



**APRIL 12, 2016 MEETING OVERVIEW**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:04pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance:**

Present: Chair Koehler; Vice-Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Knowles, and Rosen; Student Representative Davidson; Superintendent Smith

**Student Testimony**

Hong Yu, Annie Phan, and Megali Bonila all spoke in support of Ethnic Studies in high school.

**Public Comment:**

Dawn Menken: spoke on the importance of sleep for students. Her son had to wake up for 6:00am for basketball practice. Lack of sleep was a huge health issue. If the issue is limited gym space, then PPS should consider partnering with other facilities. Director Buel suggested that this topic be reviewed in teacher negotiations.

Brett Corrick: advocated for dual assignment for Bridlemile. Opposed to split geographic division of their community. The District needs to look into residency fraud and not tolerate it.

Naira Perez: the Ainsworth community is diverse and has been a source of support. The boundary process has gone wrong and shattered communities and placed parents against each other. A safe environment was needed for all kids. Please use transparency and data to help the community build bridges on the west side that have been burned.

Dave Stauffer: candidate for governor, spoke on behalf of Roosevelt High School and its need for additional students.

**Comments from Portland Association of Teachers (PAT)**

Suzanne Cohen, Vice-President of PAT, stated that PAT has been a longtime advocate and supporter of recess and that they appreciate Resolution 5252 which was before the Board.

**Action Items:**

- Student Bill of Rights  
Public Comment:  
None received.

- **Mandatory Recess for Grades Kindergarten through 5**  
Public Comment  
Stephanie Gabriel: guaranteed recess was the least we could do. Recess was needed for physical, emotional and cognitive development in children. She would like to see 1 hour of recess per day for all students.
- **Attendance Area Changes for Lincoln and Wilson Cluster Schools**  
Public Comment:  
Janine Partovi: worried about her seventh grader as he has one year left at West Sylvan before he will be forced away from his friends to attend Wilson instead of Lincoln. He, plus 23 others, will have to go to Wilson, while his cohort of 300 will go to Lincoln. Please allow Bridlemile to have dual assignment.  
Ashley and Jack Mastrorilli: dual assignment for Bridlemile will work. It was morally wrong to split feed.  
Brad Nelson: current boundary proposal is similar to that of October 29, 2015. Bridlemile is the most impacted school; they were in the crosshairs. The District is ignoring most of the ADs put forward by DBRAC. Bridlemile is split twice in the proposal. Asked the Board to amend the resolution and correct the flawed plan. Make dual assignment at Bridlemile.  
Matt Martin: dual assignment was the way to alleviate overcrowding at Lincoln. The current proposal does not work and it is frustrating for parents and students. How will the District address overcrowding at Gray?  
Caryn Cohen: Bridlemile will be the only school forced out of the Lincoln cluster. Other people have received just what they asked for, so she is asking the Board to consider the seventh graders at West Sylvan that would be separated and left out of Lincoln next year. Middle school is not the time to sever ties; allow them an option to attend either Wilson or Lincoln.

**The Board approved the following items:**

- Resolution 5251: Support of the Bill of Rights for Students of Color in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Courses
- Resolution 5252: Ensuring at Least One Recess Per Day in Addition to Lunch Recess at Grades Kindergarten through Fifth
- Business Agenda

**Adjourn:**

Chair Koehler adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

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