



INFORMAL MEETING MINUTES

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the reports to and actions taken by the Committee. 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 Meeting of the Board of Education's Policy Committee came to order at 4:06 pm at the call of the Committee Chair Moore. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscotts/videos>

There were present:

Committee Members

Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Lowery, and Moore (Committee Chair)

District Student Council (DSC) Representatives

Jackson Weinberg

Staff and Other Attendees

Kara Bradshaw – Executive Assistant, Board of Education
Kirsten Cowden – Senior Real Estate Manager and Asset Management
Claire Hertz – Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations
Dan Jung – Chief Operation Officer
Mary Kane – Legal Counsel
Liz Large – Contracted General Counsel
Dani Ledezma – Senior Advisor, Racial Equity and Social Justice
Dr. Travis Paakki – Senior Director, Technology
Rosanne Powell – Senior Board Manager
Terry Proctor – Manager, Multimedia Services
David Roy – Senior Director, Communications
Dana White – Director, Planning & Property Management

Pre-meeting

The virtual meeting opened for attendees to arrive at 3:46 pm. No deliberation or decisions were made prior to the start of the meeting.

Introduction

Director Moore stated that there had been a request to cancel the March 29 meeting so that staff could focus on returning to in-person learning and asked if there was any committee opposition. There was none.

Action Taken

The Committee canceled the meeting scheduled for March 29, 2021.

Public Comment

- Cara Haskey: Request revisions of 7.10.030-P Foundation Fundraising Policy and the elimination of paying for staff by fundraising.

8.70.040-P Preservation, Maintenance, and Disposition of District Real Property

Time Started: 4:09 pm

Director Moore shared that even though the Preservation, Maintenance, and Disposition of District Real Property policy has been out for a first reading (on February 09, 2021), Director Brim-Edwards has proposed some revisions based on feedback received. Director Brim-Edwards summarized the policy revisions, noting that they reinforce the District's racial equity priorities. There was committee discussion regarding the revised changes, the process of decision making, transparency, and whether under-market decisions should be tied to student outcomes. Dani Ledezma shared that the focus of the revisions is on creating partnerships with organizations that serve communities of color. There was discussion regarding tying real estate threshold for below-market-rate leases to partnerships with culturally specific organizations.

Director Moore suggested that the following criteria be tied to the threshold for under-market lease decisions: "the communities being served by the other party include a substantial proportion of underserved students: students of color; students whose families qualify for free or reduced lunch, students with special needs, emerging bilingual students, or LGBTQ students". There was discussion regarding the recommendation.

Director Moore asked if the full Board could still move forward with a vote to adopt at the regular meeting on March 09, 2021, since the policy and the revisions have received a lot of airing. Liz Large stated that the full Board could make that decision.

Action Taken

Director Moore called to vote the recommendation to tie the following criteria to the threshold for under-market lease decisions: "the communities being served by the other party include a substantial proportion of underserved students: students of color; students whose families qualify for free or reduced lunch, students with special needs, emerging bilingual students, or LGBTQ students". The recommendation was approved by a voice vote (4 yes, 0 no).

Director Moore called to vote the approval of the language changes in the current draft, as amended, for referral to the full Board. The recommendation was approved by a voice vote of the Committee (3 yes, 1 no [Bailey]).

4.50.032-P Formal Public Complaints

Time Started: 4:54 pm

Director Moore introduced the policy, including a brief history of the policy and a summary of the Committee's considerations in past meetings. It was noted that a survey of complainants was completed. Director Brim-Edwards and Director Bailey shared their views of the survey results and possible paths towards revisions that come from their workgroup. There was discussion regarding potentially eliminating Step Two of the complaint process in order to improve how long it takes to appeal. Director Moore stated that if the Committee would like to address changing the full structure of the process and include more engagement, that it would mean tabling the policy revision and engagement until the next school year. There was discussion regarding whether to refer to the Board the revisions that had already been made to the policy by the Committee or to hold all revisions until further revisions and engagement could be completed. There was agreement to wait until the policy can be reviewed further.

Action Taken

By a consensus of the Committee, the revision of the Formal Public Complaints Policy 4.50.032-p was put on hold.

Break 5:43 – 5:50 pm

8.60.040-P Computer Use Policy

Time Started: 5:51 pm

Dr. Travis Paakki shared an overview of the Responsible Use Policy, formally the Computer Use Policy. He included an overview of what language was removed and added. He provided an overview of the engagement plan that is in development. There was discussion regarding no expectation of privacy. Dr. Paakki noted that there are federal laws in place, such as the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) that require the District to monitor activity on the Portland Public Schools Network, adding that it includes any activity on district devices, WIFI or email accounts, and programs with a Portland Public Schools login. He added that the monitored information is subject to confidentiality laws such as Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). There was a request to look at the term digital citizenship and to look at comparable policies. Staff will consider the Committee's feedback and bring further revisions and or information to the next policy committee.

Action Taken

None.

Adjourned

Committee Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm. The next meeting of the Portland Public Schools Policy Committee is scheduled for April 19, 2021.

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