 255.

The committee recommendation to the full board is to grant the request to renew.

### **Portland Village School**

O'Neil shared a brief overview of the Portland Village Schools extension request. The committee recommended to the full board the request to renew at ten years.

Maureen Markey shared in response to a question on what they've done to make sure their improvement will hold, noting that they hired new admin, added a second administrator and a counselor, and student outcomes are now part of director evaluation.

### **Public Comment**

None.

Committee Chair Eilidh Lowery Adjourned the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Submitted by:



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