



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

**OCTOBER 20, 2015 MEETING OVERVIEW**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:48pm 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, Kohnstamm, Knowles, and Rosen; Student Representative Davidson; Superintendent Smith

**Public Comment:**

Nate McCoy, James Posey, Andrew Colas, and Noni Causey all spoke on the elimination of barriers for minority contractors on construction projects. They indicated that the Board could not demonstrate that they had an Equity Policy for Purchasing and Contracting and that the bond had failed all minority members. In addition, students need to see themselves in the curriculum and CTE was important for students.

Megan McCoy encouraged more communication to the public on the boundary issues.

Jennifer O'Leary asked the Board to overturn General Counsel's decision to not allow high school choirs to sing at the Grotto's Festival of Lights. She had a petition signed by 3,358 individuals asking for the decision to be overturned.

Kimberley McCullough from the ACLU of Oregon and Cheryl Kolbe asked the Board to support their General Counsel's decision regarding the Grotto's Festival of Lights.

**The Board approved the following items:**

- Resolution 5155: Resolution to Produce a Soft Neighborhood Model when Presenting Recommendations for the District-wide Enrollment Balancing Process
- Business/Consent Agenda

**Adjourn:**

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.

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