



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

**AUGUST 25, 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 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 and Superintendent Smith.

**Superintendent's Staffing Update:**

Superintendent Smith provided a brief update on staffing to date, stating that teachers are added as information is obtained from the schools. The first physical count of students would occur on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the second physical count would occur on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:**

Ellis Leary and Mark Jackson stated that disparate discipline for students of color has been a difficult problem to face, much less solve. We should be proud of the good, viable results. The programs that PPS has introduced are working.

Taylor Marrow stated that he was disappointed that his child had to wear a uniform to school. It was a form of social control. The District has zero data to prove that uniforms make a difference. Wearing a uniform was oppressive to freedom of speech and the notion of equality that PPS has.

**The following reports were presented to the Board:**

- Government Finance Officers Association Best Practices in School Budgeting
- Disproportionate Discipline Data Update

**The Board approved the following items:**

- Business Agenda

**Adjourn:**

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.

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