

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Work Session of May 17, 2017**

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 6:11pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Tom Koehler, Chair
Amy Kohnstamm, Vice-Chair
Pam Knowles
Paul Anthony
Steve Buel
Julie Esparza Brown
Mike Rosen
Aliemah Bradley, Student Representative - *absent*

Staff:

Bob McKean, Interim Superintendent
Yousef Awwad, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ryan Dutcher, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Chris Russo, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager

Mr. Dutcher provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2017-18 budget. Mr. Dutcher reviewed the State Revenue Forecast of May 2017, and reviewed the Board's Budget Priorities. In terms of the proposed 2017-18 PPS budget, reductions included: school staffing; non-school fte; and contracts, utilities and consumables. Reinvestments and reallocations included: curriculum, literacy, and assessment; community engagement; health and safety; new schools built using 2012 bonds; and school staffing. Since the last Board meeting on the proposed budget, the following changes in requirements occurred: learning and achievement - \$1.8 million; restore equity allocation to 8% for all schools (18 fte). Equity – restore I Am Academy contract at \$80,000. Reductions: Campus Compact at \$42,000, Grassroots News at \$25,000, and Conference sponsorships at \$13,000.

Mr. Awwad stated that there was a possibility that an additional \$6 million could be available for 2017-18, and he would like the Board to tell him where to invest that money. Director Rosen asked what the cost was for cutting Assistant and Vice-Principals. Mr. Yousef responded that it was about \$1.75 million. Director Anthony reported that he and Director Buel had reviewed all outside contracts over \$150,000 and could find savings of about \$200,000 out of the \$115 million. Vice-Chair Kohnstamm commented that she would like to have a discussion about proposed contracts to be cut that provide direct support to students, such as Peace in Schools, reading Results Partnership, and Portland Workforce Alliance. Directors Esparza Brown, Rosen and Anthony concurred. Director Esparza Brown stated that the \$458,000 required would be dollars well spent.

Directors Buel and Anthony suggested adding back PE instructors, librarians, and counselors at a total of \$3.2 million.

Assistant Superintendent Russo provide information on the creation of two behavior classrooms which was a result of IBB bargaining and came it at a cost of \$1.2 million. Mr. Awwad mentioned that it would cost \$4.2 million to restore librarians, counselors, PE instructors and Special Education contracts.

Board members suggested that \$50,000 be cut from audit services and also election costs reduced in the Board budget. Superintendent McKean advised that the Board spend most of the \$6 million upfront for the next year, but the following year address the funding formula for staffing.

ADJOURN

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Submitted by:

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PPS Board of Education