

OFFICIAL MINUTES: JANUARY 12, 2009 WORKING SESSION



PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
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Working Session of the Parkrose Board of Education of School
District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon

Monday, January 12, 2009

MINUTES

THE WORKING
SESSION WAS
CONVENED

WORKING SESSION BOARD MEETING – CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 P.M.

The Parkrose Board of Education of School District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon, convened in working session at the Parkrose District Office in the Boardroom in the said District, County, and State at the hour of 5:00 p.m. on the date hereinabove shown and by common consent of the directors.

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Chair noted the following were present:

PRESENT: James Woods – Chair
Ed Grassel – Vice-Chair
Alesia Reese
Katie Larsell
Guy Crawford (5:05pm)

Others in attendance: Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray, Business Operations Director Mary Larson, Director of School Improvement Yuki Monteith, Director of Student Services Kathy Keim-Robinson, Director of Human Services Marian Young, and Board Secretary Apryl Jump.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

A. **ACTION ITEM**

1. **ACCEPT/REJECT** Travel Request Submitted by Mary Larson

Chair Woods called for any objections to Ms. Larson's travel request. *Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.*

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ELL VISIT RECAP

a> **ELL VISIT RECAP**

Presentation:

Director of Student Services Kathy Keim-Robinson and Director of School Improvement Yuki Monteith reviewed a Title III Monitoring PowerPoint given to the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) on December 11, 2008. The slides review included: 1) Enrollment by Schools, 2) Ethnicity, 3) Free/Reduced Lunch, 4) Mobility 2007-2008, 5) English Language Learners, 6) Languages, 7) Migrant Students, 8) Homeless Students, 9) Special Education, 10) Talented and Gifted Students, 11) District AYP, 12) AYP History, 13) District Performance 2007-2008, 14) ELL Student Performance, 15) ELPA Performance 2008, 16) District Initiatives, 17) Instruction, 18) Collaborative Teams, 19) Standards & Benchmarks, 20) Assessments & Data Analysis, 21) ELL Strategic Professional Development Targets, 22) ELL Strategic Curriculum Strategies, 23) Instruction, 24) Professional Development, and, 25) Parent/Community Involvement.

Discussion:

There were several questions regarding the breakout of ethnicity and proportional representation at Parkrose compared to other surrounding districts. Anecdotally, it was explained Parkrose had diversity across the board where some of the neighboring districts had larger proportions of one population. In regards to ethnicity, it was asked if the transfer or drop out rate shifted according to ethnicity over time. Staff felt it could be a possibility but numbers would have to be reviewed before drawing a firm conclusion. In regards to demographics, it was asked if there was a cultural expectancy for Hispanic students to drop out in high school because parents placed a higher value on work than education. In reviewing special education data based on ethnicity, there were problems with Hispanic students dropping out at 16/17. It was a national trend however there was no detailed investigation or formal inquiries made of Hispanic families to determine the reason behind the trend.

POLICY UPDATES
– OVERVIEW

b> **POLICY UPDATES – OVERVIEW FOR 1ST READINGS/CONSENT**

Presentation:

Superintendent Gray reviewed the following Policies and Administrative Rules:

- AC: Non-Discrimination
- BBFA: Board Member Conflicts of Interest
- GBA: Equal Employment Opportunity
- GCDA/GDDA: Criminal Records Check/Fingerprinting
- GCDA/GDDA-AR: Criminal Records Check/Fingerprinting
- JG: Equal Educational Opportunity
- JFCF/GBNA: Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing

All the policies excluding BBFA and GCDA/GDDA-AR would be approved via consent at the regular meeting due to the language changes being exceptionally minor legal language changes and citation updates.

BUDGET
SCENARIOS

c> **BUDGET SCENARIOS FOR 2009-2010**

Presentation:

Superintendent Gray stated she had attended a meeting and was told the predicted shortfall was now \$150 to \$300 million for the current year. The district was concerned about the 2008-2009 year budget and even more concerned about next year's budget. Schools were being funded below the essential budget level. The Governor appeared to be ignoring issues of roll up costs of salaries and services. Superintendent Gray asked Director of Business Operations Mary Larson to present a range of comparisons of where we think our budget may be and what it currently was to get a better picture of what the district may need to cut and then review what was left of the sustainability plan with ITAX.

Director of Business Services Mary Larson reviewed a series of budget figures and discussed revenue. Ms. Larson slated February for the opportunity to discuss 2008-2009 expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chair Woods adjourned the working session of the Parkrose Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.