



**APRIL 25, 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 6:20pm at the call of Vice-Chair Amy Kohnstamm in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

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

**Student Performance and Recognition: Vivace**

The Board recognized the Vivace Acapella Group from Lincoln High School who won first place at the Rose City Sing-Off competition, a Rose Festival event. Peter Mack, Chair of the Sing-Off, presented Vivace with a check. Vivace is a student-led group without a paid coach, advisor or choreographer.

**Student Testimony**

None.

**Public Comment**

Kayla Gulbranson: concerned about losing their Assistant Principal who is proposed to be cut in the 2017-18 Budget. At Duniway, the Assistant Principal is a critical addition as he works with the most vulnerable students in the building. She asked that the Board reconsider cutting their Assistant Principal.

Dana Hepper: stated that Duniway is slated at losing their 1.5 fte Special Education teachers in the next year's budget and asked the Board to please take a look at the Special Education allocation process.

Randy O'Donnell and Karen Liao: opposed to any cuts in Equity and Partnerships and requested that the Board prioritize funding for the Equity Department.

Randall Heeb: representing Opsis Architecture, stated that they had participated in the bidding process for the Madison High School Madison High School Architects selection process. Opsis received the highest scores, but were ranked third due to math errors in the PPS Summary Sheet. The error resulted in the Phase I pre-bond planning contract not being awarded to the highest scoring team of Opsis /DAO. The result of PPS' mistake was a setback for them, but it can be fixed. The contract signed by the Board was for pre-construction work only. The next phase of work should be awarded to the correct Opsis team.

Joann Dao Le: the bidding process with PPS has been demoralizing for the team of Dao Architecture. The mistake was huge to her firm and it was devastating to see simple math errors stand in the way of their team. District staff had told her that list is unfair. She asked the Board to follow their goal of equity and excellence.

### **Comments from Portland Association of Public School Administrators (PAPSA)**

Raddie Lurie, Co-President of PAPSA, stated that their goal is to participate in policy making and he feels that that has occurred in the last year, but Principals have been open to ridicule for far too long. Principals in the District have been allowed to be treated inappropriately in a personal manner. Right now, Principals have a low morale. You cannot attack us on a personal level or Principals will leave. There is no other profession where employees can attack their supervisors and have a job the next day.

Director Knowles moved and Director Esparza Brown seconded the motion to redact information from a video tape of the April 19, 2017 Board meeting. Director Buel stated that he was opposed to redacting anything from a public record just because someone didn't like what was said. That was not a good practice and where would it end? Director Knowles commented that teachers had violated Board Policy at the last meeting and she was comfortable with redaction. Director Esparza Brown mentioned that personal attacks should not be contained in a public video. Director Rosen stated that the Board should not mess with public records. Vice-Chair Kohnstamm added that she would need to know more about redacting before voting. It was agreed to table the vote until more information was received.

### **Interim Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent McKean provided a report on the following items:

- Grant Constitution Team took second place in the *We The People* competition
- Heart of Portland
- Power outages at PPS schools
- State School Fund

Superintendent McKean added that is does not support civil discourse which is used for personal attacks. Board meetings should be a safe place and not a place to shame specific individuals. Any complaints should go to him or a supervisor, and both take those complaints very seriously. Social Media was horrendous and embarrassing and was not worthy of Portland.

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

- Teacher and School Administrator Appreciation Week
- Employee Service Awards
- Community Budget Review Committee
- Equity Update
- First Reading: Anti-Harassment Policy Revisions
- First Reading: Bring Your Own Device Policy

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

- Resolution 5452: Resolution to Celebrate Teacher and School Administrator Appreciation Week, May 1 through 5, 2017
- Business Agenda

### **Adjourn**

Vice-Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 9:46pm.

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