



PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
August 10, 2021

REGULAR MEETING OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the reports to and actions taken by the School Board. In accordance with ORS 192.650, the District's official School Board Meeting Minutes are maintained via video recording and may be viewed at <https://youtu.be/x6OPHCOuXko>

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education came to order at 6:39 pm at the call of Board Chair DePass. This meeting was held at the Blanchard Education Service Center (BESC) 501 N Dixon St. Portland, OR 97227 and streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscomms/videos>.

Attendance

Present: Chair DePass; Vice-Chair Scott; Directors Brim-Edwards, Greene, Hollands, Kohnstamm, and Lowery; Student Representative Weinberg; Superintendent Guerrero

Absent: None

Consent Agenda – Resolutions 6355 through 6359

Time Started: 6:40 pm

Directors provided comments on items included in the Consent Agenda. There was no Board Discussion.

Public Comment

- Kali Thorne Ladd – KairosPDX Lease
- Chris Nelson – KairosPDX Lease
- Zalika Gardner – KairosPDX Lease

Actions Taken

Director Brim-Edwards moved and Director Kohnstamm seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, including Resolutions 6355 through 6359. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes – 0 no), with Student Representative Weinberg voting yes (unofficial)

Student and Public Comment

Time Started: 6:57 pm

- Xander Levine – Student activities related to Covid-19
- Radha Joy – Markham's "underserved population" (special education and low ses/students of color) and staffing FTE proposed for 21-22 school year
- Tereza Bottman & Rochelle Chase – School safety
- Liz Mick – Safety
- Gabrielle Buvinger-Wild – Covid testing and online choices
- Eric Happle – Fall school mitigation factors
- Erin Savage – Considerations to make school lunch safe this fall

Topics provided in advance by the commenter.

Student Representative's Report

Time Started: 7:21 pm

Student Representative Weinberg stressed importance of wearing a mask, social distancing, and getting vaccinated.

Superintendent's Report

Time Started: 7:25 pm

Superintendent Guerrero shared that summer programming is taking place, and that staff are preparing for return to in-person learning. He shared that that District Leadership and Principals took part in the Annual Leadership Institute for Building Administrators. He introduced Dr. Cheryl Proctor, as Chief Academic Officer and provided an overview of her background. Dr. Proctor provided comments. He provided highlights on the progress of the modernization projects.

Board Committee and Conference Reports

Time Started: 7:33 pm

Director DePass noted that committees have not been determined and that they will be ready to announce at the next meeting.

Resolution 6360: Portland Federation of School Professionals and School District No. 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon, Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement 2021 – 2023

Time Started: 7:34 pm

Staff: Sharon Reese – Chief Human Resources Office, Genevieve Rough – Director, Employee and Labor Relations

Portland Federation of School Professional Representatives: Michelle Batton

Superintendent Guerrero introduced the topic. Michelle Batton provided comment on the ratification of the bargaining agreement, noting that membership approved the agreement with a 97% approval rating. Staff provided comments on the process and revision of the contract. Board Directors provided comment on the contract ratification. Staff provided an overview of some of the changes and focuses of the negotiations, including stable staffing for head start, CSI school staffing, and competitive wages. It was noted the Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth will both be paid holidays.

Actions Taken

Director Kohnstamm moved and Director Brim-Edwards seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 6360. The motion was put to a voice vote and passed (7 yes – 0 no), with Student Representative Weinberg voting yes (unofficial).

Update: Health and Safety Audit

Time Started: 7:46 pm

Staff: Janise Hansen – Senior Internal Auditor; Dan Young – Chief Operating officer.

Director DePass introduced the health and safety audit. Staff provided an overview of the audit, including background, objective, scope, and findings with examples. It was noted that, overall, schools were compliant and that there were no significant findings and recommendations, adding that the minor compliance findings were included in the report. Board Directors asked questions and provided comment. Staff provided an overview of how the classroom occupancy was determined.

Actions Taken

None

Break: 8:13 pm - 8:21 pm

Update: Back to School

Time Started: 8:22 pm

Staff: Jonathan Garcia – Chief of Staff; Dr. Shawn Bird – Deputy Superintendent, Instruction & School Communities; Dan Jung – Chief Operating Officer

Staff provided a detailed overview of the back-to-school health and safety plans, which included: masking, physical distancing plan and strategies, airflow and circulation improvements, and Covid Screening. It was noted that the plan for screening students, isolation, quarantine spaces, and educational partnerships are still being developed.

Board directors provided comments and asked questions of staff. There was discussion regarding contact tracing. An overview of communication strategies including the use of Lets Talk was provided.

Actions Taken

None

Other Business / Committee Referrals

Time Started: 9:33 pm

Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero noted that Directors Greene and Hollands attended a Council of the Great City Schools. Director Greene commented on the experience.

Adjourn

Chair Michelle DePass adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

The Next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled to be held August 24, 2021.

Submitted by:



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