



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

JULY 11, 2017 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 website listed below.

Community Presentation: Tubman Open Enrollment

Tony Hopson stated that the community does not condone the violence and hatred which they read about and see, but they could no longer stand at the sidelines. What they see as the root causes of the current violence are lack of low income housing, no employment, and education. Children of color are dropping out and being suspended. Joe McFerrin II, President and CEO of POIC/Rosemary Anderson, commented that they are seeing increased violence every day. Ronnie Herndon provided a history of Tubman Middle School, stating that displaced children should have the right to return to Tubman, and they would like to hear the Board's proposals in the next couple of weeks. Jefferson High School should have been included in the 2017 bond; plans need to be developed now for Jefferson that speaks to equity and fairness. Mr. Hopson stated that they would like to have a Right to Return from PPS. Reverend Dr. Leroy Haynes, representing the Albina Ministerial Alliance, supports a Right to Return Policy to correct what has been done to the African American community. The last census indicated that 10,000 African Americans were forced out of Portland. Mike Alexander mentioned that there were models and strategies that focus on communities of color, and a discussion is needed by a community of conscience. Chair Brim-Edwards asked Vice-Chairs Esparza Brown and Moore to sit down with the speakers and begin a dialogue in terms of a policy.

Comments from the Portland Association of Teachers (PAT)

Suzanne Cohen, President of PAT, requested monthly meetings with Board Leadership and added that she was present to address leadership and stability at PPS. District Management is broken and that has been a long-term burden. The current Interim Superintendent has no classroom teaching experience. The District needs an education leader. How much stress can the system endure? Instability was a burden on teachers, yet they have been the constant and stability for students. PAT has offered to reset their relationship with the District. Yet, PPS management is pushing for a strike. Did the Board think the District could handle another crisis like that? The Board has the power to do something about it. The Board has the right to find out what is going on in bargaining and see if it is really what you want. Ms. Cohen asked for regular meetings with Board leadership and that the next Superintendent be an educational leader. The Board can stop a strike and stabilize the District.

Reports

Legislative Committee Report
Board Operations

Action Items:

Second Reading: Real Estate Policy
Public Comment:
None

The Board Approved the Following Items

Resolution 5492: Create a Real Estate Transaction Policy
Resolution 5493: Authorizing the Sale of the Benson Construction Technology Program House on 130 NE Skidmore Street (formerly 4231 NE Mallory Avenue), Portland, OR
Business Agenda

Adjourn

Chair Brim-Edwards adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm.

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