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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON  
BLANCHARD EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER  
PORTLAND, OREGON

The Business Meeting of the Board of Education came

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Sativa Newcomer, 2014 graduate of Mt. Scott, shared her story, stating that she came from a home of substance abuse. Mt. Scott allowed her to graduate on time. The small Mt. Scott community brings students with struggles together. Ms. Newcomer added that she was now on the path for college.

Director Buel requested that the Board vote on adding more speakers to the agenda. Director Koehler called for the question. The Board took a voice vote (2-yes, 3-no). The motion failed.

Joe McFerrin, President and CEO of POIC and Rosemary Anderson High School, reported that he has been involved in alternative schools for 19 years. His students are high risk, low income, students of color. They have a holistic system of care and provide wraparound services, and they serve all graduates to the age of 25.

LaBraye Franklin, POIC Student, stated that POIC was more than a school. It was for students at risk of not being successful. The school opens a lot more doors; actually, it was not a school, but a program. POIC is designed to create a successful human being. They are not teachers at the school, they are mentors and take their job very seriously.

Leah Gibson spoke on behalf of Gateway to College. She grew up in an impoverished area in Portland and dropped out of high school as a junior. She struggled with drug and alcohol abuse. Gateway for College broke down her barriers in going to high school and college. She has completed two Associate Degrees and is working on her Bachelor's Degree.

Deborah Hughes, a grandparent of three children who went to Open Meadow, stated that her grandchildren are cheerful and want to go to school; they trust their mentor/teachers in the Open Meadow program. Portland should be a model for the country in having both public schools and alternative schools.

Director Regan commented that she would like to catch the students sooner before they drop-out and then attend alternative schools. Do we need to improve our supports down to the middle school level? Director Regan requested a deep dive on the topic of Alternative Schools in the fall, and also a deep dive on PPS comprehensive high schools.

Director Regan stated that Open Meadow was closing its doors in terms of its high school and was moving to a focus on middle schools. In terms of the budget for Open Meadow, what are we budgeting for? Ms. Wolfe responded that the District has contracted an amount that will serve more middle school students at Open Meadow.

Director Buel mentioned that he was a big supporter of alternative schools. It was difficult to work with a lot of kids in society where society has changed. He would like to allow the alternative schools more freedom, and we need to look at what we are doing in PPS public schools. The Board needs to look at visiting the alternative schools and figure out what was or was not working.

In response to a question from Director Koehler, Ms. Wolfe explained how the District determined \$7300 per student.

## **ADJOURN**

Co-Chair Knowles adjourned the meeting at 1:25pm.

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The Superintendent RECOMMENDED adoption of the following item:

Number 4955

Director Regan moved and Director Koehler seconded the motion to adopt the above numbered item. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed unanimously (yes-6, no-0; with Director Morton and Student Representative Jayaswal absent).



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DePaul Treatment Centers, Inc.	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61042	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$219,292.50	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485
Youth Progress Association	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Personal Services PS 61043	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$343,558.25	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485

**NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (“IGAs”)**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Contract Term</b>	<b>Contract Type</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>Responsible Administrator, Funding Source</b>
Multnomah Education Service District	7/1/2014 through 6/30/2015	Intergovernmental Agreement IGA 61044	District-wide: Alternative education services. RFP 2010-107	\$204,673	K. Wolfe Fund 101 Dept. 5485

**AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING CONTRACTS**

No New Amendments

*R. Dutcher*