



MEETING NOTES

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the actions taken by the School Board and of discussions and reports given. Anyone interested in viewing the full meeting, please visit the School Board website at <https://www.pps.net/domain/219>.

A Meeting of the Board of Education's Intergovernmental Committee came to order at 5:03 pm at the call of Committee Chair Andrew Scott. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/videos>

There were present:

Committee Members

Director Brim-Edwards, Director Moore, Director Scott (Committee Chair); Student Representative Shue

Staff and Other Attendees

Kara Bradshaw – Executive Assistant, Board of Education
Dabai Do Che' – District Student Council Representative
Jonathan Garcia – Chief Engagement Officer
Parker Myrus – District Student Council Representative
Rosanne Powell – Senior Manager, Board of Education
Terry Proctor – Manager, Multimedia Services
Carlos Sanchez Huizar – Business and Operations Analysis
Stephanie Soden-Back – Executive Chief of Staff
Tae'Viondre Thomas – District Student Council Representative
Courtney Westling – Director, Government Relations

Pre-meeting

The virtual meeting opened for attendees to arrive at 4:45pm. No deliberation or decisions were made prior to the start of the meeting.

Update: Sense of Belonging

Time Started: 5:03 pm

Jonathan Garcia provided an update regarding the Safety and Belonging in schools planning that has taken place since School Resources Officers (SRO) no longer have a presence in Portland Public Schools, noting that the work is in preparation for the return to in-person learning. He stated that a one-page contact list was compiled and shared with principals providing them with contact information on who to call in situations where they may have contacted their SRO in the past, such as safety threats, Title IV violations, and suspected child abuse. He shared that the plan is to distribute support to other roles, such as school counselors or Title IX coordinators. He provided an overview of a joint agreement with the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) and other community organizations to share information with Portland Public Schools and neighboring districts. He clarified that the information channel would be one way, with PPB and other agencies sharing information with the districts while the districts would adhere to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Committee members asked clarifying questions. Mr. Garcia stated that if criminal activity were taking place, that staff would still call the police. There was discussion regarding the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) using Portland Public Schools (PPS) property for non-school related activities, such as staging in response to an event. Jonathan Garcia stated that they would do a risk assessment regarding police using school property and bring it back to the committee for review. Mr. Garcia shared that the next steps will be to engage the District Student Council (DSC) and

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center the experiences of BIPOC students, adding that it would be important to be mindful of what safety means to different members of the community.

Legislative Agenda

Time Started: 5:24 pm

Courtney Westling shared the revised Legislative Agenda components. She noted that the list is not exhaustive and that new items could come up. There was discussion regarding adding clarifying language to provide context to why an increase in Student Investment Account (SIA) funds was being requested, such as increased operating costs due to Covid-19. Director Scott suggested including "all" to the statement "PPS will advocate to reimburse school districts for all expenses incurred in response to COVID-19". Director Brim-Edwards requested that the terms and acronyms that are specific to education be replaced with ones that would be clearer to a general audience. Ms. Westling provided an overview of the Racial Equity in Education section, noting that being explicit is important. Director Brim-Edwards requested that the committee look at the Reimagine Oregon Education policy agenda in detail. Ms. Ledezma shared an overview of Reimagine Oregon Education's policy agenda and their background, sharing that she has been in discussion with them. Director Scott advocated for a committee discussion regarding Reimagine Oregon Education that could then be taken to the full board. There was discussion regarding consulting with Reimagine Oregon Education and the supporting legislators. There was discussion regarding additional equity focuses, including looking at what is being taught to students in teacher training programs so that they are better equipped to teach students of color.

Director Scott noted that they would not have enough time to discuss the remaining items on the agenda and asked if there were any big issues for the rest of the agenda. Director Brim-Edwards shared that she would like to do a deeper look at Reimagine Oregon and has concerns regarding the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC).

Adjourn

Committee Chair Andrew Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Education's Intergovernmental Committee is scheduled to be held December 03, 2020.

Submitted by:



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