# BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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### Other Matters Requiring Board Approval

The Superintendent RECOMMENDED adoption of the following items:

Numbers 5557 through 5563

During the Committee of the Whole, Director Esparza Brown moved and Director Kohnstamm seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 5557. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (7-yes, 0-no), with Student Representative Tran voting yes, unofficial.

During the Committee of the Whole, Director Rosen moved and Director Anthony seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 5558. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (7-yes, 0-no), with Student Representative Tran voting yes, unofficial.

During the Committee of the Whole, Director Bailey moved and Director Rosen seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 5559. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed by a vote of 6-1 (6-yes, 1-no [Anthony]), with Student Representative Tran voting yes, unofficial.

During the Committee of the Whole, Director Rosen moved and Director Moore seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 5560. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed by a vote of 5-2 (5-yes, 2-no [Brim-Edwards, Moore]), with Student Representative Tran voting yes, unofficial.

Director Moore moved and Director Rosen seconded the motion to adopt Resolutions 5561 through 5563. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (7-yes, 0-no), with Student Representative Tran voting yes, unofficial.

# Support of Measure 101: Medicaid Funding Package

#### **RECITALS**

- A. Medicaid provides health care insurance for almost one in four Oregonians, or more than 1 million low income people.
- B. Over 387,000 children more than 40% of all children in Oregon receive their health care through the Oregon Health Plan.
- C. The Board of Education of the Portland Public Schools District believes that all students deserve access to health insurance and affordable doctor's visits that keep them healthy and able to learn.
- D. Measure 101 secures \$320 million already budgeted for healthcare in the 2017-19 biennial state budget and more than \$1.3 billion dollars in combined federal and state funding.
- E. If Measure 101 fails, hundreds of thousands of Oregon students could lose their healthcare which would impact their ability to attend school ready and able to learn.
- F. Instability in the state budget could lead to significant negative impacts to K-12 education which is 39% of the state budget.
- G. Portland Public Schools' ability to provide high quality, comprehensive, and engaging educational opportunities to its more than 49,000 students depends on stable, adequate, and predictable funding.

### **RESOLUTION**

The Board of Education of Portland Public Schools urges a Yes vote on Ballot Measure 101.

Approval of Corrective Action Plan for Material Weaknesses Related to Financial Statement Findings

#### **RECITALS**

- A. Secretary of State requirements call for the Board to approve all recommendations to a Corrective Action Plan in response to three material weaknesses found during the year-end financial statement audit.
- B. The independent auditors found three identified material weaknesses related to financial statement findings including:
  - The District's internal control over the processing of year-end accounts payable failed to recognize the asset and accounts payable for fiscal 2017 and instead recorded the transaction in fiscal 2018; and
  - The District enlisted an outside contractor to assist in calculating the GASB 68 pension journal entries and disclosures. This calculation incorrectly included \$18 million in pension contributions subsequent to measurement date that had not actually been made; and
  - The District's internal control over year-end financial statement preparation failed to detect and correct incorrectly calculated accrued interest and net position classifications at year end.
- C. The Corrective Action Plan includes the following steps:
  - Related to the accounts payable recognition, the District has implemented additional and repetitive training for the Accounts Payable team in addition to continued periodic training to ensure the staff has the knowledge and skills to perform this task; and
  - Related to the pension contribution calculation and incorrectly calculated year-end values the District will implement two levels of review for CAFR preparation, including all work completed by outside contractors.
  - 3. Related to all three material weaknesses, staff immediately modified the reports and included an additional level of review prior to the audit opinion being issued.
  - 4. A copy of this resolution will be filed with the Secretary of State.

#### RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors for Portland Public Schools, School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon, approves the Corrective Action Plan in response to the financial statement findings.

#### **RESOLUTION No. 5559**

#### Election of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons

Director Julia Brim-Edwards is hereby elected Chairperson of the Board and Directors Esparza Brown and Moore are hereby elected Vice-Chairpersons of the Board for the period beginning Jan. 9, 2018, until their successors are elected.

# Resolution in Response to Step 3 Complaint

#### **RECITALS**

- A. The Board of Education has reviewed the Step 3 Complaint and makes the following findings:
- B. In her Step 1 complaint, the complainant raised the following arguments:
  - a. Her student attends St. Mary's High School which does not offer the opportunity to participate on a dance team and therefore would like to participate in the dance team at Lincoln.
  - b. Her student wants to participate in Lincoln athletics and to be with the students she has shared athletic experiences with.
  - c. Her family currently resides in the Wilson attendance area, but her student -- if she had continued from a PPS middle school to a PPS high school -- would have been guaranteed transfer rights to Lincoln High School per Board Resolution 5256.
- C. In review of the Step 1 complaint, it was decided that per Oregon School Athletics Association (OSAA), Portland Public Schools and Portland Interscholastic League Policies, and review of the Enrollment and Transfer past practices, her student was ineligible to participate in Lincoln High School athletics. She is eligible for Wilson High School athletics.
- D. In review of the Step 2 complaint to the Superintendent, it was decided that per OSAA policies, a private school student may represent only the public school in which attendance boundaries the parents of the private school student reside. Although Board Resolution 5256 would guarantee certain transfer rights to Lincoln High School for students who matriculated from the West Sylvan, it does not address boundaries for the purpose of only athletic participation. Under current policy, her student is eligible to participate in Wilson High School athletics. Under current policy, athletic participation by non-PPS students is not covered by grandfathering.

#### RESOLUTION

- 1. The Board of Education overturns the Superintendent's decision of the Step 2 appeal as the final decision.
- 2. Given the new middle school openings over the next several years which potentially may impact hundreds of students and will raise the issue of grandfathering of students as school configurations change, the Board may undertake a policy review of the practice of grandfathering students into new boundaries and the need to develop criteria of when it is appropriate to grandfather students into or out of a particular boundary change or new school creation. At that time, the board may consider the issue of whether athletic eligibility should or should not be an activity will be part of the grandfather process if the student is no longer a PPS student.

# Renaming of Board Taskforce

The Board's Policy and Governance Taskforce shall be renamed to the Board Policy and Governance Committee. Per Portland Public Schools Board Policy 1.20.014-P, Special Committees have a special purpose to serve until their assignment is completed.

## **RESOLUTION No. 5562**

#### Minutes

The following minutes are offered for adoption:

December 19, 2017

#### **RESOLUTION No. 5563**

# **Authorizing Payment**

The authority to pay \$212,596 is granted to Miller Nash Graham and Dunn LLP for work performed on the District's behalf.

This expenditure will be charged to the District's legal fund 601.

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