

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES – BOARD BUSINESS MEETING June 18, 2024**Board Members Present:**

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

Board Members Absent:**Staff Present:**

Dr. Gustavo Balderas
Dr. Heather Cordie
Dr. Carl Mead
Michael Schofield
Kerry Delf
Casey Waletich
Susan Rodriguez
Camellia Osterink
Shellie Bailey-Shah
Dr. Josh Fritts
Aaron Boyle
Ron Umali
Sarah Weiland

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent for Teaching & Learning
Deputy Superintendent for Operations & Support Services
Associate Superintendent for Business Services
Chief of Staff
Chief Facilities Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer
General Counsel
Public Communications Officer
Executive Administrator for Teaching & Learning
Administrator for Facilities Development
Administrator for Maintenance Services
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 7:03 p.m. She noted that all seven board members were present, with six attending in-person and Ugonna Enyinnaya attending virtually.

The board reviewed the agenda and Tammy Carpenter asked that the contract authorization for Ignite Reading to provide high-dosage tutoring be removed from the consent agenda and addressed separately. Chair Pérez then asked for a vote to approve the agenda. It passed unanimously, 7:0.

II. RECOGNITIONS

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A. Angela Vargas, a teacher on special assignment, was recognized as having been awarded the Noel Connall IPD Award from the Oregon Education Association. This award honors a member who has been instrumental in developing or implementing instruction and professional development.

B. The district's Communications & Community Involvement Department was celebrated for having won the Gold Medallion Award from the National School Public Relations Association for the "Belonging Begins Here" attendance campaign. This is the highest award given for superior school communications projects in North America.

C. The board honored the 114 valued staff members who retired from the district this year, including Gina Staudenmier who retired after 44 years of service to the district and received the Dedication to Education Award. Deputy Superintendent Dr. Carl Mead was also recognized for his 38 years of service.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Balderas began his report by expressing his gratitude to Dr. Mead. He spoke on the 13 graduations with over 3,000 graduates in 2024. He noted that he is excited to see these graduates move on to their next stage of life, and is thankful for the many staff who made this possible. Dr. Balderas spoke about aligning the budget with the strategic plan and was grateful for past and present leadership which have allowed Beaverton to partially mitigate the financial shortfall other school districts are facing.

Dr. Balderas reiterated that the Raleigh Hills build should be decoupled from any discussion on declining enrollment. He stated that he anticipates a larger discussion about declining enrollment and facilities planning in the fall. Dr. Balderas reminded the community that decisions to build or open new schools and to close or consolidate schools are ultimately made by the board.

Lastly, Dr. Balderas noted that the Gold Medallion Award, recently won by the district's Communications & Community Involvement Department, is awarded to only a handful of school districts across the nation each year and is the highest award for school communications. He gave congratulations to the team.

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 25 written comments.

C. Public Hearing: 2024-25 Budget

The public hearing was held and three community members provided public comment on the 2024–25 budget.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. Superintendent Evaluation

Chair Pérez announced that the board had completed its evaluation of the superintendent's job performance for the 2023–24 school year and wanted to take the opportunity to thank the superintendent for his efforts.

Dr. Pérez said that the board is very pleased with Dr. Balderas's performance, overall effectiveness, and progress made toward the goals established for this year. Highlights of this work include expanding dual language programming, continuing the expansion of early learning programming, establishing a districtwide assessment framework, implementing a one-year curriculum adoption process and selecting

high-quality curriculum for reading instruction and interventions, diversifying the workforce, and the on-time and on-budget progress of bond-funded school construction projects.

Dr. Pérez also said how much the board appreciates the superintendent's focus on the implementation of the strategic plan, his approach to high-quality implementation of the identified priority strategies of the plan, and his equity-informed decision-making. The board looks forward to seeing the effect of these system changes on student achievement in future years.

Lastly, the board stated they value the superintendent's active communication to staff, community and board members, and appreciates his commitment to continuing and increasing community engagement and communication, particularly regarding high-interest/high-impact issues. The board is pleased with how Dr. Balderas mitigates challenging situations in a way that centers students and at the same time focuses on the long-term strategic plan goals of the district. The board looks forward to working closely with and receiving updates from Dr. Balderas on future and continuing initiatives and processes.

B. Financial Report

Associate Superintendent Mike Schofield presented the monthly financial update, including the general fund activity and forecast; a summary of revenues, expenditures and encumbrances for all other funds; a report on classroom teacher staffing by school; and information on investment activity.

C. Youth Services Program Data Report

Dr. Carl Mead introduced Captain Ed Mastripolito of the Beaverton Police Department who shared a data report on Youth Service Officer activity in Beaverton schools. They noted that YSOs are not involved in school discipline matters and that trained YSOs help maintain a safe environment.

Captain Mastripolito provided an overview of the role of YSO, outlined a call for service and defined types of calls. He presented the most recent data report on YSO activity in the second semester of 2024 and addressed the number of calls for service by race, school and gender. Questions and comments from board members included racial disproportionality and impacts the presence of YSOs may have on some students' learning environments.

The board took a break at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

D. Bond Program Update

Chief Facilities Officer Casey Waletich and Facilities Development Administrator Aaron Boyle gave an update on the bond program including eight summer internship positions. These interns will work onsite with various project teams and participate in all aspects of the project. The group also spoke about bond projects that are in progress, with dozens of projects planned for summer 2024 including construction of new buildings for Beaverton High School and Raleigh Hills Elementary School, major HVAC projects, seismic renovations and more.

E. Department Report: Facilities

Casey Waletich, Aaron Boyle and Maintenance Services Administrator Ron Umali provided a report on the Facilities Department. The team's review included the repair, maintenance and cleaning of the district's school buildings, grounds, and support facilities covering over 5.6 million square feet of building space contained in 63 separate facilities on 875 acres of property.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

B. Meeting Minutes

- i. Budget Committee Meeting, May 28, 2024
- ii. School Board Executive Session, May 28, 2024
- iii. School Board Business Meeting, May 28, 2024

C. Public Contracts

D. Appointment of Budget Officer

E. Appointment of Clerk and Deputy Clerks

F. Designate Custodians of School Funds

G. Designate Depositories

H. Appointment of Financial Auditor

I. Appointment of Legal Counsel

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the consent agenda minus the contract authorization for Ignite Reading. Sunita Garg seconded. The motion to approve the consent agenda passed 6:0, with Ugonna Enyinnaya not present at that time.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Contract Authorization for Ignite Reading

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the contract with Ignite Reading to provide high-dosage tutoring as submitted and Sunita Garg seconded the motion. Executive Administrator for Teaching & Learning Dr. Josh Fritts answered questions from board members. Dr. Fritts shared that the data shows kids are making at least two times the gains we would expect and some students make more than a year's worth of gains. The motion passed 6:0 with Ugonna Enyinnaya not present at that time.

A. Adopt 2024-25 Budget Resolution

Susan Greenberg moved to approve the resolution adopting the 2024–25 budget, making appropriations and imposing taxes. Sunita Garg seconded the motion. Tammy Carpenter asked to make an amendment to the budget. Chair Pérez explained that an amendment needs to be germane to the main motion. The budget cannot be amended to eliminate a program, but it can be amended to change the dollar amount in a fund or function. Ms. Carpenter made a motion to amend to remove \$750,000 from the budget area slated for YSOs. Justice Rajee seconded.

Associate Superintendent Mike Schofield and General Counsel Camellia Osterink were asked and explained that, if approved, the motion would not eliminate or defund the YSO program but would remove \$750,000 from the Support Services function, which includes support services such as public safety, counseling, and others. With the signed contracts in place, the funds would be owed regardless of whether services are used, unless there was a mutual agreement to abandon the contracts in place between Beaverton School District, the City of Beaverton, Washington County and City of Hillsboro. Dr. Pérez and others noted that the contracts would expire the following year and that would be a pertinent time to give further consideration to the program and continuation of the contracts. Ms. Greenberg and Ms. Garg noted they were open to further consideration in future but shared concerns about process and precedent. Dr. Carpenter stated that there were individuals and organizations calling on school districts to end school officer programs. Mr. Rajee and Dr. Pérez commented that the board should be thoughtful and have a good plan for the review of this program prior to contract renewals and future budget approvals, and a plan for how to support student safety in the event the contracts were not continued.

Chair Pérez called for a vote on the proposed amendment to the motion. Dr. Carpenter voted in favor of approving the amendment, and all other board members were opposed. The motion to remove \$750,000 from the budget did not pass with a vote of 1:5, with Ms. Enyinnaya not present at that time.

Chair Pérez called for a vote on the main motion to approve the budget resolution adopting the 2024–25 budget, making appropriations and imposing taxes. The motion passed 6:0, with Ms. Enyinnaya not present.

B. Board Policy Revisions

i. AC Nondiscrimination

ii. BCBA Student Representatives to the Board

iii. DJ District Purchasing

iv. IGBAF & IGBAF-AR Special Education - Individualized Education Programs

v. IGBAG & IGBAG-AR Special Education - Procedural Safeguards

vi. IGBAH-AR Special Education - Evaluation & Eligibility

General Counsel Camellia Osterink and Chief of Staff Kerry Delf were available for questions. Susan Greenberg moved to approve the board policy revisions as submitted and Sunita Garg seconded. The motion to approve the board policy revisions as submitted passed 6:0, with Ugonna Enyinnaya not present.

D. Election of School Board Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Pérez opened the floor for school board chair and vice chair nominations for the 2024–25 school year. Susan Greenberg nominated Karen Pérez for board chair. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous and the motion to elect Karen Pérez as school board chair passed with a vote of 6:0 with Ms. Enyinnaya not present.

Chair Pérez opened the floor for school board vice chair nominations. Sunita Garg nominated Justice Rajee. There were no further nominations. The vote was unanimous and the motion to elect Justice Rajee as school board vice chair passed with a vote of 6:0 with Ms. Enyinnaya not present.

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING

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IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Board members made individual comments and committee reports, with topics including Dr. Mead's illustrious career, how proud board members are of the students graduating this year, graduation rates, summer reading, school visits, YSO program, cell phone usage in schools, gratitude to Sunita Garg for her tenure as vice chair, and gratitude for fellow board members who model how to have tough conversations.

X. CLOSE MEETING

Dr. Pérez adjourned the June 18, 2024 business meeting at 10:37 p.m.