

School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Work Session of August 13, 2018

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 3:00pm at the call of Chair Rita Moore in the Mazama Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon, 97227.

There were present:

Board of Directors:

Rita Moore, Chair
Julie Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair
Julia Brim-Edwards
Am Kohnstamm
Paul Anthony
Scott Bailey
Mike Rosen - absent

Staff:

Guadalupe Guerrero, Superintendent
Yvonne Curtis, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction and School Communities
Claire Hertz, Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations
Stephanie Soden, Chief of Staff
Kregg Cueller, Chief of Schools
Dan Jung, Senior Director School Modernization
Marshall Haskins, Athletic Director
Harry Esteve, Director of Strategic Communications
Carol Campbell, Grant High School Principal
Korinna Wolfe, Multiple Pathways Area Director
Rosanne Powell, Board Office Manager
Caren Huson-Quiniones, Board Clerk

Grant Softball Field Options

Mr. Jung noted the memo from Portland Parks and Recreation which states that they prefer Option 3 for the Grant Softball Field. Mr. Jung explained that there were four options to consider for the softball field: Option 1 – North Field; Option 2 – Grant Bowl; Option 3- South Field; and, Option 4 – Wilshire Park.

Mr. Jung reported that after researching the options, staff determined two options that were more favorable: Option 3 – implementation of this option would not require any additional funding and could be achieved within the current schedule for opening in August 2019. This will provide PPS and Grant High School administration flexibility to use a shared field scenario at any time or keep it in a configuration for baseball. Option 1 - continue to look at solutions to mitigate the challenges of a softball facility in the North Fi

field at Grant. Director Bailey asked for a spreadsheet on baseball and softball for each school including practice and play areas. Staff mentioned that if Option 1 were chosen, we would lose the full size field at Grant Park. Fernhill has enough space to build a field with improvements.

Chair Moore commented that the Board was not near making a decision. She found it hard to visualize and she did not know how to balance all the conflicting concerns and demands. Chair Moore appointed Directors Bailey and Brim-Edwards to work with staff and Parks and Recreation to nail down some viable solution that could be brought back and recommended to the full Board.