



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

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 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 website listed below.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:01pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Koehler; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Knowles, and Rosen.
Student Representative Davidson and Chief of Staff Amanda Whalen
Absent: Director Kohnstamm

Student Testimony

Taishawn Faunteroy and Donzel Slater testified on behalf of the I Am Academy which helps young African Americans be successful in life.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Smith reported on the following: first official full-day Kindergarten; Back to School Nights; Math Teacher Mona Schraer recognized by President Obama; Creston School receiving National PTA School of Excellence Award; Reconnection Door Knocking Campaign; Mobile First PPS Text Notification; Madison Senators Football Team; Portland Thorns FC visiting Scott K-8; and, the Roseway Heights K-8 Anti-Bullying Initiative.

Student Representative's Report

Student Representative Davidson reported that SuperSAC needed more members, and that her personal goal this year was to visit as many schools as possible. Ms. Davidson thanked the Board for always putting students first.

Public Comment:

Ismail Pekin: Woodstock kindergartens were overcrowded; small classes were needed for students to succeed.

Bob Clark: Requested that the Board hold at least one public hearing dedicated to discussing the upcoming bond measure.

Karanja Crews: Invited Board Members and Superintendent to attend the Teaching with Purpose Conference to be held October 9-10th.

Maria de Silva and Teresa Raiford testified on behalf of Don't Shoot Portland, requesting that PPS audit all funding and outcomes of its Equity Department and Equity programs, conferences, trips, speakers, contracts, trainings, seminars, etc., adding that this should include the \$1.5 million in sanctions by ODE, and how it was spent, for disproportionate discipline of black special education students.

Bryan Chu, Hosford Teacher, stated that equity in the District was not working and that injustices were happening at Lane Middle School.

The following reports were presented to the Board:

- Enrollment Balancing Values Framework

The Board approved the following items:

- Nomination of Director Anthony for the OSBA Board of Directors, and Director Kohnstamm for the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee
- Business/Consent Agenda

Adjourn:

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

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