



AUGUST 14, 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 6:03pm 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 Anthony, Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, Student Representative Paesler; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large. Absent: Vice-Chair Esparza Brown and Director Rosen.

Swearing-in of Student Representative

Chair Moore performed the swearing-in of Student Representative Nick Paesler.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero's report included: ATU approved a new contract and the Board will ratify it at a future meeting; thanks to the bus drivers for what they do; staffing update; reminder about Community Care Day on August 18th; "Togetherness" is the theme for leadership and professional development; he spoke to school secretaries at their training session; and, the coming Friday at Franklin there will be a meeting with new educators at PPS.

Student and Public Comment

Beth Blumklotz: told a story about a former student that rode her bus. Special Education students need someone they can count on and his bus driver always asked him how he felt. The bus driver would pull the bus over and help him with his breathing device. He had seizures, and the driver cared for him, and they had to help other kids on the bus, too. The bus drivers were more like family.

Joesph Clyde: bus driver for First Student, provided the definition of a bus driver. It was compared to being a solder in a combat situation. The Special Education drivers approved a tentative agreements; it took three medication sessions over a year, and now they will have to negotiate again as the contract will expire in nine months. It was serious work and they do not compromise safety.

David Morrison: asked if the Board had reviewed the safety information for an iPad, as physical and mental things might appear due to its use. If you want to save a lot of money, send kids to schools without technology. Parents Across America has scheduled a meeting with the safety committee after he had seen a film on wireless technology. Director Rosen wanted to rent a theater to share the film with the public. There will be serious health risks for future generations by being microwaved through K-12. Your insurance policy has a disclaimer that they will not reimburse for magnetic radiation. Parents should be informed that students are being exposed to something that is not insurable by PPS. A cell phone is the most dangerous device in child's hand.

Debra Mayer: a retired teacher and a administrator, and a member of the Oregon Chapter of Parents Across America. They want to bring common sense to educational debates. Wi-fi radiation at schools should be considered when planning for teaching and learning. A national toxicology program performed a cell phone study and there was clear evidence that cell phone radiation causes cancer and changes DNA. It is the duty of the Board to inform parents of the dangerous radiation at schools. Let the parents and community know the risk and make decisions or find remedies.

Alberto Chavez: works in the PPS Maintenance Department, stated that there was a growing deficit with the 2017 bond and he had suggestions for the Board: 1) consider selling off properties you no longer need to get extra funds, and 2) consider hiring people who have construction experience in the public sector. We are accountable to the taxpayer. You have too many projects and there is no money to do them. Gary Young, a 29-year maintenance employee, added that PPS has an overworked and understaffed maintenance department and he would like to see that change.

Ryan Haugo: parent of a Bridger students, commented that there was a need for a transparent process to work on the overcrowding at Bridger. Bridger is dramatically overcrowded. Classes will be located in the gym and library; physical education will take place outside; teachers will not have space to plan and coordinate together. Portables have not arrived yet, but that only addresses the overcrowding for one year and causes logistical challenges. He was asking for District support and that the community is treated as a partner in developing solutions. Make Bridger a priority and address their issues.

Action Items

- Consideration of Step 3 Complaint No. 2018-02

Public Comment:
None.

- Exemptions to Instructional Hours

Public Comment:

Lisa Zuniga: a parent of 5 and a leader of the citywide Parents Coalition. She asked the Board to refrain from taking a position on the State Board of Education's revised administrative rules governing instructional time and the awarding of credit. The State's goal was attainable and reasonable. She agrees with the exemption for alternative schools, but not the other three.

Laurie Steen: parent of an Alliance High School graduate. Alliance High School supported her daughter from the transition of a comprehensive high school to an alternative high school. Her daughter graduated from Alliance college-ready. The vote on the alternative education exemption tonight would assist students. She asked the Board to support all students in PPS, especially those that are not well served by the comprehensive high school system.

Kionna Kelly: Alliance High School student, stated that alternative schools were important due to their flexibility. It allows her to shape her schedule around her life. Her story would not be one of success if she was at a comprehensive high school.

Reports to the Board

- Quarterly Report: Capital Bonds
- Quarterly Report: Bond Accountability Committee

The Board Approved the Following Items:

- Resolution 5702: Adoption of the Supports for Homeless Students Policy, 4.10.014-P
- Resolution 5704: Resolution to Approve a COLA for Non-represented Employees
- Business Agenda
- A Majority of the Board approved four exemptions to Instructional Hours to be provided to the State Board of Education.

Adjourn

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:12pm.

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