



**MARCH 7, 2017 MEETING OVERVIEW**

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*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 6:03pm at the call of Vice-Chair Amy Kohnstamm in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

Present: Vice-Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Anthony, Knowles, Buel, Rosen and Esparza Brown; Student Representative Bradley; Interim Superintendent Bob McKean  
Absent: Chair Koehler

**Student Performance: Hosford Middle School Band**

Chair Kohnstamm thanked Music Director Scott Johnson and the Hosford Middle School Band for performing at the Board Meeting.

**Student Testimony**

Ten Students from the Portland Student Action Network stated their demands of the Board:

- Student Equity Teams formed at each school
- Address the issue of school names such as Jackson and Jefferson
- Make recruiting and retaining teachers of color a priority
- Inclusive and comprehensive sex education with adoption of curriculums that are welcoming; need to teach students how to use menstrual materials
- Discussions in the classroom on how to use a condom and contraceptives
- Support and protection of LGBTQ students
- Gender neutral bathrooms at all schools
- Safety for undocumented students
- Mitigate student suspensions and expulsions; no School Resource Officers in the schools
- More services and policies needed for physical and mental disability students

**Public Comment**

- State Senator Lew Frederick: spoke of the passing of former Board Member Sue Hagemeyer.
- Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar: advocated for all students regardless of socio-economic status; PIL sports and activities are a pathway for many students; and, celebrated student successes.
- Olessia Bordioug, Inna Opanasyuk, and William Comer all spoke in support of the Russian Dual Language Immersion Program
- Lisa Zuniga: move the Japanese Residency Program from the spring to the summer as it is an equity issue. Only 5 students at Mt. Tabor be in a classroom if the program occurs in the spring.
- Rajiv Ali and Sam Gollah: members of the Equity Contracting Advisory Committee, submitted recommendations in the following areas: Minority, Women, Emerging Small Business and Services Disabled Veterans owned businesses; support in the areas of policies, directives and practices; and recommendations on the bond proposal

### **Student Representative's Report**

Representative Bradley mentioned that she will work with SuperSAC on the demands made by the Portland Student Action Network.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent McKean included the following items in his report: Vernon Tree Planting; Snow Days restored; EPA Energy Star nine schools recognized; Grant Constitution Team; Benson Tech Show; Lincoln's *Mission: Citizen* Program; George Middle School's Bravo Youth Orchestra; the PPS Pulse; and the leaving of Deputy Superintendent Chris Russo at the end of the school year.

### **Classified and Non-Representative Employee Appreciation**

The Board recognized the work of Classified and Non-Represented employees.

### **Action Items**

KairosPDX Charter School Renewal

#### Public Comment:

Ronnie Herndon: KairosPDX was doing a good job and we should support and learn from them. They are not a threat to public education.

Trillium Charter School Renewal

#### Public Comment

None received.

### **The following Reports were presented to the Board:**

Quarterly Update: Bond Accountability Committee

Quarterly Update: 2012 Capital Improvement Bond

### **Business Agenda**

#### Public Comment

Kerri Starns, Bend Hildner and Tony Bertrand all testified to keeping Mr. Bertrand as a school administrator.

### **The Board Approved the Following Items**

Resolution 5412: Approving Renewal of the Charter Agreement with KairosPDX Learning Academy

Resolution 5419: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Portland Association of Teachers regarding conversion of two planning days to instructional days and the Extension of the Instruction Calendar  
Resolution 5420: Approving next steps for Superintendent Vetting Process  
Business Agenda

**Adjourn**

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 9:37pm.

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