

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon
Board Work Session of October 30, 2018**

INFORMAL MINUTES

A Work Session of the Board of Directors came to order at 6:05 pm 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

Rita Moore-Chair

Paul Anthony

Scott Baily

Julie Brim-Edwards

Amy Kohnstamm

Mike Rosen

Julie Esparza Brown

Nick Paesler, Student Representative

Staff

program split between two buildings. Matt Eide from the Reconnection Center stated he has a team of case managers who work with 1,000 students each year, has a school social worker and data analyst located in a small office in Benson intentionally as it was centrally located. The Reconnection Center is co-located with Alliance at Benson and that was also intentional as they are able to blend their fte.

Chair Moore asked why there was Alliance at Benson and Alliance at Meek. Ms. Fast Buffalo Horse responded that they were different models. Students who are closer to graduation will go to Alliance at Benson which is an independent, self-directed model. Benson also has day and evening classes. Alliance at Meek uses CTE as an intervention to engage students, and offers social/emotional programming along with a core program. If both programs were to be in the same location, they would have to work on how they would serve the needs of the students. Ms. Fast Buffalo Horse noted that an analysis of combining both Alliance schools at Kenton had not been performed. Chair Moore stated that she always thought the split of Alliance was due to space. Ms. Fast Buffalo Horse responded that it was historical; some programs from Madison and Grant went into Alliance at Benson. Chair Moore commented that the programs evolved based upon where they were located and it's less a function of two different programs and models, and two different places. She was interested in hearing if you had a blank slate, what would Alliance look like. Ms. Fast Buffalo Horse responded that 400 students would be the max to provide small school supports. One site for up to 400 would be the ideal situation, as childcare, a gym, showers, offices and conferences rooms would be needed. The idea was that a building would contain Alliance and the Reconnection Center, along with CTE.

Chair Moore questioned if there was any interaction with DART students and Benson students. Mr. Van Hoomissen responded not very often. A few may do some mainstreaming at Benson during the day, but basically it is run as its own school. Chair Moore asked if it was better for students to be co-located or have a separate site. Mr. VanHoomisien stated that a separate site would be preferred as students have

