



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the reports to and actions taken by the School Board. In accordance with ORS 192.650, the District's official School Board Meeting Minutes are maintained via video recording and may be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBrQIAHlrqo&list=PL8CC942A46270A16E&index=6>

A meeting of the board's Policy Committee came to order at 4:35 pm at the call of Committee Chair Julia Brim-Edwards. This meeting was held at the Blanchard Education Service Center (BESC) 501 N Dixon St. Portland, OR 97227 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/videos>.

Attendance

There were present:

Committee Members

Directors Julia Brim-Edwards (Committee Chair), Michelle DePass, and Eilidh Lowery; Student Representative Weinberg

Absent: Director Herman Greene

District Student Council Representative(s)

Danny Cage

Staff and Other Attendees

Kara Bradshaw – Executive Assistant, Board of Education
Jonathan Garcia – Chief of Staff
Claire Hertz – Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations
Mary Kane – Legal Counsel
Director Amy Kohnstamm – Board Member
Liz Large – Contracted General Counsel
Dani Ledezma – Senior Advisor, Racial Equity and Social Justice
Rachel Lent – Paralegal
Alex Orazio – Formal Complaint Coordinator
Rosanne Powell – Senior Board Manager
Marifer Sager – Senior Manager, Language Access Services
Jamaal Tibbs – Family Engagement Manager

District Student Council By-Laws

Time Started: 4:05 pm

Director Brim-Edwards shared that the District Student Council (DSC) is in the process of working on their By-Laws, noting that when they are completed they will be brought to the committee for review and referral to the full Board.

Actions Taken

None

3.30.082-P Environmentally Sustainable Business Practices

Time Started: 4:06 pm

Director Brim-Edwards shared that the proposed revisions to the Environmentally Sustainable Business Practices Policy 3.30.082-P remove portions of the policy that are duplicative of the new PPS Climate Crisis Response, Climate Justice and Sustainable Practices Policy 3.30.079-P. It was noted that the

revisions include a proposed change to the title of the policy to better reflect the remaining content. The proposed new title is Integrated Pest Management Policy.

Actions Taken

The Committee referred Policy 3.30.082-P to the full Board for a first reading.

Policy Rescissions

Time Started: 4:10 pm

Staff: Liz Large

Staff provided an overview of the reason for the proposed rescissions.

- Resource Conservation 3.30.080-P: The Policy is made obsolete by the new PPS Climate Crisis Response, Climate Justice and Sustainable Practices Policy 3.30.079-P
- Term of Administrative Contracts 5.60.020-P: The content of the Policy is covered in statute.
- Administrative Salaries 5.60.070-P: Content is covered in other policies.
- Public Purchasing and Contracting Rules 8.50.100-P Agenda Topic: The Policy is redundant. The Director of Purchasing and Contracting reviewed Policy 8.50.100-P and confirmed that all content is included in other purchasing policies.

Actions Taken

The Committee recommended the policies for rescission to the full Board for a first reading.

Draft Revisions to the Complaint Policy

Time Started: 4:16 pm

Staff: Jonathan Garcia, Liz Large, Alex Orazio, and Jamaal Tibbs

Director Brim-Edwards provided an overview of the proposed complaint policy revisions. There was discussion regarding the removal of the second step in the process. It was noted that on one hand, the revisions would shorten the amount of time it takes to complete the process for the complainant, and on the other hand there is potential that the board would hear more complaints, as well as being one less problem-solving step. There was discussion regarding the systems in place to help support families that don't / can't access the bureaucratic complaint process. There was a request for a trend report, including reports that don't move forward as a formal complaint.

Staff detailed the proposed revisions by page. There was discussion regarding building relationships and restoration, while also allowing for the formal complaint process.

Director Brim-Edwards asked the committee members to let her know if they have any suggested revisions or concerns, with consideration to move the revisions to the full Board at the next meeting.

Actions Taken

None

Parent Groups and the Schools Policy 7.10.020-P

Time Started: 4:55 pm

Director Brim-Edwards provided a brief history of the policy, noting that a parent group proposed a revised policy last year. She stated that the proposed policy in the materials is a draft framework meant to be a starting point, adding that it is not the same draft as brought forward by the parent group. There was discussion regarding whether the policy should be considered at this time, including the amount of engagement that would be needed for consideration of the policy and whether staff had the capacity at this time with the other engagement-heavy projects the district is undertaking at this time.

Director Brim-Edwards asked the committee what questions they have and what data requests do they have to move forward with revisions.

Actions Taken

None

Anti-racist Policy

Time Started: 5:18 pm

Staff: Dani Ledezma

Director DePass shared that she would like to look at and strengthen the racial equity language in policy at the district with strong anti-racist language. She noted that she would like to look at the current policy in place, however potentially create a new policy. Staff noted that PPS is participating in a Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) event in April and invited the Board to participate.

Field Trips, Foreign Travel, and Other Off-Campus Activities Policy 6.50.010-P

Time Started 5:31 pm

Staff: Liz Large

Director Brim-Edwards stated that there was discussion at the last Board meeting regarding field trip funding and wanted to check in with the Committee to see if that discussion lead to any desired revisions of the Field Trips, Foreign Travel, and Other Off-Campus Activities Policy? She requested that the policy not be on the agenda for a second reading until she had the opportunity to check in with Directors Greene and Hollands who were active in the discussion.

Staff shared that one non-substantive change has been made to the policy since it the first reading.

Policies in Public Comment Period

- Field Trips, Foreign Travel, and Other Off-Campus Activities Policy 6.50.010-P
- Diploma Requirements 4.20.042-P


Public Comment

- None

Adjourn

Committee Chair Julia Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 5:40pm.

Submitted by:



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PPS Board of Education