

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 13, 2024**Board Members Present:**

Dr. Karen Pérez, Chair
Justice Rajee, Vice Chair
Susan Greenberg
Dr. Melissa Potter
Sunita Garg
Ugonna Enyinnaya (virtual)
Dr. Tammy Carpenter

Board Members Absent:**Staff Present:**

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Heather Cordie
Michael Schofield
Casey Waletich
Kerry Delf
Susan Rodriguez
Steven Langford
Dr. Shelly Reggiani
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Camellia Osterink
Jessica Jones
Jason Guchereau
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Associate Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Human Resources Officer
Chief Information Officer
Executive Administrator for Equity & Inclusion
Public Communications Officer
General Counsel
Budget Manager
Finance Manager
Board Secretary & Executive Assistant

The meeting was open to the public to attend in person or via livestream on YouTube.

I. OPEN MEETING

Board Chair Dr. Karen Pérez called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were present, with Ugonna Enyinnaya joining virtually.

The board reviewed the agenda and did not request any changes.

II. RECOGNITIONS

The board recognized that the Beaverton School District has earned recognition from the Association of School Business Officials International for excellence in budget presentation and financial reporting. The district's budget document and annual comprehensive financial report were reviewed and judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program for compliance and financial transparency.

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The district has been awarded the Meritorious Budget award for fiscal year 2024–2025 and the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2022–2023.

Chair Pérez commended Associate Superintendent Mike Schofield, Budget Manager Jessica Jones, Finance Manager Jason Guchereau and the entire Business Office for this achievement.

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Balderas welcomed new staff, noted that the last week was an inservice training and that it was great to see new and returning teachers. Dr. Balderas thanked the Teaching & Learning Department and the Human Resources Department for the hard work in planning and executing the event for new staff.

Dr. Balderas shared about the new dual language programs at Jacob Wismer, Hazeldale and McKinley Elementary. In addition to dual language, Dr. Balderas noted that the Teaching & Learning department will be reviewing the Career & Technical Education program to ensure alignment with local industry. Dr. Balderas explained that this will give those students who are interested an opportunity to enter the local workforce with the training and skills they need to become successful.

Dr. Balderas reiterated that the long-term planning process to address declining enrollment will begin this fall and continue throughout the year and beyond, and that the district has committed to keeping the community informed.

Lastly, Dr. Balderas spoke on cell phone usage in schools and noted that there will be an in-depth best practice study and community conversation throughout the year to create a districtwide policy that will address use of mobile devices in classrooms and buildings.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments by Employee Groups

BEA President Lindsay Ray and OSEA President Kyrsti Sackman commented to the board.

B. Comments by Community Members

The board heard public comments from 10 speakers. The board also received 26 written comments.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Beaverton Education Foundation

The Beaverton Education Foundation Deputy Director Lauren Garrett shared an overview of the foundation which provides support for Beaverton School District schools. Ms. Garrett explained that with the support of 2,712 individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations, BEF was able to invest \$470,866 in Beaverton schools. Funding was provided for 151 projects and programs across all 54 schools.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. Budget Committee Meeting, June 18, 2024
- ii. School Board Executive Session, June 18, 2024
- iii. School Board Business Meeting, June 18, 2024

C. Public Contracts

Director Susan Greenberg moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Justice Rajee seconded the motion. The motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously 7:0.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Bond Accountability Committee Appointments

Associate Superintendent Casey Waletich explained that the district's bond accountability committee (BAC) has multiple openings. The board liaison and board chair have reviewed applications and have recommended three candidates for appointment. The three candidates recommended are David Remos (reappointment of current committee member), Lori Baker and Janis Hill.

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the bond accountability committee members as recommended, and Justice Rajee seconded. The motion to approve the bond accountability committee members passed unanimously 7:0.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

A. Budget Committee Member Appointment Process

Associate Superintendent Michael Schofield shared that the district's budget committee has three open positions in zones 3, 5 and 6, as the board in the past has chosen to have budget committee positions linked to board zones. He further explained that the school board will appoint community representatives to serve three-year terms on the committee but first must establish the process to be used. Mr. Schofield shared the process that has been used in the past to appoint committee members.

If this process is approved, openings will be publicized and applications will be accepted September 18–November 15, 2024. At this point, Mr. Schofield explained, the board member from each zone with an open position — in this case Melissa Potter, Ugonna Enyinnaya and Justice Rajee — will review applications and recommend a candidate. Candidates will be presented for board approval in the December 2024 board meeting.

B. 2025 Legislative Priorities

Chief of Staff Kerry Delf shared that the Legislative Advocacy Committee had met and recommended priorities for the 2025 legislative session. A primary legislative priority identified for Beaverton School District is securing stable and sufficient funding for K-12 public education to support the success of every student. Other priorities include special education, physical and mental health, student safety and addressing or avoiding unfunded mandates. Board members discussed adding a mention of funding for early learning including pre-kindergarten. Ms. Delf said the draft legislative priorities would be revised to include that mention and brought for board approval in a future meeting.

C. Board Policy Revisions

i. EBC Emergency Plan and Preparation

ii. EBCA Safety Threats

iii. EBCB Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction

iv. GBN/JBA Sexual Harassment

General Counsel Camellia Osterink and Chief of Staff Kerry Delf presented and answered questions from the board on recommended revisions to board policies for consideration for approval at a future meeting.

IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Board members made individual comments and committee reports, with topics including being grateful for volunteers over the summer and a welcome to new teachers. Other topics included a reiteration that

the board has not had discussions around school closures, a school supply distribution event coordinated with Wake Up Beaverton, student use of mobile phones in schools, and student use of chromebooks and other technology. Board members also expressed excitement about the upcoming school year and expressed thanks to the staff who worked throughout the summer.

X. CLOSE MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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