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The Study Session of the Board of Education came to order at 6:02pm at the call of Co-Chair Pam Knowles in the Board Auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon St, Portland, Oregon.

There were present:

Pam Knowles, Co-Chair
Ruth Adkins
Bobbie Regan - *absent*
Tom Koehler
Steve Buel
Matt Morton
Greg Belisle, Co-Chair

Andrew Davidson, Student Representative

Staff

Carole Smith, Superintendent
Caren Huson, Board Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Zuniga, speaking on behalf of the Parent Coalition, applauded the changes made in the recently approved PAT contract. She was pleased that for the first time in years that high school students were encouraged to take a broad range of classes. She encouraged PPS to look for ways to extend learning opportunities, and she would like the disaggregated forecasting data for each high school, the list of staff allocated to each high school, and a copy of the strategic framework plan and how it was staffed by May 1st.

Dana Brenner-Kelley spoke on the high stakes testing culture of the Common Core and stated that test scores were driven by corporate interest. Charter school teachers have told her that their teaching was being compromised.

Robey Clark requested a moratorium on the Common Core State Standards and the 40/40/20 plan. He urged the Board to take a close look at the Common Core and to resist it.

Steven Siegel commented that MLC parents will not allow their children to be subjected to high stakes testing. They will fight for their community and teachers. MLC parents are angry and have woken up. Tests are designed to fail a number of our children, and the Common Core standards will widen the achievement gap. MLC is an alternative school and the parents want their children to develop resiliency. The Common Core was detrimental to children.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Co-Chair Knowles stated that she was very impressed with the list of employees who were receiving service awards. Superintendent Smith honored the employees and highlighted the career of a 45-year PPS employee.

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FAUBION MASTER PLAN

Co-Chair Knowles stated that the Board had previously heard and discussed the Faubion Master Plan and would be voting on it that evening.

DISCUSSION: IMPLEMENTATION AND TIMELINE FOR COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

Sue Ann Higgins, Chief Academic Officer, reported that this was the third year that staff has reported to the Board on the Common Core implementation. The Common Core contains a set of standards, but not a specific curriculum; 44 states have adopted the

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ADJOURN

Co-Chairs Knowles adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

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RESOLUTION No. 4901

Authorizing Faubion PK-8 Master Plan with Concordia University College of Education
as Part of the 2012 Capital Bond Program

RECITALS

- A. Portland Public Schools (PPS) and Concordia University (Concordia) have a long-standing relationship which has mutually benefited students of each institution, with ongoing tutoring and mentoring at several schools and most specifically at Faubion PK-8 school.
- B. Concordia students, particularly through their Student Service Corps, have donated hours of assistance to Faubion students to improve their academic success, while allowing Concordia students to receive valuable hands-on teaching experience.
- C. Concordia students further provide assistance with the Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) program, support for school nurse services,

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3. The Board of Education approves the preferred Master Plan dated March 17th, 2014 and directs staff to proceed with Schematic Design (annin.912Tg/TT4 1Tfd r Plrafting1(pr)6(aatwvel(s)-3.pme.912Tj/TT4tD