



## SPECIAL MEETING OVERVIEW

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*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/playlist?list=PL8CC942A46270A16E>*

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:04 pm at the call of Board Vice-chair Scott Bailey. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppskomms/videos>

### **Attendance**

Present: Board Chair Lowery; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, DePass, Kohnstamm, Moore, Scott; Student Representative Shue; Superintendent Guerrero

Absent: None

### **Pre-meeting**

The virtual meeting opened for attendees to arrive at 5:45 pm. No deliberation or decisions were made prior to the start of the meeting.

### **Tentative Agreement between Portland Public Schools (PPS) and the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT)**

Time Started: 6:04 pm

Staff: Dr. Shawn Bird – Chief of Schools; Sharon Reese – Chief Human Resources Officer

Superintendent Guerrero introduced the agreement. Sharon Reese highlighted the tentative agreement between Portland Public Schools (PPS) and the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT), noting that each classroom will have HEPA filters, and each school will have a safety committee and testing for all symptomatic staff and students. Shawn Bird highlighted what the plan will look like for students under the tentative agreement, including when students will return to the building and student schedules and cohorts. Elizabeth Theil provided an overview of the considerations that PAT took while bargaining, noting that the PAT bargaining team is composed of teachers who are currently teaching in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). She stated that PAT members ratified the tentative agreement, and she urged the board to as well.

The board provided feedback on the tentative agreement. Director Kohnstamm explained why she would vote no on the agreement. Director Brim-Edwards asked questions regarding the duration of the agreement, the childcare stipend, testing, and the Special Education and Dual Language agreements. It was noted that the agreement is only valid for the duration of the 2020/2021 school year, and that the child care stipend would continue through that time. Dr. Bird summarized some of the ways the hybrid plan would change if the tentative plan were to include flexibility in classroom size and cohorts, adding that it would likely push the return back further. Superintendent Guerrero noted a couple of the constraints of the current agreement and plan.

### **Public Comment**

- Kevin Perlas: Vote no on tentative agreement.
- Rashelle Chase Hibbard: Teachers worked hard in bargaining on behalf of students and families and encouraged recognition of the collaboration between PAT and PPS.

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Actions

Director Brim-Edwards motioned and Director DePass Seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6269 Agreement for the Return to In-Person Instruction between Portland Association of Teachers and School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (6 yes - 1 no [Kohnstamm]).

**Adjourn**

Vice-chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

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