



JANUARY 29, 2019, 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 6:04pm at the call of Board Vice-Chair Julie Esparza Brown in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance

Present: Vice-Chair Esparza Brown; Directors Bailey, Brim-Edwards, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; Chair Moore and Director Anthony via phone. Student Representative Paesler; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large.

Student Comment

Mika Schow: believes that School Resource Officers (SROs) should remain in PPS schools for the safety of the students. The rising school shootings have spread fear in PPS schools and SROs in the school will make us feel much safer. She also hopes officers can control the drug use in the schools. Having a relationship between SROs and schools is important.

Parker Myrus: he believed that every student should have quality in concentrating and studying, adding that it causes back pain. In a survey at his school, 51% of students said it was painful to sit in their chairs for a certain length of time. He requested a grant to order 36 school chairs which have been proven to be the best for lumbar support. The chairs have been implemented at Franklin High School and are a favorite among students. The chairs are a budget friendly choice and are durable.

General Public Comment

Beth Cavanaugh: Flo Analytics work with the future Boundary review should include an analysis of co-located programs and areas of historically underserved students. It needs to be completed in a transparent manner. Parents continue to see the inequities in co-located schools.

Nate Query: asked that the Board keeps its promise to King school and empower them to survive. Racial inequities at Beach overlap with King. The impact on single strands are documented. There is glaring segregation at Beach. It was infuriating that the inequities linger year after year. The District is not adhering to its own equity policy.

Mark Jackson: Director of REAP, stated that they have served the most vulnerable students at PPS for 14 years. REAP leadership has never changed, nor their missions, nor their commitment to serve students. Several months ago, district leaders labeled him as hostile. Consequently, REAPs contract was canceled. Students lost services. The contract was canceled because someone at PPS had the power. Had it not been for Dani Yazdemi, the Superintendent, and the Board, he would not have the optimism he has today of continuing REAPs services to the District.

Kalie Self: Fundraising Manager at REAP, feels they were diminished and undervalued by the District. The District had requested that their work be halted on three different occasions. PPS needs a contract negotiation process that does not delay programming for those students with the most need. There is a need for a clear and transparent process.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Guerrero reported on the following: Measure 98 and the funding it provides; conversations with our stakeholders; visiting programs and seeing students in action; visioning process; Classified Connections gathering; Success Schools Survey; *I Have a Dream* event; and, Principal Curtis Wilson received a lifetime achievement award for his service to students.

Action Items

Second Reading: Student Representative Policy

Public Comment:

None.

Exemption from Competitive Bidding and Authorization for Use of a Request for Proposals

Alternative Contracting Method for the Secure Schools Project

Public Comment

None.

Resolution to Suspend Approval of an IGA between the City of Portland, through the Portland Police Bureau, and Portland Public Schools

Public Comment:

Faisal Osman, Madison High School, stated that he was a member of the Multnomah Youth Commission. It was hard for students to attend the meeting due to the time the item was scheduled. The goal is to keep RJA alive, but their Restorative Justice Coordinate was removed from the school. The money for an SRO could be applied to students for emotional support. Why should PPS fund SROs? Many students face trauma around SROs.

Jamari Signor, Jefferson High School spoke of his experiences as a student. SROs were not performing any duties in high schools. He has not seen them be a resource for students. If PPS is going to give SROs money, then they need to G.s13cs. He ha

Reports to the Board

Student Project on Energy Efficiency
Overview: High School Graduation Rates
First Reading: Policy Rescissions
Update: Visioning Process
Update: Whitehurst Implementation Plan
Update: Financial Report

The Board Approved the Following Items:

Resolution 5799: Amendment of Board of Education Policy 1.20.010-P and Student Representative Duties Policy 1.20.012-P
Resolution 5800: Rescission of Board Policies
Resolution 5801: Secure Schools Project: Request for Proposals Alternative Contracting Method
Resolution 5802: Approval of Head Start Policy Council Recommendation
Resolution 5803: Approving Revised Budget Calendar for 2019-20
Resolution 5806: Proclamation and Recognition of February as Black History Month
Resolution 5807: Suspend Approval of an IGA between Portland Police Bureau and PPS
Business Agenda

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Esparza Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:23pm.

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