



REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the reports to and actions taken by the School Board. 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:05 pm at the call of Board Chair Lowery. This meeting was held virtually due to Covid-19 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppskomms/videos>

Attendance

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

Absent: None

Other Attendees

Pre-meeting

The virtual meeting opened for attendees to arrive at 5:50 pm. No deliberation or decisions were made prior to the start of the meeting.

Resolution 6268 to Recognize March 8-12, 2021 as School Social Work Week

Time Started: 6:09 pm

Staff: Brenda Martinek – Chief of Student Support Services

Brenda Martinek shared that the district has created a new district-wide School Social Worker Cohort and provided an overview of the supports that school social workers provide. Director Bailey read Resolution 6268.

Action

Director Brim-Edwards moved and Director DePass seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6268, Resolution to Recognize March 8-12, 2021 as School Social Work Week. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes – 0 no), with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial).

Consent Agenda: Resolutions 6252 through 6264

Time Started: 6:15 pm

Director Brim-Edwards noted that there are many new contracts proposed for approval in the Consent Agenda that provide supports for students and teachers.

Action

Director Scott moved and Director Kohnstamm seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, including Resolutions 6252 through 6264. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes – 0 no), with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial).

Student and Public Comment

Time Started: 6:18 pm

- Thomas Hanrahan: Metrics and science support reopening school.
- Amy Silva: Nutrition Services health and safety. Requesting masks and hazard pay.
- Dr. Anna Barr: Doctor who supports reopening schools.
- Grace Groom: Budget priorities- Schools need more teachers, PARA professionals and nutritional services.
- Donald Oliver: Reopening from the perspective of a parent of a color, more transparency about reopening plans.
- Stephan Linder: Safe to reopen school as quickly as possible.
- Jackson Weinberg: Student Representative Shue should be included in the Board Retreat.

Remarks from the Portland Association of Teachers

Time Started: 6:50 pm

Portland Association of Teachers (PAT) President Elizabeth Thiel provided comments regarding the governor's mandate to return to school. She shared that PAT surveyed teachers regarding returning to in-person learning, and highlighted some of the common focuses that educators believe to be critical for returning to in-person learning, including safety, equity, and social-interactions for students.

Student Representative's Report

Time Started: 7:03 pm

Student Representative Shue summarized the actions that the District Student Council (DSC) has taken recently, noting that they have drafted by-laws, are planning a Student Summit scheduled for May 28, and working to make sure that all PPS high schools hold elections for District Student Council Representatives. He closed by addressing the violence against Portland Public Schools property.

Superintendent's Report

Time Started: 7:06 pm

Superintendent Guerrero shared that the District will remain undeterred by acts of arson and vandalism. He thanked the staff who were up early making sure that students would still receive food. He commented on Governor Brown's statement that all schools should return to at least hybrid in-person learning, adding that the District's plan was always to return to in-person learning. He noted that that the Governor had not shared the framework for reopening, but that they do know that K-5 will reopen sometime the week of March 29th, and that grades 6-12 will return in mid-April. He stated that a large portion of families, including families of color, shared they are ready to return to in-person learning. He shared that many student facing staff have been vaccinated, with the opportunity for vaccination open to all student-facing staff, adding that school have updated HVAC systems, windows are being opened window for improved ventilation, and they've invested in air filtration systems. He shared that currently there are at least 85 schools with some in-person learning, that athletics have begun, and that next week all schools will have some in-person learning. He stated that there is a new banner on the PPS.net webpage titled "PPS Reopens" with details regarding reopening.

Board Committee and Conference Reports

Time Started: 7:15 pm

- Audit Committee: The last Audit Committee meeting was held on February 24, 2021. The committee received an update on current audits and audit planning. The Purchasing Card (PCard) audit is underway. The Health and Safety Plans checks audit will begin now that students

are participating in in-person learning. The purpose of the Health and Safety Plan Audit is to determine whether the school buildings are in compliance with the building safety plans that are in place. The audit will not determine the efficacy of the safety plan, only if it is in compliance with the plan.

- Bond Accountability Committee: None
- Community Budget Review Committee (CBRC): The CBRC is meeting with the School Board in a work session to receive an update on the strategic plan and multi-year business plan and preview the 2021/2022 budget.
- Charter School and Alternative Programs Committee: None
- Intergovernmental Committee: The March 11, 2021 meeting is canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021.
- Policy Committee: The committee discussed the Real Estate Policy and the Complaints Policy. The committee decided to pause work on the complaint policy. The March 29, 2021 meeting is canceled, and the committee will need to scale back and prioritize work for the rest of the year. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021.
- Rose Quarter I5 Planning Advisory Meeting: Director Brim-Edwards and Courtney Westling have had meetings with legislators and government officials regarding potential approaches to the current proposed plan.
- School Improvement Bond Committee: None

7:27 – 7:32

Resolution 6267 Opal School Approval of Charter Renewal

Time Started: 7:33 pm

District Staff: Korrina Wolfe – Area Senior Director, Multiple Pathways to Graduation; Tara O’Neil – Director, Charter Schools.

Charter Committee Chair Director Kohnstamm provided an overview of the annual process for charter school evaluations. She noted that the committee met to review the charter school applications on February 02, 2021 and February 11, 2021. District Staff provided an overview of the Opal Charter School application, including pedagogy, financial sustainability, and school data. It was stated that Opal Schools meets all of the renewal requirements and that the school has requested a ten-year renewal and increased student capacity. Board members provided comments on the renewal.

Action

Director Brim-Edwards moved and Director Bailey seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6267, Approving Renewal of the Charter Agreement with Opal Charter School. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes, 0 no), with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial)

Portland Arthur Academy Charter Renewal

Time Started: 7:47 pm

District Staff: Korrina Wolfe – Area Senior Director, Multiple Pathways to Graduation; Tara O’Neil – Director, Charter Schools.

Staff provided an overview of the Portland Arthur Academy Charter School application, including pedagogy, financial sustainability, and school data. It was stated that Portland Arthur Academy meets all of the renewal requirements. Board Members provided comments regarding the renewal.

Action

Director Kohnstamm moved and Director DePass seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6265 Approving Renewal of the Charter Agreement with Portland Arthur Academy. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes, 0 no), with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial).

Update: COVID, Hybrid and Limited In-person Instruction (LIPI)

Time Started: 7:56 pm

District Staff: Dr. Luis Valentino – Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Russell Brown – Chief of System Performance; Dan Jung – Chief Operation Officer; Dani Ledezma – Senior Advisor, Racial Equity and Social Justice; Dr. Shawn Bird – Chief of Schools; David Roy – Senior Director, Communications; Sharon Reese – Chief Human Resources Officer

District staff provided an overview of Hybrid and Limited In-person Instruction (LIPI), including the current mandatory guidance and current advisory metrics, the parental preference for Hybrid survey results, and the health and safety protocols put into place to keep staff and students safe, and the expanded SUN partnership

The board asked questions of staff. There was discussion regarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and updated ventilation. It was noted that guidance is still being clarified and negotiations are taking place with PAT. There was discussion regarding the autonomy of school administration to create plans for hybrid and CDL. It was noted that there will be a framework for all schools and that individual schools will be able to create a plan around the framework that fits the needs of their school and community.

BREAK 9:01 – 9:06 pm

1st Reading of a Policy - Comprehensive Health Education Policy

Time Started: 9:07 pm

Director Moore provided a background of the changes made to the existing policy, noting that it was referred unanimously by the Policy Committee. The Public Comment period ends March 30, 2021.

2nd Reading of a Policy - 8.70.040-P Preservation, Maintenance, and Disposition of District Real Property

Time Started: 9:09 pm

District Staff: Dani Ledezma – Senior Advisor, Racial Equity and Social Justice

Director Moore shared that the policy committee reviewed potential revisions that were added for clarification to the policy presented at the first reading and in an effort to highlight the racial equity focus. She stated that because the revisions were made in a public forum and are not substantive changes, the Board chose to move forward with a second reading of the policy. There was no opposition to the consideration of the policy as revised for a second reading. There was Board discussion regarding the newest revisions. Director Bailey explained why he would be voting no on the policy. There was discussion regarding how equity shows up in the policy.

Director Brim-Edwards moved and Director Kohnstamm seconded the motion to approve Resolution 6266, to Approve the Amendments to the Preservation, Maintenance, and Disposition of District Real Property 8.70.040-P. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (6 yes – 1 no [Bailey]), with Student Representative Shue voting yes (unofficial).

Other Business / Committee Referrals

Time Started: 9:52 pm

None

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Adjourn

Chair Lowery adjourned the meeting at 9:53 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled to be held March 30, 2021.

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