



BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

bond was currently written, there would not be enough funds to take care of the health and safety issues of the entire District. Director Rosen stated his support of the bond on the November 2016 ballot as the public was telling the Board that we must move forward now. Chair Koehler stated that the District has several environmental issues in the District. It was inconceivable to him to suggest throwing caution to the wind and just hoping a bond dollar number sticks. A May vote will not be easy, but we need a package we can stand together on; bonds are not passed on split votes.

Director Kohnstamm moved and Director Knowles seconded the motion that the Board reaffirm the bond for the May 2017 ballot. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed by a vote of 4-3 (4-yes, 3-no [Esparza Brown, Anthony, Rosen]), with Student Representative Bradley voting no, unofficial.

Comments from Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503, School Employees Union Local 140

Mike Bray, SEIU Organizer, introduced several Nutrition Service workers who offered the following comments: Nutrition Services is short staffed; no incentive for Nutrition workers to stay; for years, staff was assigned to a specific school, usually one close to their home, yet this year they were moved; Nutrition Service staff build relationships at the schools they serve; workers would like to be restored to their original schools; workers were moved without warning or reason; workers would like to stay at a school where they have built a relationship.

Belinda Reagan, President of Portland Federation of School Professionals, stated that she has witnessed the decimation of the nutrition workers and that the District needs to look at SEIU custodial and food service workers as the human beings they are. Kids love their food service people and get to know them, and the workers know every kid in their line.

Chair Koehler asked staff to determine how this evolved and Superintendent McKean stated that the District appreciates all that the workers do as they are the unsung heroes. He, too, would look into the situation.

Reports: