

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 05, 2019

MEETING OVERVIEW

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 School Board website at <https://www.pps.net/domain/219>.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:03 pm at the call of Chair Amy Kohnstamm in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

Attendance:

Chair Kohnstamm; Directors Bailey, Brim

weeks, and when she addressed it with administration, she was told that there was nothing that she could do.

Megan Goss: Parent at Arleta. Feels unheard. She heard it took an hour for admin to call the students' parents after the incident with the student who ingested the cocaine. The administrator has a connection to a white supremacist. Met with administrator regarding that connection, and she used gas lighting tactics. Would like to ask the superintendent about the racial equity plan.

Erika Wixon: Parent of two Arleta students. Speaking in response to a student ingesting crack cocaine given to them at school by another student. There is reason to believe that the administration handled the situation inappropriately; staff was told to not call poison control or emergency services. Earlier in the year, two student's lockers were searched due to a drug smell, and nothing was found, and she believes that the proper channels weren't followed. Highly concerned for student safety. Asks that the administrator be put on leave a full investigation.

Adam Robins: Roosevelt community member. In 2018, action was taken to add a 10,000 square foot STEM facility. Roosevelt, a historically underserved school, and the remodel was woefully inequitable in comparison to the other remodels. The district stated that they would fix the inequity, but is now not planning to use the additional space for STEM. The promise of a quality STEM plan will be shattered. Roosevelt only has one third of the STEM space as Franklin High School. The meeting this week is a gas lighting effort to take away promised space.

Donna Cohen: Roosevelt HS STEM Space. She was a technology teacher for eleven years. The meeting on Wednesday night should be focused where the community wants to see classes in Roosevelt other than the STEM program space. STEM is a good program that opens up pathways to many good careers. PPS talks about STEM and equity and she would like them to make good and keep the Roosevelt STEM Maker space as originally planned. She also noted that a good STEM program, with space also requires teachers and supplies. Will file a civil rights complaint if things are not fixed. Asks that PPS board recommit STEM space to the building. Even if the classroom space is taken from the STEM space, it will only fulfill only a portion of the classroom space needed.

Board Goal Measurements

The board and district leadership are working on creating progress measures that will be revisited

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Adjourn

Chair Kohnstamm adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm.

Submitted by:

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