

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
May 20, 2020

MEETING OVERVIEW

April 21, 2020

the majority of people think that the board is saying that everything is fine at Vernon, adding that she is not looking for an apology.

Director Kohnstamm declined to provide a statement on the complaint, she did state that she appreciates Ms. Macon's comments. She added that staff is working to respond to the substance of the important issues that the Macon family have raised about Vernon and is hopeful that in the process that they'll be able to reach some agreements and find a path forward to improve the culture, especially for black students.

Director Brim-Edwards stated that when the original complaint came to the board there was a reference to a video that was not shared with the board because it portrayed students in a negative light, though because it seemed like the video was important she asked to see the video. She stated that at the meeting (on December 17, 2019) she brought up that the lyrics don't meet district standards, but that it wasn't scripted by the district, but it was done on district