

**School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon  
Board Retreat of September 2, 2014**

submitted the Wednesday prior to a Board meeting. Board members do not even receive their packets until Thursday/Friday before a meeting. Co-Chair Knowles mentioned that the Board usually receives a draft resolution at one Board meeting and then votes on it at the next meeting. Director Regan suggested wording such as “respectfully bring it forward prior to the Board meeting”, and to remove the words “by Wednesday”.

Director Buel stated that he would like to be able to bring items forward in an open Board meeting for future agendas. He would like to have a motion and second at a Board meeting, and a vote of the Board to place an item on an agenda.

### **REVIEW OF 2014-15 WORK PLAN**

Director Buel commented that he would like to see a sense of urgency based on education and not data points. Director Regan stated her concern about interfacing with families, and that we should do a district-wide welcome and perhaps Board members attend Kindergarten Round-up.

Co-Chair Knowles asked Board members to provide their written concerns in regards to the Work Plan. In addition, she would like to see an annual report on how much money is in the Capital Asset Renewal Fund and also the Construction Excise Tax Fund. Additionally, she would like to have a Work Session on Early Childhood Learning, review Outdoor School, and discuss the hiring of an auditor.

At 7:37pm, the Board took a ten minute break.

### **COMMITTEES, WORK SESSIONS**

Co-Chair Adkins reviewed the list of Committees and Board participation.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW**

Jon Isaacs, Chief of Community Involvement and Public Affairs, reviewed plans for Town Hall meetings to be hosted by Board members. Director Regan commented that Board members should also attend PTA meetings. Director Morton mentioned that Benson High School was not listed for a Town Hall meeting and that he would be happy to host.

### **ADJOURN**

Co-Chair Knowles adjourned the Retreat at 8:19pm

Submitted by:

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