



**APRIL 4, 2017 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 7:05pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

Present: Chair Koehler; Vice-Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Anthony, Buel, Rosen, Knowles, Esparza Brown; Superintendent Bob McKean; Student Representative Bradley

**Recognition: School Resource Officers**

The Board recognized School Resource Officers and the work they perform on a daily basis on behalf of the District. Commander Robert King, representing the Chief's Office of the Police Bureau, thanked the Board for the recognition and added that PPS Security Director, George Weatheroy, was highly respected and that the Bureau was glad that he was with the District and continuing his work to keep kids safe.

**Student Testimony**

Delaney McEvoy and Faisal Osman, representing the Multnomah County Youth Commission, asked the Board to consider pushing high school start times back to 8:45am or later. There were many benefits in pushing the start time back: more sleep, better grades, better attention, and athletes perform better.

**Public Comment**

Nicole Iroz-Elardo: concerned about pending budget cuts and how it will affect our most underserved students. It feels like a bait and switch for the Madison Cluster. That cluster will not see any increases and no middle school in the near future. How are decisions being made? All middle school students need equitable minutes in class.

Grace Groom: concerned about proposed budget cuts as they will widen the equity gap. The cuts will be detrimental to students of color. She asked the Board to direct staff to remove the cuts to equity staffing, that discretionary staffing for K-8s be equal or more than middle schools, and to hold harmless K-8s from any cuts. Interim Superintendent Bob McKean stated that middle school planning was well underway and the plan is to open two middle schools in 2018-19. The District was in a difficult budgeting time, but this was just the beginning of the budget process.

Alan Ellis and Victoria Pullian both testified in support of the Russian Dual Language Immersion Program, stating that two strands were needed and that levels should not be split.

Jenny Withycombe: stated that physical education (PE) was a fundamental right for all and was critical for the well-being of children. Cutting PE would have long-lasting negative impacts.

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

- Superintendent's Proposed 2017-18 Budget

**Adjourn**

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

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