

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Work Session of September 24, 2018**

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 6:30pm 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
Amy Kohnstamm - *absent*
Paul Anthony

Facilitators:

Fiona Hovenden
Sonya Lopes

The Board and staff participated in the following five exercises: Third Horizon, Persona, Scenario, Graduate Portrait, and System Shifts. Director Bailey commented that the visioning process doesn't seem as rich as to what is going on in the world today and asked if it was too utopian. Ms. Hovenden responded that we want to give space for people to tell us what they think is wrong. Vice-Chair Esparza Brown stated that there was not a disengaged student in the Persona samples and that is going to be one of our biggest issues. Director Brim-Edwards asked when the facilitators have done this process before, how do they culturally align with communities of color. Ms. Hovenden responded that they have translators in the room.

At 9:10pm, the Board took a five minute break.

Ms. Hovenden offered three scenarios for the stakeholder process:

Scenario 1:

- Guiding Coalition Convening 1 (panels of speakers, strategic foresight, portraits)
- Community Engagement Session – 1st round
- Learning Journeys (2+ virtual)
- Guiding Coalition Convening 2
- Community Engagement Session – 2nd round
- Board and Senior Leadership Team Work Session
- Guiding Coalition Convening 3
- Community Installation

Scenario 2:

- Community Engagement Sessions – 1st

Director Bailey asked what was the purpose of the Guiding Coalition. Will they continue after the visioning process is complete? Chair Moore responded that the purpose will define what level of person we want sitting on the Guiding Coalition. Do we want the Mayor or his assistant? The Chair of the County Commission or one of the Commissioners? Director Brim-Edwards responded that she thought we would want a mix of levels: leaders, followers, contributors.

The Board generally preferred Scenario 1. The Board will review the Coalition list. Staff will present one option of the Coalition and the Board could say yes or no. The purpose of the Coalition needs to be determined and a job description created for the Coalition. The Board will decide the right level and mix of the members, and they will determine the size of the Coalition. Director Brim-Edwards suggested that some contrarians should be on the Coalition.

Director Brim-Edwards indicated that she would like to receive copies of the agenda for Core Team meetings. Whatever the report out is, it should be the same for the Board and the leadership team so that all receive the same message. Notes and any new documents should be sent out to all. Board comments and questions will be sent to the facilitators and they will share the information in the Core Team meetings with the issue going into the minutes of the meeting.

Director Bailey commented that people will be named to the Coalition but there is no way they will be representative of the general public. Director Rosen stated that they will have to be, they have to be representative of the constituency the Board serves.

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Chair Moore adjourned the Work Session at 10:39pm.

Submitted by:

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