



**MAY 26, 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:00pm 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:**

Present: Co-Chair Adkins; Directors Belisle, Knowles, Koehler, Morton, Buel, and Regan;  
Superintendent Smith.  
Absent: Student Representative Jayaswal

**Valedictorian Recognition**

The Board recognized the 2015 Valedictorians.

**Superintendent's Report**

Topics included: Young, Gifted and Black; recognizing the achievements of Native American students; Si Se Puede; Gates Millennium Scholarship winners; Russian Youth Leadership Conference; first two-way video conference between Portland students and students in Samara, Russia; Gay Straight Alliance Conference; African Youth Leadership Conference; Roosevelt and Franklin Groundbreakings; rebuilding of Faubion K-8; super sensory literary space at Rosa Parks; AVID program; Jefferson Middle College first graduates; Volunteer Recognition event; Head Start 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and opening of Clarendon Regional Early Learn Academy; and, Grant Magazine staff won their second Gold Crown award from the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association.

**Student Testimony**

Ana Cruz, Sophia Carlson, Heleigh Tjensvold, and Jeffrey Roberts all spoke in regards to the PPS Dress Code for students and the discrimination that girls experience. Boys who violate the dress code are told only to pull their pants up; girls who violate the dress code are sent to the principal's office, their parents are contacted, and they are sent home to change their clothes. The girls are missing educational hours due to the Dress Code.

**Public Comment**

Rachel Carlson and Jon Benson spoke in regards to the PPS Dress Code for students, stating that gender equity was needed. Lisa Frack of the Oregon State Chapter of the National Organization for Women also spoke to the PPS Dress Code and would be willing to assist PPS in their review of the code.

Katharine Reinhold stated the need for increased focus for TAG students in PPS.  
Greg Burrill stated that the heart of education was the relationship that students have with every adult in their lives. Brad Lebowsky spoke on the Hunger 4 Success Program, a free service which helps low income students navigate through college and train for family wage jobs.

**The Following Reports were presented to the Board:**

- 2015 Bond Performance Audit

**Public Hearings**

- 2014/15 Budget: Budget Amendment No. 3 and Approval of 2015-16 Budget. No public comment was received.

**The Board approved the following items:**

- Resolution 5093: Amendment No. 3 to the 2014/15 Budget for School District No. 1J, Multnomah County Oregon
- Resolution 5094: Budget Committee Approval of the FY 2015/16 Budget and Imposition of Property Taxes
- Resolution 5097: Developing a Priority Investment Plan
- Business Agenda

**Adjourn**

Co-Chair Adkins adjourned the meeting at 10:15pm.

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