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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
BLANCHARD EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER
PORTLAND, OREGON

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 12:02pm at the call of Co-Chair Pam Knowles in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

There were present:

Pam Knowles, Co-Chair
Ruth Adkins, Co-Chair (*via phone*)
Bobbie Regan
Tom Koehler
Steve Buel
Matt Morton - *absent*
Greg Belisle

Minna Jayaswal, Student Representative - *absent*

Staff

Carole Smith, Superintendent
Caren Huson Quiniones, Board Clerk

PORTLAND ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS (PAT) COMMENTS

Gwen Sullivan, PAT President, stated that many of the services that Community Alternative Based Schools (aka "CBOs") provide are unique. But what about the things that CBOs have that we want in our public schools: smaller class sizes, meeting student individual needs, etc.? Why is the District contracting out vs. hiring people within to provide these types of services in our schools? Ms. Sullivan added that District Auditor Richard Tracy conducted a report last fall that contained recommendations on how we could integrate those services within our schools. It might be better to bring the services into PPS public schools. Has the District done anything to engage the high school employees to see what wraparound services might help? It is a lot of money and we should do it right for all our kids and we should figure out how to bring it in-house.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Superintendent Smith stated that our Community Based Alternative Schools are evaluated on a yearly basis, and the Alternative School Report Card was included in the Board materials and posted on-line. The materials show that 91% of students in CBOs in 2011-12 had been out of school at least six weeks. CBOs were a vital resource for drop-out recovery.

Korinna Wolfe, Senior Director of Schools for Multiple Pathways to Graduation, provided an overview of the CBOs. Our CBOs serve incredible students of different situations. They serve many students after their high school years have begun. The students are typically 17 years and older upon entry, and more than 6 credits behind. The CBOs were our safety net and caught students who have not been successful at previous schools.

Tom DeJardin, Executive Director for Mt. Scott Learning Center, stated that they were there for the students who were not successful in traditional schools. His students are behind in credits, may be homeless or involved in the juvenile justice system, pregnant or parenting, or at poverty level. All CBOs align with the District.

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Sativa Newcomer, 2014 graduate of Mt. Scott, shared her story, stating that she came from a home of substance abuse. Mt. Scott allowed her to graduate on time. The small Mt. Scott community brings students with struggles together. Ms. Newcomer added that she was now on the path for college.

Director Buel requested that the Board vote on adding more speakers to the agenda. Director Koehler called for the question. The Board took a voice vote (2-yes, 3-no). The motion failed.

Joe McFerrin, President and CEO of POIC and Rosemary Anderson High School, reported that he has been involved in alternative schools for 19 years. His students are high risk, low income, students of color. They have a holistic system of care and provide wraparound services, and they serve all graduates to the age of 25.

LaBraye Franklin, POIC Student, stated that POIC was more than a school. It was for students at risk of not being successful. The school opens a lot more doors; actually, it was not a school, but a program. POIC is designed to create a successful human being. They are not teachers at the school, they are mentors and take their job very seriously.

Leah Gibson spoke on behalf of Gateway to College. She grew up in an impoverished area in Portland and dropped out of high school as a junior. She struggled with drug and alcohol abuse. Gateway for College broke down her barriers in going to high school and college. She has completed two Associate Degrees and is working on her Bachelor's Degree.

Deborah Hughes, a grandparent of three children who went to Open Meadow, stated that her grandchildren are cheerful and want to go to school; they trust their mentor/teachers in the Open Meadow program. Portland should be a model for the country in having both public schools and alternative schools.

Director Regan commented that she would like to catch the students sooner before they drop-out and then attend alternative schools. Do we need to improve our supports down to the middle school level? Director Regan requested a deep dive on the topic of Alternative Schools in the fall, and also a deep dive on PPS comprehensive high schools.

Director Regan stated that Open Meadow was closing its doors in terms of its high school and was moving to a focus on middle schools. In terms of the budget for Open Meadow, what are we budgeting for? Ms. Wolfe responded that the District has contracted an amount that will serve more middle school students at Open Meadow.

Director Buel mentioned that he was a big supporter of alternative schools. It was difficult to work with a lot of kids in society where society has changed. He would like to allow the alternative schools more freedom, and we need to look at what we are doing in PPS public schools. The Board needs to look at visiting the alternative schools and figure out what was or was not working.

In response to a question from Director Koehler, Ms. Wolfe explained how the District determined \$7300 per student.

ADJOURN

Co-Chair Knowles adjourned the meeting at 1:25pm.

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Purchases, Bids, Contracts

The Superintendent RECOMMENDED adoption of the following item:

Number 4955

Director Regan moved and Director Koehler seconded the motion to adopt the above numbered item. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (yes-6, no-0; with Director Morton and Student Representative Jayaswal absent).

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RESOLUTION No. 4955

Expenditure Contracts that Exceed \$150,000 for Delegation of Authority

RECITAL

Portland Public Schools ("District") Public Contracting Rules PPS-45-0200 ("Authority to Approve District Contracts; Delegation of Authority to Superintendent") requires the Board of Education ("Board") enter into contracts and approve payment for products, materials, supplies, capital outlay, equipment, and services whenever the total amount exceeds \$150,000 per contract, excepting settlement or real property agreements. Contracts meeting this criterion are listed below.

RESOLUTION

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve these contracts. The Board accepts this recommendation and by this resolution authorizes the Deputy Clerk to enter into agreements in a form approved by General Counsel for the District.

NEW CONTRACTS

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Contract Amount	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Super Bakery, Inc.	8/7/2014	Purchase Order PO 120779	District-wide: Blanket purchase order for breakfast foods on a requirements basis.	\$180,000	G. Grether-Sweeney Fund 202 Dept. 5570
Johanna Beverage Company	8/8/2014	Purchase Order PO 120808	District-wide: Blanket purchase order for shelf stable juice on a requirements basis.	\$180,000	G. Grether-Sweeney Fund 202 Dept. 5570
Mt. Scott Park Center for Learning, Inc.	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61033	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$1,133,012	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Native American Youth and Family Center	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61034	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$701,736	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Open Meadow Alternative Schools	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61036	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$862,551	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Portland Community College	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61038	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$2,353,739.50	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Rosemary Anderson High School	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61039	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$1,578,906.00	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Southeast Works, Inc.	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61040	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$219,292.50	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Portland Youth Builders	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61041	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$259,496.13	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485

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DePaul Treatment Centers, Inc.	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61042	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$219,292.50	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Youth Progress Association	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61043	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$343,558.25	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485

NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (“IGAs”)

Contractor	Contract Term	Contract Type	Description of Services	Contract Amount	Responsible Administrator, Funding Source
Multnomah Education Service District	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Intergovernmental Agreement IGA 61044	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$204,673	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485

AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING CONTRACTS

No New Amendments

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