

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon  
Board Work Session of August 21, 2018**

**INFORMAL MINUTES**

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 6:04pm at the call of Chair Rita Moore in the Wy'east Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Rita Moore, Chair  
Julie Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair - *absent*  
Julia Brim-Edwards – *via phone*  
Am Kohnstamm  
Paul Anthony  
Scott Bailey  
Mike Rosen  
Nick Paesler, Student Representative

Staff:

Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent  
Liz Large, Interim General Counsel  
Claire Hertz, Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations  
Yvonne Curtis Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School Communities  
Luis Valentino, Chief Academic Officer  
Stephanie Soden, Chief of Staff  
Stephanie Cameron, Senior Director of Communications  
Harry Esteve, Director of Strategic Communications  
Paul Cathcart, Senior Manager Construction and Maintenance  
Courtney Westling, Director of Government Relations  
Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager  
Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Ms. Westling reviewed the draft 2019 Legislative Platform with the Board. Chair Moore stated that the Board's platform was not going to be satisfied with the draft document; more in-depth information needed to be included. Chair Moore asked if legislators will recognize the great concerns to PPS with the current language in the draft platform. Ms. Westling responded that she could certainly add stronger language. Ms. Soden added that this was just an overview at this point. In the fall, the Platform would have more specific language.

Student Representative Paesler indicated that the most important topic for students now is safe and secure schools. Ms. Westling suggested an additional bulleted point for School Facilities and Infrastructure. Director Anthony was adamant that it was "hands off" when it came to the Benefit Trust.

Director Bailey commented that the Board should be drafting our own legislation now. He feels there were some things the Board could agree to now and begin meeting with legislators as soon as possible. Director Brim-Edwards stated that the Board should start with their ideals and go from there. Chair Moore indicated that there were some things the Board will want to change and Board members will be involved in crafting the final Platform. Board members want to be kept informed and called upon to help. Director Kohnstamm mentioned the Whitehurst issues and that the Board will have to carry that one as our partners have less invested than the District.

In referring to bullet point 3 in the draft document, Chair Moore requested that language be added about funding through grants. We need to be more pointed about revenue and just say it; we

need serious revenue reform. For bullet point 4, she was weary about the way that funding will be framed. If we pit K-12 against child welfare, it would be a fool's errand. Director Anthony stated that we need a children's agenda.

Ms. Westling stated that on September 27<sup>th</sup>, a Joint Student Success Committee Meeting would be held in Portland, but it's not PPS' show; other districts will be involved. In the morning, there will be a student round table, site visits, maybe lunch in a school, a stakeholder round table at Madison, dinner, and then a public hearing at 7:00pm at Madison that night.

## **2018 BALLOT MEASURES**

Ms. Westling provided the Board with a current list of 2018 Ballot Measures:

- Measure 102 – Bond Revenue for Affordable Housing (Statewide). Director Rosen indicated that the Board should pass a resolution in support.
- Measure 103 – Grocery Tax Ban (Statewide). Director Baily suggested a Board resolution in opposition.
- Measure 104 – Definition of Raising Revenue for 3/5 Vote (Statewide). Director Bailey suggested a Board resolution in opposition, and Director Anthony suggested an opposing statement in the voter's pamphlet.
- Measure 105 – Repeal of Sanctuary State Law (Statewide). Board members requested a Board resolution in opposition.
- Measure 106 – Bans Public Funds for Abortions.
- Measure 26-199 – Metro Housing Bond (Metro Region). Board members requested a resolution in support.
- Fair Elections/Clean Government Charter Amendment
- Clear Energy Community Benefits Initiative

Director Brim-Edwards stated that while there is no potential or actual conflict of interest, she was providing notice that the entity that employs her is participant in the campaign efforts of BM 103, BM 104, BM 105 and Metro Measure 26-129.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COLLABORATION**

Ms. Westling and Mr. Cathcart walked the Board through the Intergovernmental Collaboration document which listed the issues PPS works on in collaboration with City Bureaus, Tri-Met, Multnomah County, and Metro.

Director Anthony commented that the Portland Bureau of Transportation has not addressed issues with Safe Routes to Schools. Interim Director of Security, Brian Martinek, reported that he was working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Bureau which will cover4 expectations, rules, guidelines, etc. for School Resource Officers.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair Moore adjourned the Work Session at 8:09pm.

Submitted by:

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Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk  
PPS Board of Education