



DECEMBER 18, 2018 MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the actions taken by the School Board and to provide a listing of the reports given. Anyone interested in viewing the full meeting, please visit the website listed below.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:05pm at the call of Board Chair Rita Moore in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Moore; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, Anthony, and Rosen; Student Representative Paesler; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large. Vice-Chair Esparza Brown via phone.

Student Comment

Angel Zuniga: senior at Alliance at Benson, stated that having Benson be a two-year program would not work. Travel time to Benson would take away class time. Students can simply apply to Benson. Alliance needs a new home and it should not be included in the new Benson remodel. You have to think of the future when Benson might want to expand. There would not be enough room for all the students. Alliance needs their own building, near a MAX line.

Nathaly Jimenez: asked the Board to approve the Benson Master Plan. Benson is a large community and a safe haven for students. CTE is a large reason why many students choose to attend Benson. You have to apply to go to Benson; it's the same as college – you have to apply. She asked the Board to give Benson its fair share of the bond.

Conan Vu: senior at Benson, stated he was not interested in his neighborhood high school. Team work makes Benson special.

General Public Comment

Amy Sutton: asked the Board why they prioritized other high schools over Benson, and asked when they will make the final decision on whether Benson will be a comprehensive high school. Her concern was that enrollment was capped at 1,000 and that there was no additional classroom space for anybody, and students have an inequitable access to electives. Ms. Sutton asked how the District plans to sell the rebuild of Benson to the voter in the next bond.

Tony Jones: President of the Coalition of Black Men, spoke on the Benson modernization plan. He urged the Board to continue the work to have Alliance and Multiple Pathways at Benson and in the plan. He wants the Board's support for that. It would provide greater continuity and continued transportation. He would like to have PPS assure Alliance and Multiple Pathways that they will have a wing in Benson. Stability at Benson makes a difference for youth. Also, keep Alliance on campus during construction.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: Cynthia Le, the new Chief Financial Officer; shared professional development activities in the District; 2018 highlights; laying the groundwork for a core curriculum; filling out the senior leadership team; and launching of the city-wide visioning process.

Action Items

- District Council of Unions Contract Ratification
Public Comment:
None
- Portland Association of Teachers Substitute Contract Ratification
Public Comment:
None
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Public Comment:
None
- Benson Education Specifications and Master Plan
Public Comment:
Elizabeth O'Malley: asked the Board to value the education that Benson provides PPS. In 2014 and 2017, the District threatened to cut Benson sports programs. It takes energy to ward off threats. Now they were fighting for their share of the bond. When the Board allocated some of the Benson funds to other high schools, you identified where your preferences lie.
Steve Curley: certain schools, like Lincoln, are awarded special things, That has not been the case for Benson. The decisions made over the last 14 years has led to instability at Benson. Music and performance are gone. Benson is lauded by the outside, yet held back by our own district. Please give Benson the air it needs to keep Benson a focus optioned CTE program.
- Instructional Hours
Public Comment:
Patrick Johnston: exemptions do not help students. The state will work with us. We already have a fair amount of flexibility and that will not go away. Pause and reset for a moment. Focus on maintaining strong standards and setting our kids up for success.
Lisa Zuniga: Governor Brown expressed grave concerns about exempting children from attending full-time high school. She called out PPS specifically of short-changing students. The Parents Coalition opposed part-time high school as we already have one of the shortest school years in the country. She urged the Board to vote for engagement, no exemptions. She expressly asked that the Board vote against Exemption 2.
Caroline Fenn: stated her support of Exemption 4, but asked that the Board not support Exemption 2. PPS has no policy that defines on-track to graduate.
- Budget Calendar
Public Comment:
None

Reports to the Board

- Update on Vernon K-8 and Martin Luther King Jr. School

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5777: 2019-2020 Agreement between District Council of Unions and School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
- Resolution 5778: 2019-2020 Agreement between Portland Association of Teachers Substitute Teachers and School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
- Resolution 5779: Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Reports to Management, and Report on Requirements of the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133

- Resolution 5780: Resolution Authorizing Benson Campus Master Plan as Part of the 2017 Capital Bond Program
- Resolution 5781: Resolution to Approve OAR 581-022-2320 Required Instructional Time Exemption 2: students who at the start of their Senior year are on track to exceed all state requirements for graduation under OAR 581-022-2000 as determined by the number and type of credits earned by the student. This exemption is approved for the 2018-19 school year
- Resolution 5782: Resolution to Approve OAR 581-022-2320: Required Instructional Time Exemption (4): a school district may request permission to exempt an alternative education program. The Board approves staff to request this permission from the State for exemption to POPS alternative education programs in the Department of Multiple Pathways to Graduation. This Resolution is approved for the 2018-19 school year.
- Resolution 5683: Resolution to approve a Budget Calendar for 2019-2020
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Esparza Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:36pm.

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