



**MARCH 20, 2018 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 6:05pm at the call of Board Chair Julia Brim-Edwards in the Board Auditorium at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

**Attendance**

Present: Chair Brim-Edwards; Vice-Chair Esparza Brown, Vice-Chair Moore; Directors Anthony, Kohnstamm, and Rosen; Superintendent Guerrero; Interim General Counsel Large. Director Bailey and Student Representative Tran absent.

**Recognition**

The Board recognized the PPS PIL state playoff basketball teams: Grant took 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jefferson took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Lincoln took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. The Benson Girls Basketball team qualified for the 6A State Basketball tournament.

**Board Agenda and Road Map; March-July 2018**

Chair Brim-Edwards provided a PowerPoint presentation which identified the Board's work to date, and provided information on future Board work.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Guerrero's report included: Grant Magazine winning the Gold Crown Award for the fifth year in a row; Portland Work Alliance breakfast and student career fair; attended the Council of Great City School Legislative Policy Conference; and, 700 PPS students traveled to Seattle to see the Broadway musical *Hamilton*, which was made possible by a grant from Jordan Schnitzer.

**Student and Public Comment**

Molly Porter: stated that Chapman was facing FTE cuts which will create an unsafe learning environment. Increasing class sizes for young learners was the opposite of what was needed. Ms. Porter requested that the class sizes not be raised at Chapman. In addition, Chapman's Ramona campus was set to lose their secretary.

Marjorie Phillips: stated her concern about the future of the children at Applegate, as those Head Start programs are indispensable to parents. The proposed decision to displace the 77 kids in the Applegate program will be incredibly burdensome. Displacement was an after-thought in the process.

Beth Blumklotz: PPS school bus driver, stated that they have been without a contract since June 30, 2017. They would like a fair contract and a living wage. She asked that the District please pay them the same that they pay other PPS drivers.

Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar: many school communities have a history of struggling to receive effective, timely and transparent communication from the District. When negative articles are published by

local papers about our school communities, we expect that BESC will defend and support the school community. Ms. Mercedes Bolivar asked what students have access to AP, IB or PCC in high school.

Steve Buel: mentioned two resolutions that were approved when he was on the Board on June 1, 2017, with a deadline to have a report to the Board on February 1, 2018. There has been no report. District needs a volunteer program to teach the most English in the smallest time.

Amy Estep: the Pioneer Community has attended 8 PPS Board meetings, but have received only silence. Students will not be safe in Applegate and Rice. The buildings do not meet their needs. It is not fair to solve PPS school building issues on the backs of the most vulnerable students. It's time for the Board to get involved. Please do the right thing and let Pioneer stay home.

### **Action Items**

- Amend Board Policy 2.20.010-P, Naming School District Property

Public Comment:

Cliffor Carlsen: a Senior at Franklin, representing their Student Senate. They do not all agree on whether Quakers should remain the Franklin mascot name, but any new name should be chosen via student vote.

Mia Pisano: urged the Board to approve the revision on the policy. The proposed does strengthen the District's goal of eliminating systemic discrimination.

Two amendments to the Naming School District Property would be voted on at the April 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

- Adopt Cash Management Policy 8.20.010-P

Public Comment:

None

- Amend Board Policy 4.20.042-P, Diploma Requirements

Public Comment:

None

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**The Board Approved the Following Items:**

- Resolution 5615: Resolution to Amend Board Policy 2.20.010-P, Naming School District Property
- Resolution 5616: Resolution to Adopt Cash Management Policy, 8.20.010-P
- Resolution 5617: Resolution to Amend Board Policy 4.20.042-P, Diploma Requirements
- Resolution 5618: Resolution Approving Renewal of the Charter Agreement with Le Monde French
- Business Agenda
- The Board voted unanimously to hear four Step 3 Complaints.

**Adjourn**

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 9:14pm.

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