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Other Items Requiring Board Action

The Superintendent RECOMMENDED adoption of the following items:

Numbers 5018 and 5019

During the Committee of the Whole, Director Knowles moved and Director Belisle seconded the motion to amend Resolution 5018 to state in Resolution 1 and 2 that the amount be \$7.2 million and the contingency at 5.5%. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed 4-2-1 (yes-4, no-2 [Regan, Koehler], abstain-1 [Buel], with Student Representative Jayaswal voting yes, unofficial).

Director Regan moved and Director Koehler seconded the motion to raise the amount by an additional \$300,000 (\$7.5 million and contingency 5.4%). The motion was put to a voice vote and passed by a vote of 4-3 (yes-4, no-3 [Belisle, Knowles, Adkins], with Student Representative Jayaswal voting yes, unofficial).

Director Buel moved and Director Koehler seconded the motion to add an additional \$1 million and invest in people who work with children around reading or in athletics in middle schools. The motion was put to a voice vote. The motion failed. (yes-3, no-4 [Knowles, Adkins, Morton, Belisle], with Student Representative Jayaswal voting no, unofficial).

Director Regan moved and Director Morton seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 5018 as amended. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (yes-7, no-0; with Student Representative Jayaswal voting yes, unofficial).

During the Committee of the Whole, Director Belisle moved and Director Knowles seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 5019. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (yes-7, no-0, with Student Representative Jayaswal voting yes, unofficial).

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**RESOLUTION No. 5018**

Plans for Additional Expenditures in the 2014/15 Budget for School District No. 1J,  
Multnomah County, Oregon

**RECITALS**

- A. On June 23, 2014 the Board of Education (“Board”), by way of Resolution No. 4934, voted to adopt an annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/15 as required under Local Budget Law.
- B. On September 23, 2014 the Board, by way of Resolution No. 4961 directed the superintendent to use the higher than budgeted beginning fund balance to increase school staffing and support by \$3.5 million immediately, to develop plans for additional investment in support of the District’s strategic priorities, and to increase uncommitted contingency to 4.5%. All of which changes were to be detailed in a budget amendment to be presented to the Board in January 2015 after completion of the audit of the FY 2013/14 financial statements of the District.
- C. As follow up action, on October 14, 2014 the Board, by way of Resolution No. 4970, directed the superintendent to implement plans that included \$3.5 million in ongoing commitments and \$2.85 million in one-time investments in support of the three priorities:
  - 1) Ensuring all students are reading at benchmark by the end of third grade;
  - 2) Improving high school graduation and completion rates; and,
  - 3) Eliminating disproportionality in out of school discipline between white students and students of color, and reducing out of school discipline for all students by 50 percent.The plans also included \$3.15 million in additional strategic one-time investments to improve outcomes for PPS students and effective operations.
- D. On November 25, 2014 the Board, by way of Resolution No. 4991, voted to approve Amendment #1 to the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/15. Amendment No. 1 increased the amount transferred from Fund 101 – the General Fund - to Fund 438 – the Facilities Capital Project Fund - by \$1,775,000, and appropriated those funds for Facilities Acquisition and Construction. This increase was part of the \$3.15 million in additional strategic one-time investments to improve outcomes for PPS students and effective operations in the October 14 plans. The transfer was required prior to the full January budget amendment in order for facilities work to begin as soon as possible.
- E. On January 27, 2015 the Board, by way of Resolution No. 5013, voted to approve Amendment No.2 to the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2014/15. Amendment No. 2 formally effected the actions outlined in Resolutions Nos. 4961 and 4970 where the Board directed the Superintendent to include the changes outlined in those resolutions in an amendment to the 2014/15 budget in January 2015.
- F. Amendment No.2 revised beginning fund balances to reflect the FY 2013/14 financial statements of the District; increased general fund revenues based upon information about actual property tax rates and values; and reduced some budgeted general fund expenditures after “fall balancing” to reflect information not available at the time of the adopted budget, e.g. actual teacher salaries and renewal rates for employees’ health care benefit plans.
- G. After Amendment No. 2 uncommitted/unassigned contingency is budgeted at \$35.5 million, which is 7% of total expenditures. The Board noted that its policy includes a goal of maintaining a minimum 3% level and includes an aspirational goal of 5%.

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- H. The Board directed the Superintendent to develop a plan by February 10, 2015 that assess the immediate urgent unfunded needs in our schools and commits the surplus contingency to support school programs. The Board further requested that the Superintendent communicate with principals and teachers to solicit ideas.
- I. The Superintendent surveyed staff as to priorities and responses were received from 2,029 people, - a response rate of 40%. The highest value was placed on technology upgrades, school safety improvements, schools discretionary budgets, summer programming, and library books and musical instruments.
- J. The Superintendent has develop two funding proposals which reflect the values expressed in the survey – one that spends \$7.2 million and takes uncommitted/unassigned contingency to 5.5% of total expenditures, and the other that spends \$12.125 million and takes uncommitted/unassigned contingency to 4.5% of total expenditures, which is the level referred to in Resolution No. 4970 in October, 2014.
- K. The superintendent recommends approval of this resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION**

1. The Board directs the Superintendent to implement the plan to use \$7.5 million on programs and services.
2. The Board acknowledges that these increased investments will result in uncommitted/unassigned contingency at 5.4% of total expenditures after these increases.
3. The Board directs the Superintendent to include the full details of these changes in a subsequent budget amendment to the 2014/15 budget, which is likely to be presented to the Board for approval in May 2015 after the completion of the second issuance of bonds under the \$485 million capital bond authorization approved by voters in November 2012.

*D. Wynde / Y. Awwad*

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**RESOLUTION No. 5019**

**Resolution to Adopt Revised Anti-Harassment Policy 4.30.060-P**

**RECITALS**

On January 20, 2015, staff presented the first reading to the Board of the revised Anti-Harassment Policy. Per District Policy, the public comment period was open for 21 days.

**RESOLUTION**

The Board of Education hereby adopts the revised Anti-Harassment Policy, Policy 4.30.060-P.

*J. Patterson*