

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS Board Of Education March 1, 2022

**REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW** 

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/watch?v=ZewOZ8cAW-M&list=PL8CC942A46270A16E&index=2

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:16 pm at the call of Board Chair DePass. This meeting was held at the Blanchard Education Service Center (BESC) 501 N Dixon St. Portland, OR 97227 and streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/videos.

# <u>Attendance</u>

Present: Chair DePass; Vice-Chair Scott; Directors Brim-Edwards, Greene, Hollands, Kohnstamm, and Lowery; Student Representative Weinberg; Superintendent Guerrero

Absent: None

### Recognize March 2022 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (Resolution 6461)

Time Started: 6:18 pm

Staff: Noelle Sisk - Special Education Family Engagement Specialist

Staff highlighted the importance of recognizing Developmental Disabilities Month, noting some of the supports that are available and activities are taking place.

Board Directors provided comment on the Resolution.

Actions Taken

Director Lowery moved and Director Greene seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 6461. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes -0 no) with Student Representative Weinberg voting yes (unofficial)

# Recognize Classified and Non-Represented Employee Appreciation Week March 7-11, 2022 (Resolution 6462)

Time Started: 6:27 pm

Staff: Sharon Reese - Chief Human Resources Officer

Staff highlighted the work that Classified and Non-Represented employees do across the district and the important impact they have in the service of students.

Public Comment

• Michelle Batten, PFSP President

#### Actions Taken

Director Greene moved and Director Hollands seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6462. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes -0 No) with Student Representative Weinberg voting yes (unofficial)

### Consent Agenda: Resolutions 6452 through 6460

Time Started: 6:34

Resolution 6452 was pulled for discussion.

## Actions Taken

Director Greene moved and Director Hollands seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as revised to include Resolutions 6453 through 6460. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes -0 no) with Student Representative Weinberg voting yes (unofficial)

# Student and Public Comment

Time Started: 6:38 pm

Student Comment

- Grace Grady: PPS Climate Response Policy
- Ruby Waas Shull and Siena Lopez (shared): Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) should stay at Kellogg
- Charley Lupro: Experience at Roseway Heights middle school
- Ben Stevenson: Support of the Climate Crisis Response Policy
- Adah Crandall: (Begin enforcing the Climate Crisis Policy right away)
- Ella Higgs: Climate Crisis Response Policy video from the Roosevelt Environmental Science Students (There was technical difficulties with the sound and so she read some of the statements the students made in the video)

Public Comment

- Raahi Reddy: Southeast Guiding Coalition (SEGC)
- Jane Comeault: Climate Policy
- Angela Bonilla: Class sizes in CSI/TSI schools
- Joanne Shepard: Teacher cuts and class sizes
- Maya von Geldern: Upcoming teacher cuts for the 2022-23 school year

### **Comment from the Portland Association of Teachers**

Time Started: 7:26 pm

Elizabeth Thiel provided comments on the proposed staffing cuts.

Board Directors provided comments on the preliminary staffing cuts and requested more information be provided at the scheduled staffing work session.

### Student Representative's Report

Time Started: 7:46 pm

Student Representative Weinberg noted that there were many students of a wide age range in attendance and providing comments. He shared that there a new Student Representative for the 2022/23 school year should be elected by the next meeting.

### Board Committee and Conference Reports

Time Started: 7:45 pm

- Charter Schools and Alternative Programs Committee: Meets tomorrow (3/2/22)
- Elections Task Force: The Committee met yesterday (2/28/22) to go over the election maps. They are not going to focus on election types, but will focus on reapportionment with a recommendation forthcoming. After reapportionment, the task force will look at the way directors are voted in.
- Intergovernmental Committee: Met two weeks ago and had a great conversation regarding houseless camps and safe routes to schools.

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- Policy Committee: There are two items on the agenda today that were referred by the Committee.
- Harriet Tubman MS & Rose Quarter I-5 Improvement Project: Legislature put money into a fund for the rebuild of Harriet Tubman Middle School. Two votes are still needed, but it is on its way to passing.

## First Reading of Policy Revisions: Field Trips, Foreign Travel and Other Off-Campus Activities Policy 6.50.010-P

Time Started: 7:51 pm

Director Brim-Edwards summarized the proposed policy revisions. She noted that they will be posted to board website and public comment accepted for a minimum of 21 days.

Actions Taken None

# Second Reading of a Policy (Resolution 6463) Climate Crisis Response, Climate Justice and Sustainable Practices Policy x.xx.xxx

Time Started: 7:54 pm

Director Brim-Edwards provided an overview of the Climate Crisis Response, Climate Justice and Sustainable Practices Policy and the path that lead to it's creation. She thanked staff and community partners who participated in the development. Student Representative Weinberg provided comments on the policy, noting that the Board and District need to start working on taking steps right away. Dany Cage, Policy Committee District Student Representative, provided comments on the policy. He read the preamble to policy that was written by himself, Student Representative Weinberg and Chief of Staff Jonathan Garcia.

It was noted that the Policy Committee unanimously referred the policy to the Board for consideration of adoption. Board Directors and Superintendent Guerrero provided comment on the Policy.

A video created by Roosevelt Environmental Science Students was shown.

#### Public Comment

- Mike Rosen
- Rita Moore
- Scott Bailey
- Bryan Chu

#### Actions Taken

Director Brim-Edwards moved and Director Hollands and Kohnstamm seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6463. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes – 0 no) with Student Representative Weinberg voting yes (unofficial).

### **Other Business / Committee Referrals**

Time Started: 8:39 pm

Staff: Margaret Calvert - Regional Superintendent; Jonathan Garcia - Chief of Staff

#### Resolution 6452: Authorization for Off-Campus Activities

Director Hollands asked why some of the costs for field trips are paid for by the district and others require students pay. Staff provided a summary of how field trip costs are determined noting that it varies by the trip. There was discussion regarding determining who is going where and who is paying for it. There was a request to add more detailed information about where the funds come from on the Resolution. It was noted that it might make a good audit topic. There was discussion regarding Portland Interscholastic

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League (PIL) foundation. There was a request to look at funding for athletics. There was discussion regarding what scope of information to request.

<u>Actions Taken</u> Director Greene moved and Director Hollands seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6452. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes - 0 no) with Student Representative Weinberg voting yes (unofficial)

# <u>Adjourn</u>

Chair Michelle DePass adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled to be held March 15, 2022.

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