



PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
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Regular Session of the Parkrose Board of Education
District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon
Monday, February 23, 2009

MINUTES

<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENES</p>	<p><u>1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL – 6:00 P.M.</u> The Parkrose Board of Education of School District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon, convened in an Executive Session at the Parkrose School District Office, Superintendent’s Office in the said District, County, and State at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on the date hereinabove shown and by common consent of the directors.</p> <p>Chair Woods called the executive session to order at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>A. Under ORS 192-660(2)(a) “To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.”</p> <p>Those present were four (4) members of the Board: Chair James Woods, Vice-Chair Ed Grassel, Guy Crawford and Katie Larsell. Alesia Reese was not in attendance.</p> <p>Others in attendance were Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray, Director of Human Resources Marian Young and Director of Business Services & Operations Mary Larson.</p>
<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p><u>2. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> The Executive Session adjourned to the call of Chair Woods at 6:50 p.m.</p>
<p>REGULAR SESSION CALL CONVENED</p> <p>MIDDLE SCHOOL</p>	<p><u>3. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER 7:00 P.M.</u> The Parkrose Board of Education of School District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon, convened in regular session in the district boardroom at the Parkrose District Office in the said District, County, and State at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the date hereinabove shown and by common consent of the directors.</p> <p>a) Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed staff and patrons. Chair Woods reviewed the “Citizen Comment” process for those in attendance for the first time.</p> <p>The following members were present:</p> <p>b) <u>PRESENT:</u> James Woods, Chair Ed Grassel, Vice-Chair Katie Larsell Alesia Reese Guy Crawford</p> <p>Others in attendance: Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray, administrators, Director of School Improvement Yuki Monteith, Director of Student Services Kathy Keim-Robinson, Director of Human Resources Marian Young, Director of Business Services & Operations Mary Larson and Administrative Assistant Becky Nino.</p> <p>At this point, Chair Woods introduced representatives from Parkrose Middle School who arrived to</p>

<p>BOARD REPORTS CONTINUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) Ms Larsell and Superintendent Gray provided testimony for the EPAP. The city council unanimously voted to affirm and fund the EPAP recommendations. • Book Study Ms Larsell read aloud the following statement: <i>(printed here verbatim)</i> I want to applaud our Superintendent for having a book study using a book called “The Culturally Proficient School” to begin to work on the disparities in educational outcomes that students from different cultures have in our district. <p>The book study was not comfortable. People do not like to talk about culture or race. However, this was not an exercise in feel good talk but a first try at moving our district forward toward some solutions. Because the discussion was about the interpersonal part of how we relate to people or different cultures I could see some participants get edgy. The last session ended in an under-whelming manner without resolution.</p> <p>I want to remind participants that the reason for the book session is because of the hard facts of our test scores. We are failing children and it’s by racial, ethical and socio-economic categories. It’s something that we have to solve. I applaud everyone who attended even if you were uncomfortable. This topic is not going away, however, no matter anyone’s discomfort.</p> <p>I invite you to read the two editorials about race by our own students in the Bronco Blaze. I didn’t agree with everything they said, but they weren’t afraid to bring up the topic in a serious way. Sometimes our students are ahead of us.</p> <p>I have included an article by Charles Blow that as discussed today on “Talk of our Nation” in my report. In the article is a link to http://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/ a demonstration project test that measures your own hidden biases. I invite my fellow board members and all administrators to read Blow’s article and then take the test as I did.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaver Rummage Sale – Donate Wednesday, March 11th, Sale March 13-14, 2009 • Parkrose Foundation Dinner Auction – April 25, 2009 • Representative Michael Dembrow’s town hall meetings
<p>MS REESE REPORT</p>	<p>2. <i>Alesia Reese: (printed here verbatim)</i></p> <p>Facilities and Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the expert leadership of Mary Larson, a team was established to prepare, examine and will soon award a food service contract for the District. Once again, this experience has made me better appreciate the hard work of the staff and administrators in their support of students. • Superintendent Gray along with the administrative team continues to provide information to the Board, staff and community about the fiscal challenges facing education and the impacts to Parkrose. It is crucial in the upcoming budget sessions Parkrose residents are aware of the situation facing Parkrose. • Looking forward to the National School Boards Conference in April, I am open to suggestions for workshops and training. If there is a special topic of interest, please let me know. <p>East Portland Neighborhoods and Gateway Urban Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representing Parkrose neighborhood Woodland Park, I was proud to see Board Member Larsell and Superintendent Gray provide testimony in support of the East Portland Action Plan last week. The Plan is designed to bring resources to projects in East Portland, including the Safe Routes to School program which was strongly endorsed. • As a member of the Art Selection Committee of the Gateway Urban Renewal Advisory

<p>BOARD REPORTS CONTINUED</p> <p>MR CRAWFORD REPORT</p> <p>VICE-CHAIR GRASSEL REPORT</p> <p>CHAIR WOODS REPORT</p>	<p>Committee I was honored to help interview artists for the Oregon Clinic project. This exciting project may be completed before the fall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Renewal projects are being proposed for funds becoming available, both locally and nationally to impact the economy and support employment. <p>Parks and Open Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Holladay (Dog) Park will have a path and benches installed this spring, making the space more amenable for Parkrose dog enthusiasts. • In collaboration with Portland Parks, the Portland Development Commission has agreed to develop the Gateway Park (formerly JJ North/Bingo) site. This project will not be accomplished quickly. • The Gateway Green project has received financial support for continued study of the site and the potential impact on recreational opportunities for members of the East Portland community and visitors seeking a unique experience. <p>Airport Futures Group-Ongoing Public Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for future activities continues for us members of Airport Futures and the committee I serve-Public Involvement. As we enter our third year, consideration of the community’s ongoing interest in Airport efforts will continue. I recommend you visit the Airport Futures website for meeting dates and times. Please let me know if you would like a presentation on the project for your neighborhood or school group. <p>Respectfully submitted, Alesia J. Reese Parkrose Board of Education</p> <p>3. Guy Crawford: Mr. Crawford extended an invitation to tour the Parkrose welding class at the Northwest College of Construction. He reported that the program is up and running. Parkrose students have class from 8:00 am to 9:00 am every other day.</p> <p>4. Ed Grassel: Mr. Grassel reported on the continued work on the new diploma requirements. He thanked Yuki Monteith and the group for their continued efforts on this project.</p> <p>5. James Woods: Mr. Woods reported on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Multnomah County Chairs • Drop Out Rates & Graduation to College Increase • Portland Foundation and increased communication from Parkrose School District <p>B. <u>Committee Reports</u> Included in board reports above.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p><u>7. CONSENT AGENDA</u> WOODS MOVED to ACCEPT the consent agenda as presented with the following items listed:</p> <p>A. <u>Business/Finance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolution to approve and appropriate Parkrose High School Grant Award from Parkrose Educational Foundation and Parkrose High School ASB in the amount of \$2,400. 2. Resolution to approve and appropriate grant awarded by Multnomah Education Service District for School Improvement activities in the amount of \$28,000. 3. Resolution to correct the description for appropriation within funds Tax Anticipation Notice, Debt Service and Capital Projects.

<p>BOARD APPROVES CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>B. <u>Travel</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel request by Ms. Zena and 20 Parkrose High School Students to Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland, Oregon from May 22-25, 2009. 2. Travel request by Alaina Langdahl to read and score College Board Advanced Placement Literature/Composition essays in Louisville, Kentucky, June 5-12, 2009. 3. Travel request by Yuki Monteith, Group of 8 Parkrose High School Staff and Group of 8 Parkrose Middle School Staff to attend Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) Summer Institute in Sacramento, California, July 12-17, 2009. <p>Chair Woods called for any objections. Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.</p>
<p>CITIZEN COMMENTS</p>	<p><u>8. CITIZEN COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Chair Woods reviewed public comment procedures. At this point, four of the five citizens who asked to make comment were heard. The fifth citizen asked to make her comments after the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club agenda item. <i>*Chair Woods granted the request.</i></p> <p><i><u>Lori Billings:</u></i> Ms Billings commented on her surprise at finding out about the formation of the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club. She voiced concerns about the decrease in the Parkrose Swim Club’s practice time and also commented on her feelings about putting swimming back into the elementary schools to feed the Parkrose Swim Club. She expressed her dismay about the lack of communication between the new club and Parkrose Swim Club.</p> <p><i><u>Jamie Swan:</u></i> Mr. Swan has a son who participates in the Parkrose Swim Club. His concern is of frustration about the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club and their lack of a long term plan being presented. Mr. Swan expressed his opinion that Parkrose area swim clubs support Parkrose kids.</p> <p><i><u>John Ywagbae:</u></i> Mr. Ywagbae also spoke on the topic of the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club. He explained his affiliation with the Parkrose Swim Club and the success of students who have participated in the Parkrose Swim Club. He expressed his desire for the Parkrose Swim Club to maintain practice hours.</p> <p><i><u>Don Meyer:</u></i> Mr. Meyer’s son has participated on the Parkrose Swim Club for 4 years. He expressed his desire for the Parkrose Swim Club to maintain programs and demonstrated by a show of hands from the audience, the support of the program. He also expressed concerns about not having a proposal from the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT REPORTS</p> <p>CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE</p> <p>AVID REPORT</p> <p>NEW TEACHER STANDARDS</p>	<p><u>9. DISTRICT BUSINESS</u></p> <p>A. <u>Department Reports</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Report Out – District office administrators reported on their attendance at the Oregon Association of Central Office Administrators (OACOA) and the Oregon Association for Comprehensive Education (OACE) conferences. 2. Yuki Monteith <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Briefed the board on Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID). She spoke on the following topics regarding AVID: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core of Instructional Strategies • Program Evaluation • Outside Accountability • Effective articulation between middle school and high school • Scaffolding <p>Dr. Monteith extended an invitation to come visit the program at the high school.</p> 3. Marian Young, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>New Teacher Standards (Evaluation):</u> Ms Young gave an update about the new teacher standards regarding evaluation. She will provide a rubric of the standards at the March

<p>2009-10 SCHOOL CALENDAR</p>	<p>meeting. A new committee has been formed for this project.</p> <p>b. <u>2009-2010 School Calendar</u>: The 2009-2010 School Calendar was presented to the board. Ms Young explained that the calendar was formed in coordination with east county districts to provide alignment in routine.</p>
<p>FOREST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPREME COURT CASE</p>	<p>4. Kathy Keim-Robinson, a. <u>Forest Grove School District</u>: Ms. Keim-Robinson reviewed the supreme court case regarding Forest Grove School District. She cited the specific issues of the case and reported on the possible impact to school districts. In correspondence provided the board the Forest Grove School District is asking for financial support to defend the case. Superintendent Gray stated that this case is an enormous legal issue with far reaching impacts to school districts.</p> <p>Board member discussed this issue and agreed to support. This item was added to the agenda as Action Item “D”.</p>
<p>FINANCIAL UPDATE</p>	<p>5. Mary Larson a. <u>Financial Report</u> 1. <u>March Estimate</u>: Ms Larson stated that the March estimate has not been received. She provided a financial update regarding the current fiscal year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximate \$765,000 shortfall for 2008-09 • No Inter Fund Transfers unless contractual • Spending only what is necessary • Hiring freeze • Use of reserves • Ending Fund Balance will be discussed at the March Board Meeting • State School Funding – Estimates on Oregon Department of Education website • Information changing daily
<p>ASBO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE</p>	<p>2. <u>Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Leadership Conference</u>: Ms Larson reported on her participation at the Association of School Business Officials Leadership Conference.</p>
<p>EXCISE TAX RESULTS</p>	<p>3. <u>Excise Tax Results</u>: Ms Larson shared that the district received at check from the City of Portland for \$17,000 as revenue from the excise tax.</p>
<p>ENERGY UPDATE</p>	<p>b. <u>Energy Update</u> Ms Larson updated the board on the energy projects throughout the district.</p>
<p>SUPERINTENDENT REPORT</p>	<p>B. <u>Superintendent Report</u> Superintendent Gray began her report by stating how impressed she was with the current edition of the Bronco Blaze newspaper. She commented that the articles were awesome and encouraged everyone to pick up a copy.</p>
<p>POLICY 1ST READING</p>	<p>1. <u>Policy 1st Reading & Review</u> a. EEA: Student Transportation Services b. EEAC: School Bus Safety Program c. EFA: Local Wellness Program d. EFA-AR: Local Wellness Program</p> <p>The board discussed and reviewed the policies above. Chair Woods asked if the transportation policies involved changes on how the district is currently functioning. Ms Larson stated that the district is already complying with these transportation policies.</p>

<p>MESD LOCAL SERVICE PLAN</p> <p>ATTENDANCE POLICY REVIEW</p> <p>NORTHWEST BLUE CRUSH AQUATIC CLUB</p> <p>CITIZEN COMMENT</p>	<p>Ms Reese commented on the wellness policies and her participation on the district’s wellness committee. Superintendent Gray expressed her goal to meet these wellness guidelines and communicate the issue of wellness throughout the district. She commented that the Grand Opening of the Bronco Spot will be held at 12:20 pm, Tuesday, March 3rd. She stated the healthy food items as well as Bronco gear will be sold at the new student store.</p> <p>2. <u>Multnomah Education Service District (MESD) Local Service Plan Approval:</u> Superintendent Gray referred the board to the plan and stated this is a menu of options provided by the Multnomah Education Service District. The MESD Local Service Plan is approved annually by the board.</p> <p>3. <u>Move Board Goal and Attendance Policy</u> Superintendent Gray requested that the board review these policies in April to provide additional time to do an assessment of the current practice and policy regarding attendance. Superintendent Gray will be meeting with administrators, cabinet and PLC teams to research the issue in-depth.</p> <p>4. <u>Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club</u> Superintendent Gray stated that this agenda item is “information only” this evening. No decision will be made. She stated that the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club is a parent led community group and read their cover letter aloud for the audience. <i>(A copy of the letter is attached to the official minutes.)</i> She stated that a request for waiving fees was premature at this point.</p> <p>The board requested expressed concern about needing additional information and asked for a presentation by the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club at the March School Board Meeting.</p> <p><i>*Chair Woods asked for comment by the citizen who requested to defer her comments until this point in the agenda.</i></p> <p><u>Danita Ross:</u> Ms Ross asked why the two swim clubs could not come together to use pool time and work as a team. She expressed her feelings of being “blind sided” by the formation of the Northwest Blue Crush Aquatic Club.</p>
<p>THE BOARD ACCEPTED 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR</p> <p>BOARE ACCEPTS LEAVE REQUEST</p> <p>BOARD APPROVED MESD LOCAL SERVICE PLAN</p>	<p>10. ACTION ITEMS:</p> <p>A. ACCEPT/REJECT 2009-2010 School Calendar Chair Woods entertained a motion to accept the 2009-2010 School Calendar. Mr. Grassel moved the Board accept the 2009-2010 School Calendar. Chair Woods called for discussion. Hearing none, <i>the MOTION to ACCEPT the 2009-2010 School Calendar passed by a 5-0 vote with James Woods, Ed Grassel, Katie Larsell, Guy Crawford and Alesia Reese voting in the affirmative.</i></p> <p>B. ACCEPT/REJECT Leave Request Chair Woods entertained a motion to accept the leave request by Vina Schaeffer. Ms Larsell moved the Board accept the leave request. Chair Woods called for discussion. Hearing none, <i>the MOTION to ACCEPT the leave request by Vina Schaeffer passed with four (4) Yes votes with James Woods, Ed Grassel, Katie Larsell and Guy Crawford voting in the affirmative and one (1) abstention by Ms Reese. Ms Reese stated that she abstained from voting as she did not attend the executive session this evening.</i></p> <p>C. APPROVE/REJECT MESD Service Plan Chair Woods entertained a motion to accept the Multnomah Education Service Plan. Ms Reese moved the Board accept the MESD Service Plan. Chair Woods called for discussion. He reminded the board that the MESD Service Plan is a menu of items that the district has the opportunity to choose. Tonight’s acceptance is of the plan menu, not specific services for Parkrose. <i>The MOTION to ACCEPT the MESD Service Plan 2009-10 passed with a 5-0 vote with James Woods, Ed Grassel,</i></p>

<p>BOARD AUTHORIZED PAYMENT TO FOREST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT</p>	<p><i>Katie Larsell, Guy Crawford and Alesia Reese voting in the affirmative.</i></p> <p>D. APPROVE/REJECT Authorization for payment of \$1000 to the Forest Grove School District for legal defense costs regarding <i>Forest Grove School District v. T.A.</i> Chair Woods entertained a motion to approve the payment of \$1,000 to Forest Grove School District. Ms Reese moved to approve the authorization of payment for \$1,000 to Forest Grove School District for legal defense costs regarding <i>Forest Grove School District v T.S.</i> Chair Woods called for discussion. Members of the audience spoke from the gallery about their displeasure of any acceptance of this agenda item. Chair Woods explained that this is an important liability issue for school districts. Mr. Grassel also added that this is a good investment. Hearing no discussion by the Board, <i>the MOTION to ACCEPT the approval of payment of \$1,000 to the Forest Grove School District for legal defense costs regarding Forest Grove School District v T.A. passed with a 5-0 vote with James Woods, Ed Grassel, Katie Larsell, Guy Crawford and Alesia Reese voting in the affirmative.</i></p>
<p>NO DISCUSSION ITEMS</p>	<p><u>11. DISCUSSION ITEMS</u> None</p>
<p>FUTURE MEETINGS</p>	<p><u>12. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS</u></p> <p>A. Future Agenda Items B. Chair Woods announced the following meetings: 1. Board Regular Session, March 9, 2009, 7:00 p.m., District Office Boardroom 2. Executive Session, March 16, 2009, 6:00 p.m., Superintendent’s Office 3. Board Working Session, April 13, 2009, 5:00 p.m., District Office Boardroom 4. Board Regular Session, April 27, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Sacramento Elementary School</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p><u>13. ADJOURNMENT</u> Chair Woods adjourned the regular meeting of the Parkrose Board of Education at 9:37 p.m.</p>