



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

**MARCH 9, 2015 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 website listed below.*

A Study Session of the Board of Education came to order at 6:01pm at the call of Co-Chair Ruth Adkins in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance:**

Co-Chairs Adkins and Knowles; Directors Belisle, Buel, Regan, Morton and Koehler; Student Representative Jayaswal absent. Superintendent Smith.

**Public Comment**

Jonah Carpenter: lack of support from Special Education department; involvement from District leadership was needed.

Alicia Brown: Special Education redesign is flawed and services are less than satisfactory.

Chelyn Joseph: asked the Board to consider the negative impacts of the Special Education redesign.

Ben Grosscup: asked the Board to refuse to administer the SBA test until there clear evidence that it supports student learning and to return high school schedule to seven period modified block for better instruction of common core.

Stella Augustine: asked the Board to rethink the SBA test as parents, students and teachers are already stressed about it.

**The Following Reports were presented and discussed by the Board:**

- Superintendent's 2015-16 Budget Framework
- Interdistrict Transfer Procedures
- Smarter Balanced Assessment Resolution

**The Board held a public hearing on the following items:**

- Resolution 5039: 2015-16 Standard Inter-District Student Transfers  
Public Comment  
None
- Resolution 5040: Resolution on Implementation of the Smarter Balanced Assessment  
Public Comment  
Maria Dama: supports opting-out of SBA test  
Siobahn Burke: SBA test is discriminatory for non-English speaking students.  
Hyung Kyu Nam: questionable whether SBA tests are valid by the way they are scored.  
Kris Alman: PPS needs to look into what is going on with student privacy and data.  
Jim DiMarco: looking for transparency and truth in the school system with the common core and SBA test.  
Andrew Davidson: the position the Board is taking on the SBA test is a strong one and he thanked the Board.

**The Board approved the following items:**

- Resolution 5039: 2015-16 Standard Inter-District Student Transfers
- Resolution 5040: Resolution on Implementation of the Smarter Balanced Assessment
- Business Agenda
  - Public Comment  
Joe Purkey: supportive of bond sale and kudos on the low interest rate.

**Adjourn**

Co-Chair Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

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