



## 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:04 pm at the call of Chair Lowery. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/videos>

### **Attendance**

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

Absent: None

### **Pre-meeting**

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

### **Consent Agenda – Resolutions 6200 through 6202**

Time Started: 6:05 pm

Director Brim-Edwards asked which students would be served by the College Board contract. Dr. Russell Brown shared that it would depend on guidance at the time of testing but that they are hoping that it could be available for all junior and seniors who would like to take the test.

### **Action Taken**

Director Scott moved and Director Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions 6200 through 6202. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes – 0 no), with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial).

### **Public Comment**

Time Started: 6:11 pm

- Davia Harvey: Boundary Changes
- Logan Kleier: Distance Learning
- Sadie Pettigrew: Southeast Enrollment Balancing
- Sophie Pettigrew: Bridger students to Kellogg

### **Student Representative Report**

Time Started: 6:26 pm

Student Representative Shue share that he had been very busy with the end of the quarter, in addition to all of the historic activities happening. He thanked voters for approving the School Improvement Bond and encouraged community engagement.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Time Started: 6:28 pm

Kristen Brayson, Director, Visual and Performing Arts, introduced a video by a senior at Jefferson, which was choreographed by her modern jazz teacher Ms. Slater. The video was shown. Superintendent Guerrero shared that Governor Brown called for a pause, but that most of the implementations were already in place at Portland Public Schools, noting that the pause represents a delay in returning to in-person learning. Superintendent Guerrero highlighted the agenda. He shared that voters approved the School Improvement Bond and highlighted some of the projects that will be covered by the Bond. He expressed appreciation to the voters for supporting and trusting Portland Public Schools, and the Board for their advocacy. He noted the Bond Accountability Committee (BAC) will review and report on how the funds are being spent.

## **Committee Reports**

Time Started: 6:45 pm

- Rose Quarter I-5 Expansion Executive Advisory Committee: The Committee adopted values and a Charter. Director Brim-Edwards shared that she is concerned about the direction the project is taking in relation to Tubman. The Board discussed how they can advocate for changes that will respond to the needs of the larger community.
- Southeast Guiding Coalition Enrollment and Balancing: Director Bailey provided a summary of the purpose of the committee. The next meeting will be held November 12, 2020, and there will be an opportunity for the public to provide feedback at an open house on November 19, 2020.
- Intergovernmental Committee: The next meeting of the Committee will be held on December 03, 2020. The Committee is in the process of finalizing a legislative agenda, is engaging with ReImagine Oregon in order to look at ways to engage in anti-racism, and is researching Board Elections processes.
- Policy Committee: The Committee is working on a long list of policies and have extended their meetings to three hours in hopes to accomplish more. The next meeting will be held on November 16, 2020 where they will be looking at the Complaint Policy, a new All Students Belong Policy, and amendments to Title IX policies that are in response to new legislation.
- Community Budget Review Committee (CBRC): The Committee will meet for the first time on November 12, 2020.
- School Improvement Bond Committee: At it's last meeting, the committee looked equity in contracting, the bond implementation plan, and accountability for curriculum adoption.
- Charter Schools and Alternative Programs Committee: The Committee has not met yet. Committee leadership will be meeting this week to agenda set.

## **Update: Comprehensive Distance Learning**

Time Started: 7:23 pm

Superintendent Guerrero shared that he is hopeful that students could receive some in-person instruction at the beginning of second semester. Dr. Russell Brown provided an overview the difference between the previous state guidance for returning to limited in-person instruction and the new guidance. He highlighted the County Metrics that would allow for various in-person options, and recent and current county metrics rates and what they allow for. Dr. Brown shared that they are planning for hybrid learning, adding that the hybrid model plan would start with students in grades Kindergarten through third grade.

## **BREAK 7:36 – 7:41 pm**

Board Directors asked questions regarding the metrics information provided. There was a request for a comparison between Oregon, Washington and California metrics. There was discussion regarding specialized populations, private schools utilizing limited in-person instruction, teacher schedules in hybrid model, distinction of thresholds for different age levels, and testing and contract tracing.

Brenda Martinek, Chief of Student Support Services, provided an overview of how the change in metrics affects Limited In-person Instruction (LIPI). She highlighted current LIPI activities, including in-person Special Education assessments, childcare, and a one day of week Tech Center at Roosevelt. She shared

that there are three work groups that are focused on social emotional health and who are working with students who are struggling, not engaging, or who need credits. Kristen Brayson, Visual and Performing Arts Program Administrator, highlight the arts activities that have taken place across the district. Ms. Martinek provided an overview of the planned next steps for LIPI, which are dependent on decreased Covid-19 rates. Board Directors asked questions regarding the LIPI presentation. Discussion included athletic requirements, building ventilation, and how to continue sports and music in worsening weather. Superintendent Guerrero commented that next steps are not immediate, and that they are dependent on county metrics and will only proceed when it is safe to do so.

**9:02 pm – 9:07 pm Break**

**Presentation: Fund for PPS**

Time Started: 9:08 pm

Jonathan Garcia provided a brief history of the Fund for PPS, noting that it aligns with the Portland Public Schools Vision. He introduced Victoria Lara who is the Chair of the Fund for PPS Board. Ms. Lara provided thoughts on the Fund, including how it supports students of color. Jonathan Garcia provided an overview of the PPS Foundation and the Fund for PPS. Tullan Spitz, Stewardship and Investment Relations Manager, provided a snapshot of the fund and highlighted the Covid Relief Fund. Camille Idedevbo, Strategic Partnerships, provided an overview of the Home Classroom Kits that were paid for by the Fund for PPS and distributed to over 2000 PPS students. Nailah Roque shared an overview of the school foundation fund and the transition from All Hands Raised to Local School Foundation. Mr. Garcia shared areas of focus moving forward into their second year.

Board Directors provided comments and asked questions. There was discussion regarding ensuring equity.

**Update: October Enrollment Count**

Time Started: 10:00 pm

Superintendent Guerrero provided an introduction. Dr. Russel Brown provided an overview of the October enrollment results, noting a decrease in enrollment from the previous year, specifically in kindergarten and first grade. Superintendent Guerrero added that decreased enrollment is a common trend across the state.

There was a request for disaggregated data by grade showing where the decreases were with an analysis of where students went. It was noted that there did not appear to be a large differential of enrollment rates by race, and that it was more closely correlated to grade.

**Message from Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) Board Candidate**

Time Started: 10:14 pm

Michael Sonnleitner, an Oregon School Board Association Board candidate introduced himself and shared why he is running for the OSBA position and what he will bring to the position.

**Adjourn**

Chair Lowery adjourned the meeting at 10:25 pm.

The Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled to be held November 17, 2020.

November 10, 2020

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