



JANUARY 9, 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 Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Chair Brim-Edwards; Vice-Chair Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair Moore; Directors Anthony, Bailey, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; Student Representative Tran; Superintendent Guerrero; Senior Counsel Kane.

Recognitions

The Board recognized the Mindfulness Program at Marysville.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero report included: January was School Board Recognition Month; Stephanie Soden was chosen as the new Chief of Staff; middle school updates; school visits; Marshall Haskins, Athletics Director, would be recognized and receive a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Martin Luther King Jr. Highland Center Tribute; bargaining progressed with PAT; Marysville energy savings; Grant Magazine again nominated for Gold Crown Award; and, Connect to Kindergarten.

Student and Public Comment

Ron Popkin: spoke on the McCoy Academy which is accredited by the same agency as PPS, yet they receive zero support for the 15 PS eligible students. They are eligible for PPS support yet receive only a small amount of Title 1 funds. McCoy is a small non-profit and they do not advertise. He requested that someone from PPS should sit down with their Director to see if there is any way the student can receive funding support.

Julia DeGraw: lives in the Montavilla area and was running for Portland Commissioner. She was concerned about the PAT bargaining taking so long, and she felt the District's public comment process was undemocratic and urged the Board to open the public comment portion longer. In addition, she supported the Pioneer Program.

Laramie Stabler: stated the move of the Pioneer Program was not safe and the facilities at Rice and Applegate were not suitable for their needs. She asked that they not be uprooted from their building that works for the Pioneer population. The decision and process has been disrespectful. It was unethical to provide an even smaller building for the Pioneer students. She also asked what it would cost to move the students.

Gavin Reidel: the gyms at both Rice and Applegate were too small for the Pioneer students. The gyms were unsafe for students and staff. He added that the District was being unjust to the Pioneer students.

Mia Pisano: stated that the District needs to retire the name of the Quaker religious faith from Franklin High School. PPS needs to revise their policy on the names the schools use.

Jeff McNeal: spoke against placing Pioneer Program students at Applegate. Applegate was unsafe for Pioneer students. It has no library, cafeteria, etc. How much will it cost to upgrade Applegate? What about the two NAYA classrooms at Applegate? Moving Pioneer student was a poor decision.

Gm Garcia: staff should be respected; parents should be assured their children are safe and healthy. Alternative methods of support for students should be provided. Misbehaving students should be held accountable. The color of your skin should not determine that your behavior is suited to Special Education. She wants middle schools to have critical mass of students so that they can be provided dual-language experiences. She was pessimistic about PPS' will and skill in providing socio-economic equity in the schools. What is going on at Ockley Green? The safety issues are numerous. She will be filing a formal complaint. She asked the Board to visit Ockley Green unannounced and ask the teachers if they feel supported.

Comments from the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT)

Suzanne Cohen, President of PAT, stated that she would like to work with the District in getting PPS back on track. They have heard a lot of promising statements about how they will work together. The professional educators will just you on your actions, especially on how this affects the Pioneer Program. The Pioneer community is not engaged in a visioning process; the students require space and resources. There is a flaw in district math for the area needed for the Pioneer Program, and a decision was made without any input from the school staff.

Action Items

- Ballot Measure 101
Public Comment:
None
- PPS Financial Audit – Corrective Action Plan
Public Comment:
None
- Step 3 Complaint
Public Comment:
Frank Castrina: his daughter would like to participate in the Lincoln Dance Team. She attends St. Mary's and was told she could try out for the Lincoln Dance Team as St. Mary's does not have a team. PPS Athletic Department denied her presence on the Lincoln team. PPS Resolution 5256 allowed for students to choose their high school, and she chose Lincoln. He was asking the board to acknowledge the spirit and intent of that resolution and allow Mia to dance with Lincoln.
Mia Castrina: she struggled with her decision to attend St. Mary's, but still considers Lincoln as her school. She never meant to ask for special treatment. Dance is the only sport she participates in and she has gained confidence by being on the Lincoln team. This is the only chance she has to dance in a tem. She asked the Board to let her continue to pursue the sport she loves.

Reports

- 2017 Bond Environmental Health, Safety and Accessibility Update
- Board Members provided Committee Reports on the Charter Committee, the Financial, Audit and Operations Committee, and the Legislative Committee.

The Board Approved the Following Items

- Resolution 5557: Support of Measure 101: Medicaid Funding Package
- Resolution 5558: Approval of Corrective Action Plan for Material Weaknesses Related to Financial Statement Findings
- Resolution 5559: Election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson(s)
- Resolution 5560: Resolution in Response to Step 3 Complaint
- Business Agenda

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

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