

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon**  
**Board Work Session of July 11, 2017**

**INFORMAL MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 8:02pm at the call of Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Julia Brim-Edwards, Chair  
Amy Kohnstamm  
Paul Anthony  
Julie Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair  
Mike Rosen  
Scott Bailey  
Rita Moore, Vice-Chair

Staff:

Yousef Awwad, Interim Superintendent  
Jerry Vincent, Chief Operating Officer  
Dan Jung,  
Ken Fischer,  
Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager

Jerry Vincent, Chief Operating Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the schools to be improved with the 2017 Bond (Kellogg, Madison, Lincoln and Benson). Mr. Vincent asked the Board what order they would like the work to occur. Vice-Chair Moore questioned if the Board needed to review the Education Specifications again. Mr. Vincent responded no, as it was a living document and are updated as bond work occurs; 2.5 was the current version.

Mr. Vincent stated that they would like to start on Kellogg immediately, and proposed that Madison be next, followed by Lincoln and then Benson as it would be the largest project. Chair Brim-Edwards commented that she felt the Board should approve a plan for the renovations and that she would like to see a high-level packet of information that would include timelines and sequencing of the projects. Mr. Vincent responded that sequencing was going to be very important. Mr. Jung added that staff did not want to stack the projects and would prefer a stagger effect.

Mr. Vincent requested that a group be formed to discuss the Middle School Framework. Yousef Awwad, Interim Superintendent, stated that Van Truong is the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and would be the executive sponsor of the project; Brenda Fox would work on the framework with the Panasonic Foundation. Interim Superintendent Awwad indicated that he would return to the Board with a plan on rolling out the framework.

Chair Brim-Edward stated that she was comfortable with the sequencing as proposed with the tightest focus on Kellogg and Madison; Board Members concurred. Director Kohnstamm mentioned that she did not know if Lincoln or Madison should be second. Chair Brim-Edwards ask that staff bring an overall document and resolution to the Board to memorialize the Board's discussion on sequencing so that staff has the ability to move forward with the work. Chair Brim-Edwards also mentioned that she would like the Board to receive an updated on the Environmental Health and Safety work. Interim Superintendent Awwad responded that staff

would provide a report at the next Board meeting as the work is continual. Director Bailey suggested that a poster (in all languages) that describes the Health and Safety work being done be provided to each school for Back-to-School night, and that perhaps each principal could read a brief statement of what was being done.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Submitted by:

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Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk  
PPS Board of Education