



**FEBRUARY 13, 2018 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 6:04pm at the call of Board Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

Present: Chair Brim-Edwards; Vice-Chair Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair Moore; Directors Anthony, Bailey, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; Student Representative Tran; Superintendent Guerrero; Senior Counsel Large.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Guerrero's report included: the celebration of Black History Month; Kindergarten Readiness; the Vietnamese Lunar New Year; high school Constitution Teams (Grant won the Oregon State Title); the Lincoln Math Club competed at a Harvard MIT Math Tournament; and, a My Voice video from students at Llewellyn.

**Student and Public Comment**

- Rachael Hall: requested that the Board keep Pioneer in its current location. Ms. Hall spoke of the role Pioneer played with her family and added that it was a critical place of support. She submitted a letter from a psychiatrist and photos in support of Pioneer. The proposed locations were not safe for the children. She asked the Board to listen to the parents of Pioneer children and believe in them.
- Mauricio Somilleda: spoke of his experiences at PPS as a Latino and especially with Jefferson High School. Equity does not really show up. Where are the Latino students going after graduating from Jefferson? They have dismantled every CTE option at the school. He asked the Board to pay closer attention to the Latino community.
- Bernardino De La Torea-Guerrero: stated he has a student at Jefferson High School, and there was a lack of equity, particularly with Spanish speaking families. He has filed complaints and now feels that he is targeted by the administration and discriminated against, just for speaking up for Spanish speaking families. He recommended that the District perform an independent investigation on the services being provided to Spanish speaking families.
- Casey Anderson: hypocrisy, discrimination, and racism has been used for the Pioneer decision. She cannot see any equity being considered in the decision. It is not about what the students need, but what the Superintendent wants to do. The entire process reeks of Jim Crow policies. Only the white children will receive a full library and hot meals from the cafeteria.
- Greg Burill: stated he has testified for years before the Board and has repeatedly spoken about forgiveness. There has been a level of dysfunction in the District and the memory does not fade. Unless the District creates a culture of trust and respect as its primary vision, it won't matter how you try to fix the District. Pioneer was designed and built for the special needs children; you will pay the price if those students are moved to inadequate spaces.

## **Action Items**

- Alameda/Rose City Park Boundary  
Public Comment:  
None

## **Reports**

- Updated Division 22 Report to the Community
- Middle School Openings and Transitions
- Bond Accountability Quarterly Report
- Office of School Modernization Quarterly Report
- Open Enrollment
- Design Advisory Group Assignments: Kellogg-Director Rosen; Lincoln-Director Kohnstamm; and, Madison-Director Bailey.

## **The Board Approved the Following Items**

- Resolution 5571: Rescind the Boundary Change from Alameda to Rose City Park, Originally Approved by Resolution 5534
- Resolution 5573: Approving Conference Attendance for Board Members
- Voice Vote (5-yes, 2-no [Anthony, Bailey]) to not hear a Step 3 Complaint
- Business Agenda

## **Adjourn**

Student Representative Tran adjourned the meeting at 9:36pm.

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