



The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the actions taken by the School Board and of discussions and reports given. Anyone interested in viewing the full meeting, please visit the School Board website at <https://www.pps.net/domain/219>.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 7:30 pm at the call of Board Chair Eilidh Lowery. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/videos>

Attendance

Present: Board Chair Lowery; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, DePass, Kohnstamm, Moore, Scott; Student Representative Shue, Superintendent Guerrero, Contracted General Counsel Liz Large

Absent: None

Pre-meeting

The virtual meeting opened for attendees to arrive at 7:15pm. No deliberation or decisions were made prior to the start of the meeting.

Development of 2020 Bond Package - ADA Transition Plan

Time Started: 7:30 pm

Director Lowery shared that the board would be voting on increasing the bond package to include ADA funding so that every PPS school would be first floor ADA accessible, as well as including funds to draft a plan for increased Roosevelt High School Capacity. Superintendent Guerrero provided an introduction to the staff presentation, noting that the discussion will focus on first ADA accessibility in all schools, needs for students in focus classrooms, and including funds to begin planning Roosevelt High School capacity improvements.

Dan Jung shared that the ADA transition plan is being updated for the first time since 1994, and that there are three draft plans for consideration in the engagement process. He noted that when bond planning began staff thought that the community would prefer one fully accessible elementary school, middle school and high school in each cluster. Through the engagement process, they have learned that the preference is for first floor accessibility in each school, which would cost more than one fully accessible school in each cluster. He added that when the engagement process is complete they will move forward with the plan that is found to be preferred by the community.

The board provided feedback on the proposed plan. There was a question regarding whether Wilson and Cleveland are ADA accessible, and John Lyons shared that they are largely accessible. He shared that there are four middle schools that are not ADA accessible and that they are going to be the most tricky to update so that all the programs are on the main floor.

Motion to amend the proposal by disaggregating the line items for Special Education Classroom Upgrades and ADA accessibility, and by changing the title Special Education Classroom Upgrades to Special Education Investments was made by Chair Kohnstamm and seconded by Director DePass. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed, with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial).

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A motion to approve the proposal to inform the bond referral as amended was made by Director Brim-Edwards and seconded by Director DePass, Passed. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed, with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial).

Public Comment

Angela Jarvis-Holland: ADA upgrades. Ms. Jarvis-Holland stated that ADA accessibility is long overdue, and that all students belong in all classrooms in their neighborhood school. She requested that the district not spent too much time on engagement, and put a plan into place and implement it right away.

Adjourn

Chair Lowery adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

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