



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

JANUARY 26, 2016 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 6:02pm at the call of Chair Tom Koehler in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance:**

Present: Chair Koehler; Directors Anthony, Buel, Esparza Brown, Kohnstamm, Knowles, and Rosen;  
Student Representative Davidson; Superintendent Smith

**Student Testimony**

Karina Autar, Kaiya Yonamine, Y Le, and Jessica Yu, all members of ALLY (API Leaders for Liberation of Youth), spoke on the importance of ethnic studies in order to learn the traditions and cultures of various ethnic peoples. Ethnic studies result in higher student grades and literacy skills, and also closes the achievement gap. ALLY launched their ethnic studies campaign in October 2015 and the students were currently drafting a resolution that they will present to the Board at a later date. They would like to schedule a meeting with each Board member to hear their perspectives.

**Public Comment:**

Ethan Medley: Board member for the Portland Village Charter School, provided an update on the school, adding that they were interested in working around issues they have with the District, and invited the Board to visit the school.

Jennifer Whitten: in regards to the proposed boundary changes on the west side, requested that Bridlemile remain in the Lincoln feeder pattern. Travel time would be much higher if students

**Public Hearings:**